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In support of H.R.1726 & S.1174 — **October 10, 2013**

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ALERT:
Veterans Day is in 1 month (Nov. 11). Let's crank things up a notch to get many more Co-Sponsors between now & then!!!

See the *LATEST* HONOR ROLL of Co-Sponsors of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Act:

- [US House of Representatives bill H.R.1726](#)
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123 Co-Sponsors of H.R.1726 in the US House of Representatives so far; 167 MORE NEEDED to meet the 290 minimum required Co-Sponsors...

Thank You Very Much to:

Alabama
Rep. Martha Roby (R)

American Samoa
Rep. Eni Faleomavaega (D)

Arizona
Rep. Ed Pastor (D)
Rep. Raul Grijalva (D)

California
Rep. Juan Vargas (D)
Rep. Tony Cardenas (D)
Rep. Raul Ruiz (D)
Rep. Xavier Becerra (D)
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)
Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D)
Rep. Jerry McNerny (D)
Rep. Sam Farr (D)
Rep. Grace Napolitano (D)
Rep. Gloria Negrete McLeod (D)
Rep. Eric Swalwell (D)
Rep. Judy Chu (D)
Rep. Linda Sanchez (D)

Connecticut
Rep. Elizabeth Esty (D)
Rep. Jim Himes (D)
Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D)
Rep. Joe Courtney (D)

Delaware
Rep. John Carney (D)

Georgia
Rep. Tom Price (R)
Rep. John Lewis (D)

Guam
Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (D)

Florida
Rep. Bill Posey (R)
Rep. Daniel Webster (R)
Rep. Joe Garcia (D)
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R)
Rep. Frederica Wilson (D)
Rep. Alan Grayson (D)
Rep. Corrine Brown (D)
Rep. Ander Crenshaw (R)
Rep. Jeff Miller (R)
Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)
Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D)
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D)
Rep. Steve Southerland (R)
Rep. Ted Yoho (R)
Rep. Patrick Murphy (D)
Rep. Ron DosSantis (R)
Rep. John Mica (R)
Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R)
Rep. Trey Radel (R)

Illinois
Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D)
Rep. Tammy Duckworth (D)
Rep. Danny K. Davis (D)
Rep. Peter Roskam (R)
Rep. Bill Foster (D)
Rep. William Enyart (D)
Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D)
Rep. Bobby Rush (D)
Rep. Mike Quigley (D)
Rep. Bradley Schneider (D)
Rep. Cheri Bustos (D)
Rep. Robin Kelly (D)

Maryland
Rep. Andy Harris (R)
Rep. John Sabarnes (D)

Massachusetts
Rep. Jim McGovern (D)
Rep. Richard Neal (D)

Michigan
Rep. Bill Huizenga (R)
Rep. Tim Walberg (R)
Rep. John Conyers (D)

Minnesota
Rep. Betty McCollum (D)
Rep. Michelle Bachman (R)

Mississippi
Rep. Alan Nunnelee (R)

New Jersey
Rep. Albio Sires (D)
Rep. Scott Garrett (R)
Rep. Frank Pallone (D)

New Mexico
Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D)

New York
Rep. Charlie Rangel (D)
Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D)
Rep. Jose Serrano (D)
Rep. Yvette Clarke (D)
Rep. Grace Meng (D)
Rep. Joseph Crowley (D)
Rep. Brian Higgins (D)
Rep. Peter T. King (R)
Rep. Steve Israel (D)
Rep. Gregory Meeks (D)
Rep. Paul Tonko (D)
Rep. Louise Slaughter (D)
Rep. Chris Collins (R)
Rep. Sean Maloney (D)
Rep. Jerrod Nadler (D)
Rep. Nita Lowey (D)
Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D)
Rep. Eliot Engel (D)

North Carolina
Rep. Walter B. Jones (R)

Northern Mariana Islands
Rep. Gregorio Sablan (D)

New Mexico
Rep. Steve Pearce (R)
Rep. Ben Lujan (D)
Rep. Michelle Lujan-Grisham (D)

Ohio
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D)

Oklahoma
Rep. Tom Cole (R)

Pennsylvania
Rep. Bob Brady (D)
Rep. Glenn Thompson (R)
Rep. Patrick Meehan (R)
Rep. Matt Cartwright (D)
Rep. Tom Marino (R)
Rep. Charlie Dent (R)

Puerto Rico
Rep. Pedro Pierluisi (D)

Tennessee
Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R)

Texas
Rep. Steve Stockman (R)
Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D)
Rep. Michael McCaul (R)
Rep. Joaquin Castro (D)
Rep. Henry Cuellar (D)
Rep. Kenny Marchant (R)
Rep. Sheila Jackson (D)
Rep. John Carter (R-TX)
Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D)
Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D)
Rep. Pete Gallego (D)

Virginia
Rep. Frank Wolf (R)

Virgin Islands
Rep. Donna Christensen (D)

Washington D.C.
Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)

Washington State
Rep. Jim McDermott (D)
Rep. Rick Larsen (D)

Wisconsin
Rep. Tom Petri (R)

"Many officers at the time thought it was the kiss of death to be assigned to the Puerto Rican Regiment. Critics called it the "seeeexty feeeeth" mockingly imitating the Spanish accent of most of the regiment's Puerto Rican soldiers."

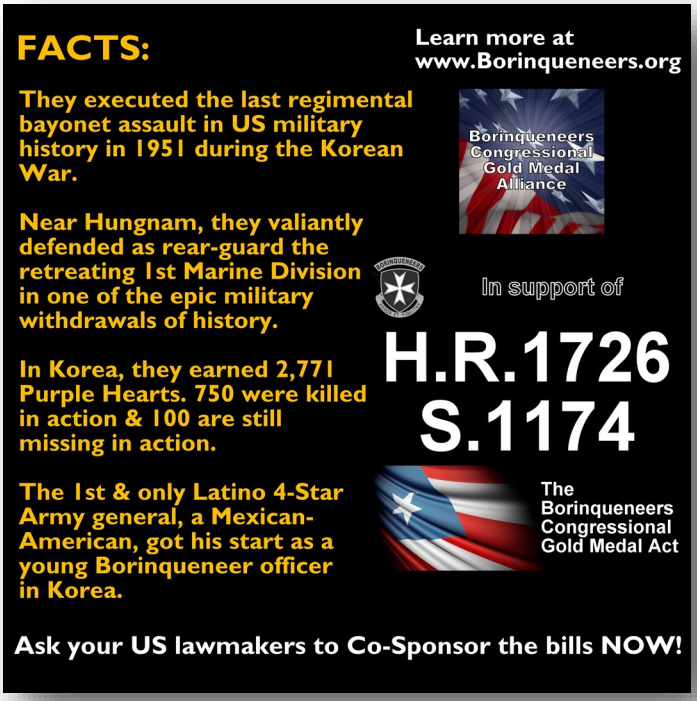
"No platoon member living or dead was left behind."

"Arriba muchachos!"

"One general called it a regiment of "colored" troops, unreliable and inferior to continental "white" soldiers."

- from Mambo on Hill 167, a captivating story of heroism & sacrifice despite prejudice.

Follow this link to read the story & learn more about the legendary 65th Inf. Reg. Borinqueneers in our Special Hispanic Heritage Report!



18 Co-Sponsors of US Senate bill S.1174 to date; 49 MORE NEEDED to hit the 67 minimum required...

Thank You Very Much to:

Alaska
Sen. Mark Begich (D)

Colorado
Sen. Michael Bennet (D)

Connecticut
Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D)
Sen. Chris Murphy (D)

Delaware
Sen. Christopher Coons (D)

Florida
Sen. Marco Rubio (R)
Sen. Bill Nelson (D)

Georgia
Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R)

Hawaii
Sen. Brian Schatz (D)

Illinois
Sen. Dick Durbin (D)
Sen. Mark Kirk (R)

Massachusetts
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D)

New Jersey
Sen. Robert Menendez (D)

New York
Sen. Charles Schumer (D)
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D)

Pennsylvania
Sen. Bob Casey (D)
Sen. Pat Toomey (R)

West Virginia
Sen. Joe Manchin (D)

H.R.1726: At left, pictured with Borinqueneer veterans, Rep. Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR) & Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL) introduced H.R.1726 in the US House of Representatives on April 25, 2013. It's already been nearly six months since the bill was introduced.

S.1174: Above, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) announces his introduction of the US Senate bill S.1174 on June 18, 2013.

Co-Sponsors in US Congress needed NOW!

Contact YOUR one US House of Rep's member & YOUR two US Senators AHORA!

Quick & easy instructions are below!

Do it NOW! Gracias!

"We will NOT allow the legendary Borinqueneers to become a fading footnote in American history, and in the history of Latino-Americans and Puerto Ricans in the US!"

CALL TO ACTION

Please contact your (2) U.S. Senators and your (1) US House of Representatives member to request their Co-Sponsorship!

The adoption of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal bills will require the Co-Sponsorship of TWO-THIRDS of EACH chamber of Congress for passage.

Contact them NOW via phone calls, letters to their district offices (not Washington DC), or their email web forms!

The US Senate bill number is S.1174. The US House of Representatives bill number is H.R.1726.

- **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.borinqueneers.org/resources.html

Residents of Puerto Rico should contact Rep. Pedro Pierluisi, to thank him & urge him to keep championing the bills!

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

Thank you very much!

Countdown of Co-Sponsors of US House of Representatives Bill H.R.1726:

123 Total Co-Sponsors
167 Total Remaining
290 Minimum Needed

See updated list of names on our H.R.1726 CO-SPONSOR COUNTDOWN website page (If yours is NOT there, ASK them NOW! If yours is there, thank them & urge them to help champion the bills!).

Countdown of Co-Sponsors of US Senate Bill S.1174:

18 Total Co-Sponsors
49 Total Remaining
67 Minimum Needed

See updated list of names on our S.1174 CO-SPONSOR COUNTDOWN website page (If yours are NOT there, ASK them NOW! If yours are there, thank them & urge them to help champion the bills!).

We're all waiting!
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The 65th Infantry Regiment Borinqueneers: Segregated Latino military unit may be recognized by US Congress

Similar in nature to the famed Tuskegee Airmen and other **segregated** U.S. military units, the **65th Infantry Regiment Borinqueneers** were the largest, longest-standing, and only active-duty segregated **Latino** military unit in U.S. history.

Like the Tuskegee Airmen, Navajo Code Talkers, Nisei Soldiers, and Montford Point Marines who've already been recognized with the Congressional Gold Medal, the Borinqueneers overwhelmingly distinguished themselves in battle all the while enduring the **additional hardships** of segregation and discrimination. Hailing from **Puerto Rico**, the US Army unit was active from 1899-1959. The youngest of these remaining Latino-American heroes are in their **80's and 90's**, having served in the Korean War.

A nationwide, non-partisan, all-volunteer group, the **Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance** has been advocating the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to these **elderly veterans** since late last year. Made up of veterans, Latino- Americans, and like-minded patriots, the organization has worked closely with members of the U.S. Congress to facilitate the successful introduction and subsequent support of special **bi-partisan legislation**, which requires Co-Sponsorship by **two-thirds** of each chamber for passage.

The U.S. House of Representatives bill, introduced this spring by **Representatives Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR)** and **Bill Posey (R-FL), H.R.1726,** currently has 123 of the required 290 Co-Sponsors. The U.S. Senate bill, **S.1174**, introduced in June by **Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT),** has 18 of the necessary 67 Co-Sponsors.

You can help by asking your 1 US House of Rep's member & 2 US Senators to become Co-Sponsors of the bills **NOW!**