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Dr. Garcia,

After I sent you the earlier letter which contained more information on myself, I had a long talk with my brother. He was pleased of you offering to assist. Angelo strongly believes as many people do, as well as many Mainers, -- this year's selection board must select me. He offered the below for your consideration.

1. Not only ^{should} your call should be made, but a strong united push from the influential Hispanic community should be made also. If done tastefully at highest levels the message can be most beneficial. An organized and well planned effort can work.
2. Suggestion - Even personal calls at higher levels can get this moving. (Pres/V.P.-Sen)

Dr. Garcia, -- I must remain off the record as you well know, or I'd cut my own throat -- but my selection can be the most helpful effort to the "Brown-Tide" this country is facing today. Hispanics must be role models in

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ever field of today's generation and the future.

Well, I shall set back, and await to see what this years selection-board does in (Nov or Jan).

Respectfully,

Jay Vazquez

NOTE.

I might add, there are no Hispanic maines with my credentials in follow behind me.

Let's don't wait another 40 years before the Corps selects another Hispanic American to flag rank.

Dr. Garcia,

Sending you background information on myself for use in further discussions/correspondence with your points of contact.

I enjoyed myself at the convention. You all made me very proud of my (1/2) heritage. I learned much, was made proud of my better 1/2, and met many fine people.

It was good meeting you --- "finally"! Hope to see you again in future. If "Gods" willing, I may be selected this year for a star. Believe I could be a good role for future hispanic young-ones.

Very Respectfully,

Col. Jay R. Vaynt

Note.

- 1. As you can see, few Colonels possess the qualifications or accomplishments as you read in the biography.
- 2. Secondly, every service has a "Hispanic" flag officer, the Marine has had one since 1944.





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Colonel Jay R. Vargas is currently serving as the Chief of Staff, Landing Force Training Command, Pacific, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, San Diego, California.

Colonel Vargas is the son of a Hispanic father and an Italian mother, who came to the United States in late 1917. He is one of four sons who has served in the United States Armed Forces in time of war (Angelo--Iwo Jima, WWII; Frank--Okinawa, WWII; Joseph--Korea; and Jay--Vietnam.

He attended Arizona State on an academic and athletic scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He later earned a Master of Arts degree in Education with "Honors" at the U.S. International University, San Diego, Calif. Upon graduation from The Basic School at Quantico, Va., in June 1962, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. He is also a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School and the Command and Staff College, Quantico, and the National War College, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Vargas has served as a Weapons and Rifle Platoon Commander; Rifle Company Executive Officer; twice as a Rifle Company Commander; S-3 Operations Officer; Recruit Depot Series Commander; Instructor, Staff Planning School, LFTCPac; Headquarters Company Commander, 3d Marine Division; Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division; Aide-de-Camp to the Deputy Commanding General, FMF, Pacific; Marine Officer Instructor, NROTC Unit, University of New Mexico; Head, Operations Branch, PP&O Department, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, I Marine Amphibious Force; and as the Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, FMF.

His personal decorations include: The Congressional Medal of Honor; Silver Star Medal; Purple Heart with four Gold Stars; Combat Action Ribbon; Meritorious Service Medal; and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross Medal with Silver Star and Palm.

Colonel Vargas is one of a few recipients in the United States to be awarded the American Academy of Achievement's "Gold Plate Award" presented to national leaders in all professional fields who have made a significant contribution to their country.

He has also received the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Commemorative Plaque presented by the United States Collegiate Athletic Directors and Coaches, in Houston, Texas, for excelling in collegiate athletics.

Colonel Vargas and his wife Dottie are the parents of three girls, Kris, Julie and Gina.

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