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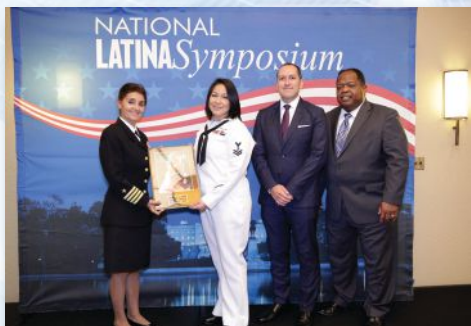
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gap that exists between military and corporate entities continues to be a major challenge to veterans.

Moderated by Jose Velazquez, Deputy Administrator for Operations and Regional Management, Department of Labor, panelists included Johanna Martinez, Military Talent Attraction Manager, AT&T; Jim Beamesderfer, Vice President, Veterans Initiatives, Prudential Financial Inc.; Michelle Caraballo, Public Affairs and Government Relations, Walmart, and Veronica Villegas, Global Recruiter Talent Acquisition Team, Verizon.

The following panel of the day titled *Leadership and Diversity through the Eyes of General Officers* brought together five Latinas in the military. Each addressed the work being accomplished to grow Latinas in the military. Offering guidance and advice on leadership and self-development, they provided advice on ways to maximize leadership skills.

Moderated by Lt. Col. Lina Downing, Comptroller, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, U.S. Marine Corps, panelists included VADM Sandra Stosz, Deputy Commandant Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; MG Camille M. Nichols, Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office of SECDEF, U.S. Army; Maj. Gen. Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall, Asst. Deputy Chief of Staff Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, and Capt. Angela Katson, Deputy Director Fields Support Activity, Director of Navy Staff, U.S. Navy.

After a full day of resourceful workshops, the Distinguished Military Awards Luncheon—a unique gathering and an integral part of Hispanic Heritage month activities held in the nation’s capital—honored the accomplishments of women serving in the Armed Forces. Sixteen awardees were honored for their service to our country, leadership, accomplishments, and commitment to building a strong community.

Mistress of Ceremonies, LCDR Katuska Pabon-Beauchamp, U.S. Coast Guard welcomed

the audience with enthusiasm. Addressing the audience were Mr. Clarence “CJ” Johnson, Department of Defense, Director of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity; LCDR Raymond Caro, United States Coast Guard; the Honorable Grace F. Napolitano and the Honorable Gabriel O. Camarillo, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) who received the President Achievement Award.

After such inspiring words provided by each distinguished guests, the *LATINA Style*



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