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In celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, LATINA Style Inc., in partnership with Parents Step Ahead (PSA), hosted its 15th Annual National LATINA Symposium “A Celebration of Latina Achievement”. The symposium was held in Washington, DC on September 6, 2018. LATINA Style is the premier company addressing the needs of Latina professionals, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, college students, veterans and the military.

The Symposium was attended by over 300 individuals and dignitaries such as The Honorable Julieta Valls Noyes, United States Ambassador; Ms. Maja Lehnus, Associate Director of Talent, Central Intelligence Agency; Mr. Clarence Johnson, DoD, Director, Civilian Equal Opportunity Officer of Diversity; Mr. James F. Schenck, Chief Executive Officer, Pentagon Federal Credit Union; **Lieutenant General Jay B. Silveria, U.S. Air Force, Superintendent U.S. Air Force Academy (Keynote Speaker)**; Major General Marion Garcia, USAR, Commanding General, 200 Military Police Command, U.S. Army; Major General Linda Urrutia-Varhall, USAF, Director of Operations, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; Rear Admiral James Rendon, USCG, Superintendent U.S. Coast Guard Academy; Rear Admiral Melissa Bert, USCG, Director of Public Affairs; Rear Admiral Danelle Barrett, USN; Brigadier General Irene M. Zoppi, USAR, Brigadier General William H. Swam, USMC, Director, Manpower Plans and Policies, USMC representative and Colonel Lina M. Downing, USMC, Division Chief, Comptroller. The highlight of the Symposium was the *Distinguished Military Service Awards Dinner*. The awards dinner honored Latinas in the military and DoD civilians who through their service have enhanced the role of Latinas in their community.

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The 2018 Honorees:

(L-R): Ms. Denisse Szmigiel (Civ), Midshipman First Class Jocelyn Rodriguez, U.S. Naval Academy; Yeoman Second Class Rita M. Martinez; U.S. Coast Guard; Captain Michelle Cazares, U.S. Air Force; Lieutenant Kimberly Rios, U.S. Navy; Petty Officer First Class Brenda V. Chavez, U.S. Navy; Captain Elsa Canales, U.S. Army National Guard; Cadet First Class Sharon Dominguez, U.S. Air Force Academy; Robert Bard, CEO & President, LATINA Style, Inc.; Lupita Colmenro, Founder Parents Step Ahead; Cadet First Class Sarah Kreiser; U.S. Air Force Academy; Sergeant First Class Carole M. Alonzo-Mercado, U.S. Army; Captain Gloriemar Torre’ Santiago, U.S. Air Force, Technical Sergeant Sasha M. Alejandro, U.S. Air Force; Major Amber G. Coleman, U.S. Marine Corps; Cadet First Class Valentina Giraldo Torres, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Ms. Michelle E. Rosa (Civ), U.S. Navy.

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