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Dear Veteran,

On Saturday, November 7, 2009 our organization, Latino Advocates for Education, Inc. and California State University at Fullerton will host the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Celebration: A Tribute to Mexican American Veterans. Colors will be posted at 10:00 a.m. It will be held inside the Pavilion of the Titan Student Union on the Fullerton campus. You and your family are cordially invited to attend. Admission and parking is free and the public is also invited to attend. Attached is our flyer.

This year we will honor our Mexican American veterans of all of our wars, conflicts and peace time service since 1975. Therefore, we will recognize those men and women who served in the conflicts in Panama, Grenada, Kosovo, Bosnia, Somalia, Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and in our present wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We will also honor those who served in peace time since 1975 and all active duty service men and women.

We have published 3 books: *Undaunted Courage- Mexican American Patriots of World War II*, a full color book profiling over 500 veterans and several Rosie the Riveters; *Freedom is not Free-Mexican Americans in the Korean War*, a full color book profiling 225 Korean War and 62 World War II veterans; and *Strength and Honor-Mexican Americans in the Vietnam War*, a full color book profiling 139 veterans.

This year we will produce a CD to document the patriotic service of our men and women who have served since 1975. Enclosed is the form which must be filled out and returned. Please also send us a service-related photograph. Everyone who provides the information and photograph will be given a free CD at the event. We will not use the information for private gain, but will only distribute it to schools, libraries, museums and other not for profit agencies. If you have a loved one or friend who should be recognized, please send this letter and form to that veteran. We need the completed form and photograph by September 1, 2009. Please contact us if you need additional information.

We look forward to honoring our patriots on November 7, 2009.

Very truly yours,

Frederick P. Aguirre President