

National Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance

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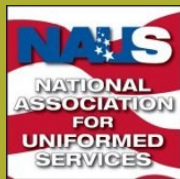
- Contact your (2) US Senators!
- Contact your (1) US House of Rep's. member!

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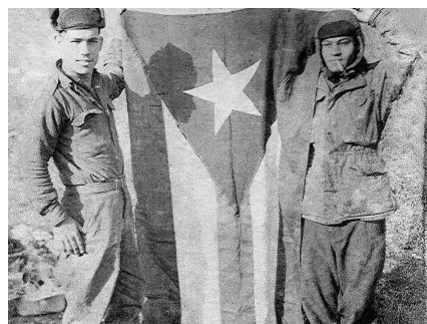
Borinqueneers CGM Alliance

They have merited the Congressional Gold Medal!

Your "Marching Orders!"



Today, a nationwide, all-volunteer group of individuals and organizations, known as the **Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance**, has formed and is dedicated to achieving the Congressional Gold Medal for the **Borinqueneers**. The Congressional Gold Medal has been awarded to other minority veterans who served in **segregated** military units, including the Native American Navajo Code Talkers, the African-American Tuskegee Airmen, the Japanese-American Nisei, and the African-American



Montford Point Marines. All of these are well-deserved honors, and **the Borinqueneers must be added to this list NOW!** The Borinqueneers served, gallantly fought, and many died, as members of this segregated unit of the regular Army during WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. **They were unarguably the largest and longest standing segregated Latino-American unit of its kind in US history.** This unit was made up of native **Puerto Ricans**, but also included some recruits with other Latino backgrounds. Currently, the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance is asking all like-minded Americans to write to or email their **two US Senators and one US House of Representatives member and ask for their support.** The Con-

Members of the 65th Infantry Regiment, the Borinqueneers, serving in the Korean War.

gressional Gold Medal for the Borinqueneers requires approval by Congress. Links to the Congressional directories are below. **Please heed this important "Call to Action" AHORA! Muchas Gracias!**

ACTION NEEDED NOW:

Contact your (2) U.S. Senators and your (1) US House of Representatives member. The adoption of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal will require the vote/support from a majority of our US legislators. Contact them preferably via letter or email. In most cases, the email method consists of completing a simple web form.

- US Senators list: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
- US House of Representatives list: <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>
- A sample letter/email is available here: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/119819233/Borinqueneers-CGM-Request-for-Congressional-Support-Letter-REV-11-25-2012>

Residents of Puerto Rico should contact the Resident Commissioner, the Hon. Pedro Pierluisi.

- English: <http://pierluisi.house.gov/english/contact-us.html>
- Spanish: <http://pierluisi.house.gov/espanol/contactenos.html>



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They were heroes in battle!



"You will surely agree that the 65th Infantry Regiment has merited the Congressional Gold Medal." -Tony "The Marine" Santiago

They served in the US Army with distinction. They were heroes in battle. They were a segregated military unit that endured the hardships of discrimination while serving their country. And, at times, they fought without adequate training, support, and leadership. **Known as the "Borinqueneers"**, this regiment of mainly **Puerto Rican** soldiers served in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War.

The photo above shows some of the Borinqueneers in Korea in 1952. During Korea, they earned 10 Distinguished Service Crosses, 256 Silver Stars, 606 Bronze Stars, and 2,771 Purple Hearts. Undoubtedly, many of the American patriots in the photo were KIA or MIA. In Korea, 750 of the 65th were killed in action, and more than 100 are still missing in action. **They never came home.**

LET'S HELP GET THE "BORINQUENEERS" THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL! Contact your one US House of Rep's. Member & your two US SENATORS!



Modesto Cartagena
The late **Don Modesto Cartagena**, a Borinqueneer who served in WWII and Korea, is **the most decorated Puerto Rican soldier in US history**. He holds the Distinguished Service Cross, as well as the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and "V" device, the Purple Heart, and many others!



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Gen. Richard E. Cavazos

He got his start as a Borinqueneer...

The Borinqueneers were mainly made up of Puerto Ricans, but also included some recruits with other Latino backgrounds, and the Borinqueneer who later achieved the highest rank, a Mexican-American from Texas, became **the first ever Latino-American Four-Star Army General**.

His name is **Richard E. Cavazos**. He holds more awards for heroism, military leadership, and service than most. These include two Distinguished Service Cross awards, our nation's second highest individual military honor for heroism, one from Korea when he was with the Borinqueneers, and the other from Vietnam.