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**HENAAC'S 2009 LUMINARY HONOREES ANNOUNCED**

HENAAC is proud to announce the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Luminary Honorees. This year's Luminaries represent top professionals in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Each honoree is recognized for his/her contributions to the Hispanic technical community as a leader and role model. This year, we are happy to present the 2009 Luminary class with 29 extraordinary Hispanic engineers and scientists from corporate, government, and military sectors. Luminaries will be honored at two separate events. Military recipients will be honored on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and Corporate and Government recipients will be honored Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the HENAAC Conference which will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, CA.

**Luminaries-Military**

**Lt. Comdr. Steven Cesar Acosta**

Executive Officer, Civil Engineering Unit Honolulu  
U.S. Coast Guard

**Angel De La Rosa**

Business Operations Program Manager  
Southwestern Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Michael Dominic Gallegos**

Chief, Infrastructure Management Branch  
U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory

**Capt. Christine Palomo Navarro**

Squadron Flight Safety Officer  
U.S. Air Force

**Elmer L. Roman**

Regional Director  
Office of Naval Research Global-Americas  
U.S. Navy

**Lt. Col. Karen M. Castillo**

Deputy Director, Contracting, Human Resources &  
Corporate Development Officer  
U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory

**Jocelyn Feliciano-Rivera**

Civil/Geotechnical Engineer  
Nashville District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Ariel F. Garcia**

Manager, Underwater Branch  
NAVSEA

**Lillian Rodriguez**

Computer Engineer  
Combat Support Systems Engineering Branch  
NAVSEA

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## Luminaries-Corporate & Government

### **Edward R. Avila, Ph.D.**

Capture Manager  
Information Systems & Global Services  
Defense/Space Launch Command and Control  
Lockheed Martin

### **Hector E. Cavazos**

Diversity Coordinator  
MidContinent/Alaska Business Unit- Human Resources  
Chevron

### **Ruben Del Rosario, Ph.D.**

Project Manager (Acting), Subsonic Fixed Wing  
NASA-Glenn Research Center

### **Sol L. Fontanes, P.E.**

Industrial Engineering Project Manager  
Walt Disney World

### **Ana Ondina Martinez**

Director of Sales  
General Business, Northern Mid Atlantic  
IBM Corporation

### **Lucio Pasillas**

Lead Systems Engineer  
Force Protection Systems  
ITT Corporation

### **Ana Luisa Ramirez**

IMINT Lead Systems Engineer  
C415R Systems Engineering  
Northrop Grumman Corporation

### **Rafael Luis Rodriguez, P.E.**

Project Manager,  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

### **Erika I. Sanchez**

Enterprise Auditor  
Engineering, Operations & Technology  
The Boeing Company

### **Freddy Severino**

Project Engineer II,  
Collider-Accelerator Department  
Brookhaven National Laboratory

### **Juan J. Castaneda, P.E.**

Senior Electrical Engineer  
Southern California Edison

### **William Charles Davis**

Materials and Processes Quality Engineer  
NASA-Johnson Space Center

### **Robert Fernandez**

Mechanical Engineer II  
SATCOM Technologies  
General Dynamics

### **Sandra Guerrero**

Planner 2, Power Systems  
Southern California Edison

### **Eddy J. Milanés**

Engineer, Member Technical Staff  
Electronic Systems  
ITT Corporation

### **Valerie A. Perez**

Payloads Design Engineer – Lead  
Payloads and Structures Engineer  
The Boeing Company

### **Irene Roberts**

Program Director,  
Independent Software Vendor and  
Developer Relations, Software and Platforms  
IBM Corporation

### **Inmaculada (Conchita) Romero**

Houston IT Manager  
Texas Instruments

### **Rosa M. Sandoval**

Electrical System Responsible Engineer  
Northrop Grumman Corporation

### **Ismael Villarreal**

Director of Operations  
Cardinal Health