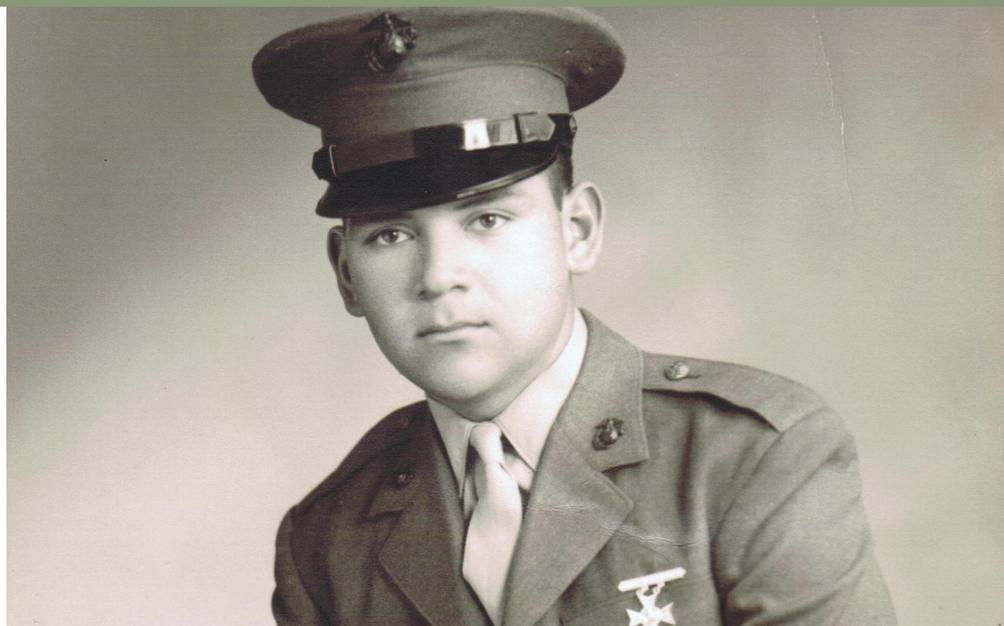


Latinos in Military History



Tanis Ybarra, a United States Marine Vietnam Veteran and Community Leader, starting working at an early age as a migrant farm worker in Fresno County, California. Following four years of military service and a deployment to Vietnam, Ybarra began a career in academia, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in education in 1973 and a teaching credential from California State University, Sacramento, as well as completed graduate work in public administration from the University of San Francisco. Ybarra was able to channel his love for education and advocacy by volunteering alongside Cesar Chavez, with the United Farm Workers (UFW). In 1970, he began fulltime work with the UFW. Nothing short of proactive, Tanis organized farm workers, negotiated and administered UFW contracts, and coordinated numerous farm labor strikes. He is a veteran of countless UFW legislative and political campaigns in both rural and major urban cities.

Ybarra would eventually become the National Secretary for the UFW, retiring in August of 2012. He continues his civic service by serving on the board for the Cesar Chavez Foundation and UFW Foundation. Additionally, Ybarra continues his dedication to the military and Veteran communities by serving as the Co-Chair for El Soldado's Beautification Committee. With his robust knowledge and passion for civic duty, Latinos, Veterans, and Servicemembers, CalVet as well as the Committee could not be more fortunate to have Ybarra working to restore El Soldado.

**HELP MAKE
THE DREAM A
REALITY**

**Donations of \$25 are
encouraged, but any
amount is appreciated!**

**Donate today at:
www.el-soldado.org**

Have a Latino-inspired photo or story? We would love to hear from you! Send it our way to minorityveterans@calvet.ca.gov.