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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Post to observe Hispanic Heritage Month**

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**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – Fort Benning will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at 11 a.m. Sept. 29 in the Martin Army Community Hospital Atrium.

Master Sgt. Luis O. Perez, operations sergeant major for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. He will address this year's, "Embracing, Enriching and Enabling America."

The histories, cultures and contributions of American Soldiers and citizens are celebrated during Hispanic Heritage Month, which began Sept. 15. Sept. 15 is significant, as it is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and also coincides with Sept. 16, the day Mexico declared its independence and Chile's Independence Day on Sept. 18.

Hispanic Heritage Month was first observed as Hispanic Heritage week in 1968 and was expanded to a month under President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

Media interested in covering this event should contact the MCoE Public Affairs Office and coordinate a media escort.

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