

Latinos in Military History



Brothers known as the "Fighting Medinas" all served together during World War II.

Among the United States Corpsmen, Marines, Soldiers, and Airmen, almost 16 million Americans served in World War II. During the time of this war, approximately 500,000 Latino Americans served in the U.S. Armed Forces to keep America safe from harm.

It was common to see Latino family members serve together. Seen above are the seven brothers known as the "Fighting Medinas," who came from a single Puerto Rican family in Brooklyn, New York. All branches of the Military were represented within this band of brothers.

El Soldado, a memorial that captures the legacy of Latino Veterans and Servicemembers like the Medina brothers, is the only monument that nationally recognizes Latino Veterans and Servicemembers which stands proudly on California State Capitol grounds.

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