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# Latinos in Military History

*US Soldiers in Vietnam holding up a wounded comrade to safety.*

During the Era of the Vietnam War, Latino Americans made ten percent of the U.S. population. And, of that ten percent, 170,000 Latino troops were sent to fight in Vietnam.

To date, 60 Latino Veterans received the Medal of Honor for their service, and 24 of the those were awarded to Vietnam War Veterans. The Medal of Honor is awarded to individuals that go above and beyond their call of duty in extreme, hostile environments.

Latino Servicemembers continue to serve and protect the United States alongside their fellow comrades, and CalVet is sincerely grateful for their dedicated service!

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