

RUBEN ESTRADA (Monroe, NY)

“As a Boricua born and raised in El Barrio (NYC), I would proudly participate and assist with the agenda relative to the infamous and brave BORINQUENEERS. Although I myself am not a veteran, my father was in WW2, Korea and Vietnam and relatives both sides of my parents were veterans.”



Ruben Estrada has a broad background in the Hispanic market, government affairs, community relations, radio broadcast, corporate diversity, public relations, advertising, legislation, media production. In 30 years of experience he has developed a reputation for creating and implementing effective strategic plans of corporate relations, public relations, and government affairs which include the use specialty promotions, strategic partnering, with community leaders, and media linkages. Additionally, he has been involved with community / public relations for a wide range of political, business, and large-scale special events. Active, Board Member SUNY Orange County Community College , Chairman- Board of Directors Newburgh Boxing Club Non Profit Youth Program Education thru Boxing, Hudson Valley Coordinator- Guardian Angels Inc, Community Patrol, Active Board member Housing Opportunities for Growth Advancement and Rehabilitation Inc. (HOGAR) Non Profit affordable Housing Program. Commissioner - Orange County Human Rights Commission, Former Board member United Way of Orange County, Founding Member Republican National Hispanic Assembly.

NOEMI FIGUEROA SOULET (Crompond, NY)

“I believe a U.S. stamp would be a fitting tribute for these brave, forgotten soldiers.”

Noemi produced, wrote and directed the television documentary “The Borinqueneers” which premiered on PBS in 2007 and was also shown on the Armed Forces Network. She has conducted numerous presentations on the 65th Infantry at various corporations and community organizations and has been honored by the National Guard, Comité Noviembre of New York, NJ Statewide Parade Committee and the Latina Women’s Council of Mercer County, New Jersey. Born in Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico, she was raised in New York’s Spanish Harlem and has a degree in Education from New York University.

**LTC GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ (RET.)** (Alexandria, VA)

“My father was a member of the 65th during the retrograde action surrounding the Chosin Reservoir, and subsequently the military actions at Kelly Hill and Jackson Heights. My interest in the Stamp Committee thus builds on my continued desire to contribute my time to a worthy endeavor honoring our Borinqueneers.”



Guillermo "Bill" Rodriguez is a former Army Intelligence officer (LTC Ret.). He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, and its ROTC program. Since he retired in 1998, he has worked as a Defense Consultant. Bill maintains a Masters in Public Administration (Univ. of Oklahoma) and a Masters in Military Arts, School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). His interest in the 65th Infantry stems from his involvement with Bart Soto and Ernest Acosta in approaching then Secretary of the Army Caldera to initiate a review of the military history surrounding the events at Kelly Hill and Jackson Heights. The result of this review resulted in a series of events for which he is very proud of: A monograph (researched and written by COL Villahermosa) providing the results of the Center for Military History review. This monograph highlighted the failures of leadership and the impact of discrimination on soldiers of the 65th. Their efforts also led to the exoneration of former 65th Battalion Commander LTC Ret. Betances.

1SG WILSON RODRIGUEZ (RET.) (Savannah, GA)

“I'm willing to do whatever it takes to make this happen. I'm very proud of our tradition and personally know the great efforts of the 65th in Korea. My father, BG (RET) Antonio Rodriguez Baliñas, served in the 65th and is a highly decorated Korean War veteran.”

After retiring from the Army in 2004, Wilson stayed in the Fort Stewart's, GA area (Savannah). Presently he is an Army Civilian working as a Plans Officer writing and overseeing Emergency and Contingency Plans for the Installation. “ I remember when my father used to tell us stories about the Korean War but it was not until I joined the service myself that really understood their actions in combat”. Wilson received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device for heroism in combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He comes from a family with a long military tradition that started with his father. Two of his brothers served in the Army Reserve and Desert Storm. His son is a U.S. Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC and he has a niece serving aboard the USS Reagan.

