

# Carlisle Barracks and The U.S. Army War College recognized National Hispanic Heritage Month

**Dr. Ellis notes the strategic significance of Latin American during Hispanic Heritage celebration**



Carlisle Barracks and The U.S. Army War College recognized National Hispanic Heritage Month today at the Letort View Community Center. The event featured guest lecturer Dr. Evan Ellis, Strategic Studies Institute, and USAWC Key Note Speaker: LT. Col. Alberto Rodriguez, Class of 2016.

Dr. R. Evan Ellis is a research professor of Latin American Studies at the Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College, Dr. Ellis is an

expert on Latin American economic, political, and security issues, with a research focus on Latin America's relationships. Dr. Ellis spoke of the strategic significance of Latin America.

"This celebration remembers Hispanic Americans that energize our nation's diversity. Hispanics who have served in so many capacities," said Lt. Col. Alberto Rodriguezcruz, Class of 2016. "As members of the Armed Forces defending American liberties; as teachers and mentors in schools and in communities; as police officers and first responders, and there are also the ones who serve in the Supreme Court, and in the halls of Congress. Hispanics continue to serve in these roles every day, making a mark on this great nation of ours. "

"As members of the Armed Forces, heroic Hispanic men and women have also fought and died to defend the liberties and security of the United States in every war since the American Revolution, many serving



before becoming American citizens. Many Hispanics have fought to preserve the Union between the North



and the South, connected our Nation from east to west, and received our nation's highest medal for valor. Sixty Hispanic-Americans are among the Medal of Honor recipients, "said Rodriguezcruz.

Army War College spouses participated by featuring a traditional Hispanic Cultural presentation of the Rebozos, a colorful woven scarf that dates back to the 1500s and have been featured in songs and poetry, are a symbol of Mexican culture.

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