

American GI Forum of the United States

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2021 National Conference

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Ceasar Ruiz 2021 Conference Chair Founded March 26, 1948 in Corpus Christi, Texas

A Message Texas State Commander



Greetings Members, Friends and Supporters!

The American GI Forum (AGIF) of the U.S. will hold its 2021 Annual National Conference on August 11-14, 2021 at the Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Last year, because of the horrific Pandemic, we postponed all AGIF activities. We are back and we welcome the opportunity to once again meet in person. This year, the 73rd Anniversary of the Organization, we will honor our History, Pioneers, accomplishments, our programs, the leaders that made it possible and remember members lost to the Pandemic. Pioneer and Legend Cristobal Aldrete will be remembered at our Luncheon as we also pay tribute to all our early pioneers and continue to highlight our accomplishments and our continued efforts of serving veteran through our National Veterans Outreach Program.

We continue to honor our heroes as we celebrate our present and past National, State and Local Commanders at our Annual Commanders' Banquet. We invite you to participate as a long-time supporter and to take part in this event remembering our history and honoring the leaders who made this possible. This conference also allows us to continue of our Organization's programs for veterans as America's longest serving Hispanic Veteran's Organization.

AGIF/US and AGIF/TX cordially invite our members, friends, supporters, partners and collaborators in Texas and throughout the nation to join us at this extraordinary event. The planned 3-day event is to include 'Exhibits' with showcasing Veterans Benefits and opportunities, a special Luncheon and Reception and honoring one of our early leaders and celebrating our most successful and longest running and Award-Winning Program, the NVOP. On Saturday, August 14, 2021 we will be honoring our Women's accomplishments and their important role in the organization at our Annual Women's leadership Luncheon. The Women of the AGIF will be honoring our Gold Star Mothers and remembering their lost loved ones.

During the days we plan several seminars and workshops of interest to all veterans. Leaders from the VA, DOL, the Texas Veterans Commission and other U.S. and State agencies and important dignitaries have been invited to address and show support to all who have sacrificed so much for our Nation.

To our Sponsors and Supporters, we ask you to Join us in support of our 73-year-old organization and assist us and other organizations focused on serving the military and veteran community. You are invited as a partner to this important event by being a participant in some or all our activities and events. Please contact the Texas State Office for more information or questions.

Thank you for making a difference in this effort to help our present and past heroes, our veteran community and the Gold Star families. It is an honor to work with you.

Respectfully,

Ceasar R. Ruiz, Commande

The American GI Forum of Texas, Inc.

AMERICAN GI FORUM (AGIF) OF THE U.S. invites you to participate in the 2021 Annual National Conference in San Antonio, Texas August 11-14, 2021. Founded in 1948, in Corpus Christi Texas by Dr. Hector P. Garcia the AGIF is Celebrating its 73rd year. The AGIF is a Federally Chartered Veterans Organization. The Annual National draws participants and delegates from its chapters throughout the nation plus top leaders from government, business, Education and the Veteran community.

Assembly: The AGIF National Conference is always an exciting historical event because delegates of the AGIF to discuss issues, set policies, and elect the organization's national leaders. For this reason, the AGIF National Conference tends makes news covered by national and local media. It is the only conference in which participants representing Hispanic Veterans Leaders from across the country meet to set policy, positions and strategies of a national scope.

Hispanic Veterans Partnerships: The AGIF National Conference is also well attended by major corporations who recognize the importance of reaching out to National Hispanic Veteran leaders and influential community members directly. Corporations, Government and Educational entities have opportunities to sponsor workshops and events, to showcase products and recruit Hispanic professionals at the conference exhibits. In addition, all proceeds support the dedicated work of AGIF to improve the quality of life for all Americans.

National Veterans Outreach Program (NVOP): The American GI Forum founded the NVOP 47 years ago. Under the leadership of the late Mr. Carlos Martines it grew into a model program as affirmed by the VA. NVOP has become synonymous with care and service for veterans, offering career development, training, job placement and career opportunities. Additionally it houses one of the most successful Veterans Homeless Shelter and Care Centers in the country. In partnership with VA, DOL and other Federal Agencies and private corporations, the NVOP sponsors workshops and plenary sessions that enable veterans to enhance their job and career opportunities, leadership skills and offer many other opportunities. The NVOP and VA will be available at this conference advocating for the need of Veteran housing.

VA and DOL and Private Sector Workshops: Corporations, government agencies and educational institutions, will display their involvements, contibutions to communities, available resource opportunities and other supportive services from their agencies and companies.

AGIF Hispanic Education Foundation (HEF): HEF Meeting, open to the public, offers a path to a higher education. It starts at the AGIF HEF scholarship matching funds that are offered to participating AGIF Chapters throughout the country from HEF and its Corporate Sponsors. Representative AGIF member chapters from all AGIF participating states meet to address and find solutions to higher education problems. They also reach out to colleges and universities to participate and present postsecondary opportunities available at their institutions.

For More Information: AGIF National Conference information and registration, contact the AGIF National Conference Office in Texas at (512) 992-7066 or visit our web site at: www.agiftx.org. The 2021 National Conference headquartrs are at the Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Join us in the celebration of 73 years of service to the Veterans, their families, our community and our Nation.

American GI Forum National Conferences Veterans Exhibits August 12 – 13, 2021 San Antonio, Texas

Tentative Supporting Organizations – Veterans Service Organizations, Federal Agencies DVA, SBA, DOL, DOD, HUD, DOT DOE; Texas Veterans Commission Office and the private sector.

AGIF plans to feature recruiting & networking seminars and may feature an evening employment opportunity networking session and other planned sessions that may include:

- ☐ Outreach Awareness Program
 - Booth Exhibits
 - AGIF National Veterans Outreach Program (NVOP)
 - Center for Minority Veterans Department of Veterans Affairs

The Nation has experienced the largest palndemic of our lifetime. The Veterans' jobless numbers and availability of meaningful jobs reached new lows for our heroes that make up a large part of our workforce. The aim of this San Antonio Conference during 2021 is two-fold.

The AGIF Conference in San Antonio is will focus on the current economy feeling low unemployment. Specifically programs in the VA and other Federal agencies have helped Veterans navigate the economic shock of unemployment. Continuance of the NVOP Veterans' assistance of Home Ownership for Veterans, Studies and the exportation of the AGIF National Veterans Outreach Programs Model are all examples of the work of the AGIF.

The core programs of employment, root cause Veterans suicide, homeless, business enterprise, etc. activities are main goal driven programs. It is important to allow for interactive Q&A sessions during discussions to help the Veterans. The workshop formats supports the need-to-know services and benefits participants.

The AGIF Conference really is the adopted format of assisting Veterans. Gone are the days of the so call job fair. Instead two distinct functions a job connection and outreach awareness programs will be showcased by the participants. This is the purpose behind AGIF's National Conference-has been to focus on insuring that once the event is closed there will still be activity supporting those topis and services discussed at the conference.

Summary –

As the Pandemic allows, AGIF 2021 National Conference in San Antonio, Texas is working to have federal, state, and local elected officials and top CEO's, networking, teaming opportunities, business development sessions, Veterans procurement opportunities and much more. The AGIF has worked for years with key business enterprise organizations to expand the symbiotic relationships between business ventures and local community economic development needs.





Conference Feature Events & Sponsorship Opportunities

Wednesday August 11 6 pm to 8 pm

Welcome Hospitality: Kick off event is full of excitement as we preview a 3-day long conference full of important speakers, workshops, and panels.

Sponsorship Available.

Thursday, August 12 8 am to 10 am Opening Breakfast and Youth & Veterans Technology Awards: Youth recognition Breakfast with motivational Speakers. Awards to outstanding Texas Elementary Schoold and other Youth including National American GI Forum Essay Contest.

Sponsorship Available.

Thursday, August 12 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Corporate Awards Luncheon: AGIF Recognizes corporations and federal agencies sponsors and agencies that create opportunities for Hispanics. At this event we also recognize distinguished Hispanic veterans who have given of themselves in Service to our nation.

Sponsorship Available.

Friday, August 13 Noon to 2 pm **Tribute to Crisobl Alderete Luncheon:** AGIF with corporate and government partners honor our AGIF Pioneer legend of The American GI Forum and will feature short history of other AGIF pioneers. Mr. Eddy Alderete son of 'Chris' will keynote this event.

Sponsorship Available.

Friday, August 13 6 pm to 8 pm Special Tribute Reception: Host Committee and AGIF members will host and honor NVOP Key past and present Staff and Board Members with live entertainment and refreshments. Sponsorship Available.

Friday, August 13 8 pm to 10 pm

Commanders' Banquet/Reception: Honors past and present, local state and national Commanders, and features elected, local state and national leaders. Speakers will pay special tribute to all who have served including our special guests, and speakers. Special Awards presentations will take place. Sponsorship Available.

Saturday, August 14 Noon to 2 pm Women's Leadership Luncheon and Awards Ceremony: Emphasizes AGIF programs and features a prestigous awards presentation for AGIF women and community leaders and sponsors. Keynote speaker TBA. Special Guest, Ms. Wanda Garcia, Daughter, AGIF Founder Dr. Hector P. Garcia Sponsorship Available.

Saturday, August 14 7:30 am to 9 am Founder's Reception: As is customary, the AGIF members and officers honor the Founder and other Legends

Sponsorship Available.

Saturday, August 14 9pm to 12 midnight Farewell Hospitality Reception: Relax with old and new friends, farewell to all our guests joining us and thanking them for their continued support.

Sponsorship Available.

Sunday August 15 "La Despedida" or Farewell and a Safe TripTravel back home

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2021 AMERICAN GI FORUM NATIONAL CONFERENCE Conference Tentative Agenda

(For planning purposes only. Changes will occur)

2021 American GI Forum National
Conference Information & Location
Headquarters

Wednesday, August 11

3:00 pm National Executive Board & Conference Commttee

Meeting

Thursday, August 12

Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk 8 am to 10 am Youth recognition Breakfast with motivational Speakers.

Awards to outstanding Texas Elementary Schoold and other Youth including National American GI Forum Essay Contest.

San Antonio, Texas 78205 Youth including National American GI Forum Essay Conte Reservations: 888-623-2800 10:00 am Assembly Ribbon-cut ting Ceremony and Exposition

Opening

10:30 am - 5 pm Federal Workshops & Seminars - Exhibit Exposition

Air Travelers: Taxi & Uber Service

111 E. Pecan Street

\$125.00 Sgl/dbl

Available at Airport Noon to 1:45 pm

1:45 pm Corporate Awards Luncheon

Vehicle and Ground Travelers: The Hotel offers Valet and Self Parking available at a discount for delegates and guests 1:00 pm - 5 pm

Veterans Seminars, networking, teaming opportuni

ties, business development sessions, Veterans pro

curement opportunities

2 pm to 4:30 pm AGIF Federal/State Training Seminars 2 pm - 4 pm NVOP Meeting Corporate Meeting

4 pm - 6 pm HEF Meeting

6:30 to 9:30 pm Hospitality Reception and Youth Activity

Friday, August 13

7 to 12, 2 to 5
Registration for pick-up of Events Ticket Sales
10 am to 11:30 am
Noon to 1:45 pm
Registration for pick-up of Events Ticket Sales
Federal Workshops & Seminars - Exhibit Exposition
Honoring Chris Alderete and AGIF Legends Luncheon

2 pm to 2:30 pm National Assembly- Committee Meetings

2 pm to 4:30 pm Breakouts

2 pm to 5 pm Concurrent Seminars at Breakouts - Exhibit Expo

5 pm Registration Closes

6 pm to 7 pm Honoring Chris Aldrete Reception

7 pm to 10 pm Commanders' Banquet 10 pm Hospitality Room

Saturday, August 14

9 to 12 National Assembly

Noon to 2 pm Women's Leadership Luncheon

2 pm to 5 pm National Assembly - Election of Leaders 7 pm to 10 pm Founder's Reception and Awards Ceremony

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Conference Conference Registration Form

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Deadlines for Registration: July 23, 2021 for \$230.00. Pre-registration forms will be accepted only through July 23, 2021. After that date, participant must register on-site for \$250.00. Youth members will remain constant at \$230.00. Non-member registration is \$275.00.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: Cancellation minus a 15% penalty will be accepted in writing through July 23, 2021. After that date, registrations are non-refundable. Refunds will be issued after the conference. Please make your reservations with the hotel prior to the deadline to receive conference rates. Please let the Hotel know if you require special accommodations.

Payment can be made by check or money order. Cash will be accepted on-site. For pre-registration, mail completed registration form along with check payable to 2021 American GI Forum National Conference. There will be a \$35.00 handling fee for all returned checks.

Mail Completed Form and Check to: AGIF National Conference

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To reserve space for our Exhibit in the American GI Forum Conference Exhibit Hall complete form below (Please mail by July 16, 2021)

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All 8' x 10' exhibit spaces are \$800 and include pipe and drape, (1) 6 ft. Table, (2) Chairs & (1) Wastebasket. Please call for availability. Special rates may apply to non-profits and some service organizations. Participants in the Job Fair may keep their booths for the entire Conference.				
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 □ Number of spaces requested (8'x10') Exhibit dimensions □ Standard exhibitor's equipment package include pipe & drape, (1) six foot table (2) Chairs & (1) wastebasket □ I will provide/bring my own exhibit and will require spaces (please spell). 				
Note : All exhibitors will receive one complimentary registration per space purchased and a listing in the conference program. The American GI Forum Conference Coordinators reserve the right to establish whatever rules may be required to guarantee the safety and appearance of the conference and the exhibit area.				
All exhibitors receive one complimentary event table per space purchase, and a listing in the convention program. Full payment is requested with this signed agreement. The Conference Coordinators reserve the right to assign all spaces. Exhibitor may be accommodated by space availability and on a first come first served basis. Electric and Internet connections are not included in the cost per space indicated This agreement must be signed by an authorized agent and payment must be received by July 16, 2021.				
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	Payment - Checks payable to 2021 AGIF National Conference are requested upon receipt of invoice.
	Agreement Form - Please fill and sign all appropriate forms and e-mail to stateoffice@agiftx.com
	Advertising for Program Book - If your sponsorship entitles you to a full or half page ad in the program book, please e-mail the artwork and the advertising agreement to gil@agiftx.com by July 16, 2021 and copy Lupe Rodriguez stateoffice@agiftx.com. This agreement contains details on the specifications for your ad.
	Exhibit Space - If your sponsorship entitles you to an exhibit space, please know that we will need to have the Exhibitor Form completed and sent to Lupe Rodriguez stateoffice@agiftx.com by July 16, 2021. Please indicate if you will participate in the Exhibits Area from Thursday, August 12-14, 2021. For your convenience you may download more copies of the agreement at www.agiftx.org
	Registration - You may use the Registration form provided with this package or you can go online at www.agiftx.org to download additional forms. You may also register on line with a credit card. You will receive an e-mail with a registration code confirming your registration. All mailed registrations must be completed by July 16, 2021. You may continue to register on line or register on-site starting August 11, 2021
	Sponsor's Company Name - Please send us the official name of your organization. This name will be used in all marketing and printed materials (i.e. scripts, signage, web site, etc.). Please send to Lupe Rodriguez stateoffice@agiftx.com by June 12, 2021.
	Logo and Banner - Please e-mail your logo jpg files version to Gil Rodriguez at stateoffice@agiftx. com. If your sponsorship entitles you to an on-line Web site Ad, please send Graphic file to Gil Rodriguez at: gil@agiftx.com.
	Registration Giveaways - Please send 300 items you wish to have in our packages before July 30, 2021 to: Lupe Rodriguez, Registration Area, 8833 Capitol View Drive, Austin, Texas 78747. Your Company Name must accompany materials, Please note that this is not the address to send materials for your exhibit booth. Instructions for sending these materials will be included in your exhibitor kit.
٥	Headquarters Hotel - Wyndham Riverwalk San Antonio, 111 Pecan, San Antonio, Texas. Reservations can be made by calling: 888-623-2800 or Direct: 210-354-2800 on line at http://www.wyndham.com/
	Corporate Meeting - Please contact Gil Rodriguez: 512-992-7066 or by e-mail at gil@agiftx.com to confirm your attendance at the AGIF Corporate meeting Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 3 pm to 4 pm.

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