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Tribute to our Hispanic STEM Military & Civilian Heroes

Great Minds in STEM™ is proud to announce the 2010 HENAAC Military & Civilian Heroes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) who will be honored during the annual HENAAC Conference October 7-9, 2010 in Lake Buena Vista, FL at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

For twenty-two years, HENAAC has recognized the achievements of America's best and brightest engineers and scientists within the Hispanic community. HENAAC is celebrating the contributions of Hispanic STEM professionals in America's military branches who have dedicated their lives to protecting and serving our nation. Please congratulate the following outstanding men and women who represent the Military & Civilian award and honoree class of 2010!

The following individuals will receive their award and address the audience at the *HENAAC Awards Show* on Friday, October 8, 2010 and will also be recognized at *The Salute to STEM Military & Civilian Heroes* on Thursday, October 7, 2010:

Gerardo J. Melendez, Ph.D.
Director, Command & Control
Communications-Electronics
U.S. Army RDECOM

Captain Moises DelToro III
Assistant Program Manager
for Fleet Support
NAVSEA

Boris Dan Hernandez, Ph.D.
Hydraulic Engineer – Tulsa District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The following Military and Civilian honorees will be recognized and address the audience at *The Salute to our STEM Military & Civilian Heroes Dinner*:

Lillian Almodovar
Supervisory Economist/
Sr. Manager/Deputy Director
Institute for Water Resources
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Angel F. Cruz
Mechanical Engineer, Team
Edgewood Chemical Biological
U.S. Army RDECOM

Maureen McConnell
Research Biologist, Chemical
Deterrents & Barriers
U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory

LT. Hector L. Maldonado
Deputy Project Manager &
Ship Superintendent
U.S. Coast Guard

David F. Medina
Sr. Mechanical Engineer
Directed Energy Directorate
U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory

LCDR Mark Venzor
Force Wide Diversity Officer
Navy Cyber Forces
U.S. Navy

CDR Debra L. Yniguez
Deputy Director for Diversity
Asst. to the Surgeon General of the Navy
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
U.S. Navy

The following Military Luminaries will be presented their awards at *The Salute to our STEM Military & Civilian Heroes Dinner*:

Carlos Avila
Communications Security Systems Engineer
Cryptologic Systems Group
U.S. Air Force

Pedro F. Bracho
Lead, Littoral Combat Ship Mine
Countermeasures Mission Module Department
Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division
U.S. Navy

Javier Alexander Reina
Branch Manager, Torpedo System Dept.
Test Equipment Engineering Branch
Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division
U.S. Navy

Luz Spann-Labato
Program Manager
North Atlantic Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

For more information on the HENAAC Conference or the Great Minds in STEM™ organization please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org

Great Minds in STEM™ Vision

Keeping America technologically strong by promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers especially in underserved communities.

Great Minds in STEM™ Mission

- To inspire and motivate more underserved students to achieve careers in STEM
- To enlighten and engage families, educators and employers to support underserved students and communities in STEM careers
- To inspire our nation through recognition of the achievements of Hispanics and other role models in STEM
- To enable and leverage Hispanic STEM talent to play a leadership role
- To lead national collaboration and cooperation within the STEM community