



65th Inf. Assoc. Clubhouse in Puerto Rico
El edificio de la Asoc. 65 Inf. en Puerto Rico

REQUESTING DONATIONS TO REPAIR THE 65TH INFANTRY ASSOC. CLUBHOUSE

***Solicitando donaciones
para reparar el edificio de la
Asociación del 65 Infantería***



A back room with peeling walls.
Un cuarto trasero con las paredes peladas.

I was invited by the 65th Infantry Association in Puerto Rico, established in 1935, to be honored for my 20-year labor of love in educating the public about the 65th's service. Instead I was touched by their plight as I looked around at their beloved Clubhouse damaged by the ravages of Hurricane Maria. I offered to help them fundraise the needed funds to fix the leaking roof, paint the building and do other necessary repairs. Their goal is to raise \$10,000. Most of them are Borinqueneers in their 80s and 90s but they also have veterans who served in other units and wars. When I was raising money for my documentary film, many people supported me because they believed in the importance of telling these veterans' stories. Now I ask again for your support to help these veterans who need us now. Please give whatever you can! If you are a corporation maybe you can sponsor them or provide in-kind services of labor or supplies. For more information, please call their Treasurer, Franklin Martinez at (787) 613-9025.

La Asociación 65 de Infantería en Puerto Rico, establecida en 1935, me invitaron para hacerme un homenaje por mi labor de 20 años en la educación del público sobre el servicio del 65. En cambio quedé conmovida por la situación grave de ellos cuando miré alrededor de su querida Casa Club dañada por los estragos del Huracán Maria. Ofrecí ayudarles a recaudar los fondos necesarios para arreglar la azotea que goteaba, pintar el edificio y hacer otras reparaciones necesarias. Su objetivo es recaudar \$10,000. La mayoría de ellos son Borinqueneers en sus ochentas y noventas pero también tienen veteranos que sirvieron en otras unidades y guerras. Cuando yo recaudé fondos para mi documental, muchas personas me apoyaron porque creían en la importancia de documentar la historia de estos veteranos. Ahora les pido de nuevo su apoyo para ayudar a estos veteranos que nos necesitan ahora. ¡Por favor donen lo que puedan! Si usted tiene un negocio quizás pueda auspiciarlos o ofrecerles servicios de labor o materiales en especie. Para más información, llame a su Tesorero, Franklin Martínez al (787) 613-9025.

Please send your checks made payable to the
"Asociacion 65 de Infantería" to:

*Favor de enviar su donación a nombre de
"Asociación 65 de Infantería" a:*

65th Infantry Association
P.O. Box 10507
Caparra Heights Station
San Juan, P.R. 00922



A loose fixture on a ceiling.
Una lámpara suelta en el techo.



The women's bathroom has peeling walls.
*El baño de las damas con la pintura
descascarillada.*



On September 1, 2019, I was honored by the Association in a beautiful ceremony. Along with a medal and Certificate, I received an Honorary Member card and enjoyed the musical entertainment and delicious food. I was very touched by this recognition which came directly from the veterans and I want to thank them for their efforts on my behalf. Also recognized that day were Félix Alemán, Jorge David Negrón and Rubén Romero for their outstanding television program on Channel 6 of the Puerto Rican veterans who visited Korea in 2016.

IVONNE STIVER - OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL. Ivonne Stiver, daughter of deceased Borinqueneer Octavio Narváez-Cruz, has been volunteering her time digitizing Personnel Lists. This extremely important project allows us to easily search for veteran names in a computer rather than having to search printed lists by hand saving us loads of time. Thank you, you are the greatest, Ivonne!

MORE BCGM CEREMONIES. In the past months, we have either conducted a number of Congressional Gold Medal presentations or helped register and confirm the 65th service of living or deceased veterans. On September 24th, we helped organize a Ceremony at Solivita Retirement Community in Kissimmee, FL sponsored by the Simply Latin Dancing Club of Solivita to honor two deceased Borinqueneer veterans. We want to thank our fellow collaborators including the 65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Association and Maj. Gen. Antonio Vicéns, ARNG, Ret. who helped award some of the medals at various locations. See the photos of the ceremonies on Pages 4-5.

IMPORTANT: CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Please note our new address. All future correspondence should be directed to:

*El Pozo Productions
3509 Fallbrook Drive
Kissimmee, FL 34759*

The phone number is (863) 547-8023 or (914) 525-4651. Until next time!

Noemi Figueroa Soulet, Editor



El 1 de septiembre de 2019, la Asociación me honró en una ceremonia hermosa. Además de una Medalla y un Certificado, recibí una tarjeta de Miembro Honoraria y disfruté del entretenimiento musical y la comida deliciosa. Me sentí muy emocionado por este reconocimiento que vino directamente de los veteranos y quiero agradecerles por sus esfuerzos por mi. También fueron reconocidos Félix Alemán, Jorge David Negrón and Rubén Romero por su excepcional programa de televisión en Canal 6 de los veteranos boricuas que visitaron Corea en el 2016.

IVONNE STIVER - NUESTRA ANGEL GUARDIAN. Ivonne Stiver, la hija del fallecido Borinqueneer Octavio Narváez-Cruz, ha estado trabajando de voluntaria digitalizando Listas de Personal. Este proyecto que es muy importante nos permite fácilmente buscar nombres de veteranos por computadora en vez de tener que buscar a mano por muchas listas imprimidas que nos ahorra muchísimo tiempo. ¡Eres fantástica Ivonne, gracias!

MÁS CEREMONIAS DE LA MEDALLA. En los últimos meses, hemos organizado varias presentaciones de la Medalla de Oro del Congreso o hemos ayudado a registrar y confirmar el servicio en el 65 de varios veteranos vivos o fallecidos. El 24 de septiembre, organizamos una Ceremonia en la Comunidad de Retiro Solivita en Kissimmee, FL patrocinado por el *Simply Latin Dancing Club* para honrar a dos Borinqueneers fallecidos. Queremos agradecer a nuestros colaboradores: la Asociación de Motocicleta del Regto. 65 de Infantería y al General Mayor Antonio Vicéns (Ret., ARNG) quienes ayudaron a conceder algunas medallas en varios lugares. Vea las fotos en las Páginas 4-5.

IMPORTANTE: CAMBIO DE DIRECCIÓN. Favor de anotar nuestra nueva dirección. Toda futura correspondencia debería ser dirigida a:

*El Pozo Productions
3509 Fallbrook Drive
Kissimmee, FL 34759*

El número de teléfono es (863) 547-8023 o (914) 525-4651. ¡Hasta la próxima!

Noemi Figueroa Soulet, Editora

PRESUMED DEAD

On February 12, 1952 they assigned to me Chokho-ri, North Korea with 16 men in my command. When we arrived at the ricefields at the base of the hill, the Chinese were throwing intense fire at us. We got to the point where we could not move. My squad and I crawled up the left side to be able to reach the rear where the Chinese were. The Chinese were in the valley holding three positions that were providing protection to the cannons and machine guns. The enemy kept shooting at us but we continued crawling to cross the river. It was there that two of my men were injured. I instructed the troops to withdraw so that they would not be killed. When I went to give cover to the men that I believed were hurt and lunged at them, I was hit by a mortar shell and wounded. My arm was destroyed. My two thighs were destroyed. I had a cerebral concussion. My jaw was destroyed but nevertheless I kept covering Andrés and another boy who was from Caguas, P.R. Both of them died and I played dead so they would not kill me too.

I started taking snow and covering the left arm with it so I would not bleed to death. That happened at 7:30 a.m. At about 4:00 pm two South Korean boys arrived, one was called Pepe and the other Yanten. They had come for three consecutive days looking for rations because they would tell us they were hungry and we would give them our rations. One of the boys, I believe that it was Pepe, spoke English and said, "Look they've killed the sergeant who was giving us food." I could barely speak because I had lost so much blood but I said to him that no, I was alive, and they left. I do not know from where but they brought a door from a house and between the two of them, they took me near the lines where the paramedics took me. I was given first aid and they evacuated me in a helicopter. The medic who was waiting for me, to his surprise the injured man who arrived was me, who was his brother. My brother Antonio Mercado Ruiz rushed toward me weeping. From there I was taken by an Air Force helicopter, then to Japan and then to San Antonio, Texas. I was listed missing for more than three months because I had not been evacuated by an Army helicopter. And they even wrote to my wife in Puerto Rico telling her that I was missing in action.

In Puerto Rico, my whole family recited the nine rosaries. About four months later, the M.P.'s escorted me to Puerto Rico to the surprise of my wife, my father, brothers and my children. I arrived at the house at about midnight. There was such an uproar when they saw me alive and no one there was able to sleep that night.

Written by CW4 José I. Mercado (Ret., ARNG), Company L. He died in 2010 in Kissimmee, Florida.



CW4 José I. Mercado (Ret., ARNG)

PRESUNTAMENTE MUERTO

El 12 de febrero 1952 me asignaron a Chokho-ri, Corea del Norte con 16 hombres a mi cargo. Cuando llegamos a los arrozales a la base del cerro, los chinos estaban tirando fuego intenso contra nosotros. Llegamos al punto que no podíamos movernos. Mi escuadra y yo nos arrastramos hasta el lado izquierdo para poder subir por el lado trasero donde estaban los chinos. En la hondonada estaban los chinos que tenían tres posiciones que estaban dándole protección a los cañones y a las ametralladoras. El enemigo seguía tirando fuego pero nosotros seguimos

arrastrándonos para pasar el río. Ahí fué donde me hirieron a dos hombres. Yo tuve que decirle a la tropa que se retiraran para que no los mataran. Cuando fuí a cubrir a los hombres que yo creía que estaban heridos y me abalancé encima de ellos, fué cuando la proyectil de mortero me hirió a mí. Me destrozó el brazo. Me destrozó los 2 muslos. Tenía concusión cerebral. Mi mandíbula estaba destrozada y aún así yo cubriendo a Andrés y otro muchacho que era de Caguas, P.R. Murieron los dos y me hice el muerto para que no me mataran a mí también.

Empezé a coger nieve y a cubrirme el brazo izquierdo para no desangrarme. Eso fué a las 7:30 de la mañana. Como a los 4:00 pm fueron 2 niños surcoreanos, uno se llamaba Pepe y el otro Yanten. Ellos fueron como 3 días seguido a buscar raciones porque nos decían que tenían hambre y nosotros les dabamos de nuestra comida. Cuando uno de los nenes que creo que era Pepe que hablaba inglés dijo, "Mira mataron al sargento que nos daba comida." Y yo apenas hablaba porque había botado mucha sangre le dije que no, yo estaba vivo, y se fueron. No sé de donde trajeron una puerta de una casa y entre los dos me llevaron a cerca de la línea donde me cogieron los paramédicos. De ahí me dieron los primeros auxilios y me llevaron en un helicóptero. El enfermero que estaba esperándome, cual fue su sorpresa que el herido que llegó era yo, que era su hermano. Mi hermano Antonio Mercado Ruíz se me abalanzó encima a llorar. De ahí me llevaron a un helicóptero de la Fuerza Aérea; me llevaron a Japón y de ahí me llevaron a San Antonio, Tejas. Estuve más de tres meses desaparecido por llevarme en un helicóptero que no era del

Ejército. Tan así fue que le escribieron a mi esposa en Puerto Rico que yo estaba desaparecido en acción. En Puerto Rico rezaron los 9 rosarios toda la familia. Como a los cuatro meses, los M.P. me llevaron a Puerto Rico y para sorpresa de mi esposa, mi padre, hermanos y mis hijos. Llegué a casa como a las 12 de la noche. Fue una gritería al ver que yo llegué vivo y más nadie durmió donde vivía.

Escrito por CW4 José I. Mercado (Ret., ARNG,) quien sirvió en la Co. L. Falleció en 2010 en Kissimmee, FL.



A wounded **José I. Mercado** is being evacuated on a helicopter in Korea. *El herido José I. Mercado lo evacuan en un helicóptero en Corea. Photo: José I. Mercado*

EVENTS



April 20, 2019 - A posthumous presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to **Bonifacio Alvarado-Alvarado** of the Medical Company who was registered and vetted by El Pozo Productions. It was presented to his grandson Kevin Luis and LTC Jose Torres Alvarado (Ret) (holding Bonifacio's photo) in Alexandria, Virginia by members of the 65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Assoc. of Pennsylvania with their CEO Hector "Repoman" Diaz (left in photo). ↑



May 8, 2019 - 93-year old **Illuminado Guzmán-Santiago** of Company K was honored in Isabela, PR by Maj. Gen. Antonio Vicens (Ret.) with the Congressional Gold Medal, courtesy of El Pozo Productions. Gen. Vicens (sitting next to Illuminado who is holding his medal) wrote: "He was super happy since his 2 sons, 3 daughters and all but one of his grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren were present. They all flew in to be with him. He was emotional during the presentation but it was one of the best ones yet. Beautiful family gathering!" ↑



May 25, 2019 - The Memorial Day Weekend was a fitting occasion to posthumously award **Octavio Narváez-Cruz** of Company L with the Congressional Gold Medal in Kissimmee, Florida. Presented to his daughters, Nelida Narvaez (center left) and Nancy Despiau (center right) by Noemi Figueroa Soulet of El Pozo Productions and (left to right) Felix Colon, Alaiz Ortega and Mark de Jesus, members of the Florida Chapter of the 65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Association. The medal was provided courtesy of El Pozo Productions. ↑



May 27, 2019 - In San Antonio, Texas, the children of **Staff Sgt. Antonio Santos (Ret.)** represented their father as he posthumously received the Congressional Gold Medal. Antonio served with the 65th during World War II and Korea in Company D where he received the Silver Star medal. He served in the Army for 25 years and passed away in 2008. In the photo is his daughter, Carmen Curran and his son Antonio Santos, Jr. The medal was provided courtesy of El Pozo Productions. ↑



May 28, 2019 - Kissimmee, FL. At **Socrates Guzmán-Rivera's** 91st Birthday Celebration surrounded by family and friends, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by Congressman Darren Soto, Noemi Figueroa Soulet and Felix Colon of the 65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Assoc. of Florida. Medal was provided courtesy of El Pozo Productions. Photo, left to right: Noemi Figueroa Soulet, Congressman Darren Soto, Socrates Guzman-Rivera, daughter Melanie Guzman and Felix Colon. ←



Socrates who served in the Heavy Mortar Co. was also accompanied by his buddy from Korea, **SFC Deogracias Rivera-Manso (Ret.)** who served in the Co. B and Headquarters Co, 1st Battalion. ↑

EVENTS



June 1, 2019 - Manuel Delgado-Rodriguez of 65th's Company C died of wounds inflicted on July 19, 1952 in Korea. 67 years later, Manuel posthumously received the Congressional Gold Medal in New York City awarded to his family by the 65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Association. Pictured is Hector "Repoman" Diaz of the 65 IRMA (left) and Manuel's family. Manuel was vetted by El Pozo Productions. ←



June 22, 2019 - The family of **Martín Laboy-Santiago** (deceased) of Co. F is presented with the Congressional Gold Medal by the 65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Assoc. The 65th IRMA was greeted by officers of the Montgomery County Police Dept who escorted them through the town of Boyd, Maryland to the residence of the family, Martín's children Denzyio, Joel, Socorro and Carol. Martín was vetted by El Pozo Productions. ↑



June 20, 2019 - A film presentation at the Solivita Retirement Community in Kissimmee, FL had a great turnout with the attendance of filmmaker Noemi Figueroa Soulet. ↑



June 20, 2019 - Veterans **Socrates Guzmán-Rivera** and **SFC Deogracias Rivera-Manso (Ret.)** shared their wartime experiences at the Solivita Presentation. ↑



July 12, 2019 - Orange Beach, Alabama. **Maj. Johnnie Bohannon (Ret.)** of the 10th Engineer Combat Battalion, 65th Regimental Combat Team receives his replica medal from the 65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Assoc. He was vetted by El Pozo Productions. ↑



September 24, 2019 - Kissimmee, FL. The Simply Latin Dancing Club at the Solivita Retirement Community presented replica medals to the families of deceased Borinqueneers **CW4 José I. Mercado (ARNG, Ret.)** and **SFC Valentín Negrón-Batista (Ret.)**. They were vetted by El Pozo Productions. From left to right: Herman Velez, (Pres. Simply Latin Dancing Club and Host of event), SFC Felix Colon (65th Inf. Regt. Motorcycle Assoc. of Florida), Mercedes Mercado (widow of CW4 Mercado), LTC Ismael Campos (Ret) (presenter), LTC Victor Negrón (Ret) and Héctor Negrón (sons of SFC Negrón-Batista) and Noemi Figueroa Soulet. Medals courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Velez. ↑



MERCHANDISE CHRISTMAS SALE

until Jan. 4, 2019

FREE SHIPPING

ON ORDERS OF \$100 OR MORE

VENTA NAVIDEÑA DE MERCANCIA

hasta el 4 de enero de 2019

ENVIO GRATIS PARA ORDENES DE \$100 O MÁS



see enclosed order form
vea hoja de pedidos adjunto

www.borinqueneers.com/shop

We encourage our readers to inform us of the passing of any Borinqueneer family member or friend. May they rest in peace!

SSG Felix Miscalichi (Ret.), 97, died on June 8, 2017 in San Juan, PR. A veteran of 3 wars, World War II and Korea with the 65th and the Vietnam War, he served the Army for 20 years. *Obtained from Findagrave.com.*

Leonardo Justiniano Rivera, 88, passed away on February 8, 2019 in Orlando, FL. He was born on March 12, 1930 in Maricao, PR. When he was 21 years old, he was drafted and sent to Korea in 1952 to serve in Co. A participating in the Kelly Hill battle. While there, he received a Purple Heart for wounds inflicted on October 28, 1952 during the Jackson Heights battle. He was wounded in the leg and had to wait 6 hours alone on the hill before he was evacuated. Throughout his life, he suffered from PTSD. Leonardo appeared in the film "The Borinqueneers". *Obtained from DignityMemorial.com.*

Alford Rodriguez-Rivera passed away on April 22, 2019 in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 88. Alford served in the Medical Company from 1951 to 1952 during the Korean War. We had the pleasure of interviewing Alford in 2016 in Puerto Rico while collaborating with the Korean War Legacy Foundation. *Reported by his friend Alexis Nevarez.*

SFC Warren H. Torres-Toro (Ret.), age 95, died on May 2, 2019 in McDonough, Georgia. He was born on December 4, 1923 in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. Warren served in the 65th Inf. Regt. in Company "G" during World War II and in Headquarters & Headquarters Company from 1950-1952 during the Korean War. In 1973, he retired after 31 years in the Army as a Sergeant First Class. *Reported by his daughter, Diana Stephens.*

Manuel "Manolo" San Miguel-Griffo, 88, passed away quietly on June 29, 2019 in Winter Springs, FL. He was born in Guayama, PR on September 29, 1930 to parents who were distinguished in the arts. In addition to being known as an internationally renowned painter, Manolo had also been recognized as a historian, a composer of popular Latino and classical music, as well as a poet. After graduating from the University of Puerto Rico as an ROTC officer, he was drafted in 1951 and saw Korean War action in Co. B from 1951-53. He pursued graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania and at the renowned New York Art Student League. Manolo was a close colleague of the modern painting masters in the resurgence of the plastic arts in Puerto Rico and was a principal leader in the establishment of the cultural art movement that still influences daily life on the Island. He exhibited his works in numerous art galleries and venues in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, the United States, South America, and Europe. "We rejoice in the extraordinary life he was privileged to live, and we feel grateful and blessed to have been loved by such an amazing human being." *Reported by his wife Sandra.*

William Vega Cordero died on August 29, 2019 in Tampa, Florida. He was born in Camuy, PR on November 20, 1931. He served in Co. I from 1952-54 where he received the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service. *Reported by his daughter Sylvia.*

Ramón Valentín-Méndez died on September 12, 2019 in Lecanto, FL shortly after turning 88 years old. He was born in Moca, PR on September 8, 1921. Ramón was a World War II veteran having served with the 65th in Co. A from 1941-1945. *Reported by his daughter Gladys.*

Le pedimos a nuestros lectores a que nos informen sobre el fallecimiento de cualquier familiar que sea un Borinqueneer. ¡Que descansen en paz!

Sgto de Personal Felix Miscalichi (Ret.), 97, murió el 8 de junio de 2017 en San Juan, PR. Veterano de 3 guerras, en la 2da Guerra y de Corea con el 65 y en Vietnam, sirvió por 20 años en el Ejército. *Obtenido de Findagrave.com*

Leonardo Justiniano Rivera, 88, falleció el 8 de febrero de 2019 en Orlando, FL. Nació el 12 de marzo de 1930 en Maricao, PR. Cuando tenía 21 años, fue llamado al servicio y enviado a Corea en 1952 donde sirvió en la Co. A participando en la batalla de la Colina Kelly. Allí, recibió el Corazón de Púrpura por heridas infligidas el 28 de octubre de 1952 durante la batalla de Jackson Heights. Fue herido en la pierna y estuvo esperando 6 horas solo en la colina antes de ser evacuado. Por toda su vida, sufrió de nervios. Leonardo apareció en la película "Los Borinqueneers". *Obtenido de DignityMemorial.com.*

Alford Rodriguez-Rivera, 88, falleció el 22 de abril de 2019 en Fort Worth, Texas. Durante la Guerra de Corea, Alford sirvió en la Co. Médica de 1951-1952. Tuvimos el placer de entrevistarle en el 2016 en Puerto Rico en colaboración con la Fundación de Herencia de la Guerra de Corea. *Reportado por su amigo Alexis Nevarez.*

Sgto 1ra Clase Warren H. Torres-Toro (Ret.), 95, murió el 2 de mayo de 2019 en McDonough, Georgia. Nació el 4 de diciembre de 1923 en Cabo Rojo, PR. Warren sirvió en el Regto 65 de Inf. en la Co. "G" durante 2da Guerra Mundial y en Co. de Cuarteles Generales de 1950-1952 durante la Guerra de Corea. En 1973, se licenció después de 31 años en el Ejército como Sargento de Primera Clase. *Reportado por su hija, Diana Stephens.*

Manuel "Manolo" San Miguel-Griffo, 88, falleció el 29 de junio de 2019 en Winter Springs, FL. Nació en Guayama, PR el 29 de septiembre de 1930 a padres que eran distinguidos en las artes. Además de ser conocido internacionalmente como un pintor renombrado, a Manolo también se le conocía como historiador, compositor de música latina popular y clásica, así como de poeta. Después de graduarse la Universidad de Puerto Rico como oficial del ROTC, fue llamado al servicio militar en 1951 y vio combate en la Guerra de Corea en la Co. B de 1951-53. Siguió estudios de graduado en la Universidad de Pensilvania y en la reconocida Liga Estudiantil de Bellas Artes de Nueva York. Manolo fue colega cercano de los maestros de pintura modernos en el resurgimiento de las artes plásticas en Puerto Rico y fue líder principal en el establecimiento del movimiento de arte cultural que todavía influye en la vida diaria en la Isla. Exhibió sus obras en numerosas galerías de arte en Puerto Rico, el Caribe, los Estados Unidos, Sudamérica, y Europa.

"Nos alegramos de la vida extraordinaria que fue privilegiado en vivir, y nos sentimos bendecidos por haber sido amado por un ser humano tan asombroso." *Reportado por su esposa Sandra.*

William Vega Cordero, 87, murió el 29 de agosto de 2019 en Tampa, Florida. Nació en Camuy, PR el 20 de noviembre de 1931. Sirvió en la Co. I de 1952-54 donde le concedieron la Estrella de Bronce por Servicio Meritorio. *Reportado por su hija Sylvia.*

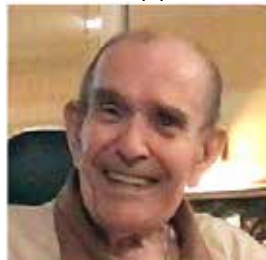
Ramón Valentín-Méndez murió el 12 de septiembre de 2019 en Lecanto, FL poco después de cumplir sus 88 años. Nació en Moca, PR el 8 de septiembre de 1921. Ramón fue veterano de 2da Guerra Mundial donde sirvió en la Co. A de 1941-1945. *Reportado por su hija Gladys.*



Alford Rodriguez-Rivera



SFC Warren Torres-Toro



Manuel San Miguel-Griffo



BORINQUENEER PHOTOS



Cruz Martinez-Suarez
Co. I 1952-1953
Born in Gurabo, PR
Deceased 2017



CPL Jose del Carmen Morales
Anti-Tank Co. & Co. C-WWII,
Heavy Mortar Co.-Korea
Missing/Killed in Action
4/26/1951, Purple Heart



COL Ernesto Rivera-González (Ret., USAF)
Co. M 1950-1951
Born in Guayanilla, PR
Served 25 yrs.



SFC Valentin Negrón-Batista (Ret.), Co. A 1950-1951
Born in Vega Baja, PR
Served 1942-1962
Deceased 2000



SFC Benjamin Ayala (Ret.)
Co. F-1940, Medical Co 1950-51
Born in Bayamon, PR
Served 21 yrs.
Deceased 2017



SGM Juan Cintrón Díaz (Ret.)
Heavy Tank Co. 1952
Deceased 2000



MSG José Delgado
Heavy Tank Co. 1952



Emilio S. Zapata
Co. L 1951-1953
Born in Cabo Rojo, PR



Fernando Velez
WWII and Korea
Born in Bayamon, PR
Deceased 2017



Freddy A. Molina
Co. C 1951-1952
Born in Lares, PR



Francisco Montañez
Headqtrs Co. 3rd Bn, 1952
Born in Cayey, PR
Deceased 1994



Socrates Guzmán-Rivera
Heavy Mortar Co. 1951-52
Born in Jayuya, PR



Martin Laboy-Santiago
Co. F 1951-53
Born in Salinas, PR
Deceased 2014



Alfredo Jiménez-Báez
Hdqtrs. Co., 1st BN 1951-52
Born in Sabana Grande, PR
Deceased 2018



David Reyes-Morales
Korea
Born in Bayamon, PR



William Vega Cordero
Co. K 1953
Born in Camuy, PR
Deceased 2019



MAJ Harry R. Bensley (Ret.)
Co. M 1950-51
Bronze Star for Valor
Deceased 1985



Antonio Mercado-Ruiz
Medical Co. 1951-52
Born in Adjuntas, PR
Deceased 2000



LTC Rudolph Giglio
Co M 1950-1951
Silver Star
Killed in 1965 in aircraft
accident in South Korea



Humberto Muñiz-Acosta
Co. C 1951
Born in Manati, PR

**BORINQUENEERS
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!**

Happy Birthday to an elite group of centenarians who just celebrated their 100 year birthdays. God bless them!

Staff Sergeant Juan M. Santini-Martínez (Ret.) of Suwanee, Gerogia celebrated his 100th birthday on September 19th along with his family!! Born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, Juan was one of five brothers who served in the Army, three with the 65th. He retired from the Army in 1961 after 22 years of military service.

Master Sergeant José E. Colón (Ret.) of Casselberry, Florida turned 100 on March 11th. Born in Orocovis, PR in 1919, José served with the 65th during World War in Co. H and in Headquarters & Headquarters Co. during the Korean War. He served in the Army for 24 years.

Alberto Laureano-González of Bronx, New York turned 100 on September 2nd. Born in Manati, PR, Alberto served with the 65th in Co. H during World War II and in Co. C during the Korean War where he received a Bronze Star for valor for evacuating two wounded men to safety.



**BORINQUENEERS
CELEBRANDO 100 AÑOS!**

Feliz Cumpleaños a un grupo elite de centenarios que celebraron 100 años de vida. ¡Que Dios los bendiga!

Sgto. de Personal Juan M. Santini-Martínez (Ret.) de Suwanee, Gerogia celebró su cumpleaños el 19 de septiembre junto a su familia. Nacido en Aibonito, Puerto Rico, Juan fue uno de cinco hermanos que sirvieron en el Ejército, tres con el 65. Se licenció del Ejército después de 22 años de servicio militar.

Sargento Mayor José E. Colón (Ret.) de Casselberry, Florida cumplió 100 el 11 de marzo. Nació en Orocovis, PR en 1919. José sirvió con el 65 durante la 2da Guerra Mundial en la Compañía H y en la Compañía de Cuarteles Generales durante la Guerra de Corea. Se licenció del Ejército con 24 años de servicio.

Alberto Laureano-González del Bronx, Nueva York cumplió 100 el 2 de septiembre. Nació en Manati, PR, Alberto sirvió con el 65 en la Compañía H durante la 2da Guerra Mundial y en la Compañía C durante la Guerra de Corea donde le fué concedida la Estrella de Bronce por Valor por evacuar a dos hombres heridos a salvo.

KOREA REVISIT PROGRAM ENDS

The Government of the Republic of Korea (MPVA) has recently announced that the Revisit Korea Tours will end in 2020. If you are a combat veteran who served in Korea during the war and would like to return to Korea, sign up for the last 2020 trips by visiting www.KWVA.org (Korean War Veterans Association) or call 703-590-1295 as soon as possible to register for the program.

PROGRAMA PARA REVISITAR A COREA TERMINA

El Gobierno de la República de Corea (MPVA) ha anunciado que las Giras para Revisitar a Corea terminarán en 2020. Si usted es un veterano de combate que sirvió en Corea durante la guerra y le gustaría regresar a Corea, regístrese para los últimos viajes en el 2020 visitando www.KWVA.org (Asociación de Veteranos de la Guerra de Corea) o llamen a 703-590-1295 tan pronto posible.

**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED
FAVOR DE REPORTAR CAMBIOS DE DIRECCION**

STAMP

El Pozo Productions
3509 Fallbrook Drive
Kissimmee, FL 34759