



U.S. Army Color Guard.



Anthem singer Gunnery Sergeant Sara Sheffield U.S. President's Band, USMC.



(L-R) Major General Camille Nichols, U.S. Army; Sergeant Major Linda Kessinger, U.S. Army; Clarence A. Johnson, DoD and The Honorable Gabriel O. Camarillo, USAF (M&RA), U.S. Air Force.



Coast Guard Contingency: (L-R) Lt. Jayna McCarron, U.S. Coast Guard; Lt. Herbert Narvaez-Vazquez, U.S. Coast Guard; Lieutenant Commander Raymond Caro, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Peter Brown, U.S. Coast Guard; Cadet First Class Ruth T. Salvatori, U.S. Coast Guard Academy; Lieutenant Commander Katuska Pabon-Beauchamp, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral James Rendon, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Commander Sergio Villaverde and Lieutenant Lemuel Beauchamp.

“Each one of you is a testament to girls and young women, that they too can make a difference and they can reach new heights,” she stated. “The symposium was founded to be one of the largest gathering celebrating Latina leaders, Congratulations to all the awardees.”

Supporters such as Prudential also took pride in joining the celebration of Latina success. Guest remarks were provided by Michele C. Meyer-Shipp, Vice-President and Chief Diversity Officer. “First of all, I am really proud to bring greetings from our chairman and CEO because we are proud supporters of active service members and veterans,” she stated. “We come to you as a company and as human beings who genuinely care about all of you, we support you. We do everything we can to help you as you continue in active duty and as you leave active duty.”

The first panel of the day, titled *Learning Strategies for Success*, touched on the vast experiences of Latinas in the workplace. Attendees learned how successful Latinas have made headway through the challenges of corporate America.

Moderated by Elia Quintana, Director, Corporate Development, HACR, panelists included Violeta Seidell, Vice President, Program Management, Marriott; Daniele Johnson, AVP, Talent Acquisition, Nationwide; Yhanira Adan, Assistant Vice President of Process Excellence, (USAA), and Lenora Green, Executive Director, Educational Testing Service (ETS).

“It is an honor to help my team select the most talented people to join our 34,000 associates,” stated Johnson as she elaborated on characteristics in leadership success. “The ability to build relationships and carry those on and being able to connect with anybody despite how different you are is a characteristic to success.”

Adan believes her road map to success starts at home. Her advice is to have a plan,

be able to ask for help, and approach people for jobs, “Have the courage, believe in yourself, know that by you taking those opportunities you are able to serve as role models for others. Take the risks.”

The second panel of the day, *Workforce of the future...what to expect and how to be prepare*, brought together Latinas from the federal government, the intelligence community and the military. With a focus on learning where the jobs and careers of the future are, panelists shared advice on how to prepare to take advantage of professional opportunities. Moderated by Patricia Trujillo, Former States Legislator, State of New Mexico (Civ), panelists included Gabrielle Middleton, Director, Open Source Center, CIA; Carmen Cantor, Director of the Office of Civil Service, Human Resource Management, Department of State; Marella I. Ruelas, Supervisor Special Agent, FBI.

After a networking break, attendees moved forward to join the *Military-to-Civilian Transition...Matching Military Skills & Needs* panel. The third panel of the day focused on the integration of returning military into the civilian workplace. A major initiative for *LATINA Style* and its partners, the cultural



(L-R) Top row: Major Monica De La Cruz, U.S. National Guard; CPT Sarah Bernal, U.S. National Guard; Robert E. Bard, *LATINA Style*; Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen; Chief Warrant Officer Yetzabel Sierra-Medina, U.S. National Guard and Sergeant Major Linda Kessinger, U.S. Army. Bottom row: Cadet Angel Reyes; Cadet Bryce Grijalva-Hylbert; Cadet Gabriela Barrera-Gutierrez; Cadet Nicholas Paneral.



(L-R) Top row: Sergeant Luz Garcia, U.S. Marine Corps; Midshipman First Class Isabel Krause, U.S. Naval Academy; Susana Santana, AT&T; Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen; Petty Officer Kiara Harris, U.S. Navy; Robert E. Bard, *Latina Style*. (L-R) Bottom row: Sergeant Ericka L. Garcia, U.S. Marines Corps; Corporal Diana Berumen, U.S. Marines Corps; Corporal Christi Madrid, U.S. Marines Corps; Master Gunnery Sergeant Bonnie J. Diaz, U.S. Marines Corps; Master Gunnery Sergeant Steve Coppa, U.S. Marines Corps.



(L-R) LCDR Johnny Quezada, USN, LDO RET; Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen; Robert Bard, *LATINA Style* and Fran DeNinno-Zukunft; U.S. Coast Guard Ombudsman at Large.