

THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB
PRESENTS
DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA

DR. GARCIA WILL DISCUSS HIS WORK IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

1. Representative of President Kennedy in the signing of The Mutual Defense Area Agreement between The United States and The Federation of The West Indies.
2. United Nations Ambassador during President Johnson's Administration.
3. The signing of The Treaty of Tlatelolco in Mexico City.
4. The United States National Commission for "UNESCO"
5. The Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan Crisis during President Carter's Administration.

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WASHINGTON

Medal of Freedom Citation

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.

Dr. Hector Garcia's patriotism and community concern exemplify the meaning of good citizenship. His many community-building endeavors included his work as a founder and first National Chairman of the American G.I. Forum, a veterans' organization which has done much to improve the lot of Americans of Mexican descent. Over the years, he has faithfully represented our government on numerous occasions, overseas and domestically. Dr. Hector Garcia is a credit to his family and community, and to all Americans.

Through his efforts, based on a deep belief in traditional American ideals, he has made this a better country.

DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA

Founder

American GI Forum of U.S.



Dr. Hector P. Garcia, physician, Founder, American GI Forum of the U.S. Born in Mexico, January 17, 1914. Son of Mr. Jose Garcia and Mrs. Faustina Perez Garcia.

Graduate, University of Texas, Bachelor of Arts Degree, 1936. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine, 1940. Married Wanda Fusillo, June 23, 1945. Children: Daisy Wanda, Adriana Cecilia and Susana Patricia.

1940-41; General internship St. Joseph's Hospital, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. 1941-1942, Surgical internship.

1942-1946, Served World War II as officer in Infantry; Engineer and Medical Corps. Major Medical Corps European Theatre of Operation. Awarded Bronze Star Medal with 6 Battle Stars.

First national chairman and Founder of the American GI Forum of the U.S., a veterans group composed of Americans of Mexican origin in 24 states. 1953, Vice president Catholic Council for Spanish speaking people in the Southwest. 1955, Awarded Bronze Plaque "Democracy Forward" by Texas Council Negro Organization.

Member American Medical Association; Texas Medical Association; Nueces County Medical Society; Member LULAC; Roman Catholic; Knights of Columbus; Parish, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Corpus Christi, Texas. 1960, Outstanding citizenship award by United Married Couples.

1961, Representative of President John F. Kennedy and member delegation signing treaty concerning Mutual Defense Area Agreement between the United States and the Federation of West Indies.

March 9, 1964, Appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as presidential representative with the rank of Special Ambassador to the inauguration of Dr. Raul Leoni, president of Venezuela.

October 18, 1965, Presented by the President of the Republic of Panama with "Condecoracion, Orden Vasco Nunez de Balboa" with the rank of "Commander".

March 4, 1967, Appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as member of the National Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity of the United States.

September 1967, Appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as delegate to the United Nations from the United States with the rank of Ambassador.

March 30, 1968, Accompanied Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and the U.S. Delegation for the signing of Treaty of Tlatelolco in Mexico City.

November 1968, Sworn in as a "Commissioner" of the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

November 1968, Humanitarian Award presented by Corpus Christi Chapter on Civil Rights.

May 1969, Humanitarian Award presented by Corpus Christi Chapter of the NAACP.

January 24, 1977, Appreciation award by Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce for exceptional investment of time and energy in behalf of citizens of Corpus Christi in interest of preserving the Naval Air Station and Corpus Christi Army Depot.

May 1977, Appointed by President Jimmy Carter member of the U.S. Circuit Judge Nominating Commission for the Western Fifth Circuit Panel.

January 29, 1978, Member White House Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development, (January 29-February 2, 1978). Appointed by Governor Dolph Brisco of Texas and President Jimmy Carter.

February 21, 1978, Delegate, Meeting, High Level Briefing on the President's Tax & Economic Program, the White House, Washington, D.C.

February 25, 1978, Plaque presented by the Corpus Christi U.S.O. Council for leadership in representing the Corpus Christi Community in support of the military installations in the Coastal Bend Area.

May 4, 1978, Liberty Bell Award, Law Day U.S.A., by Nueces County Young Lawyers Association, Corpus Christi, Texas.

June 29, 1978, Texas State Liberty Bell Award by Texas Young Lawyers Association, Fort Worth, Texas.

August 17, 1978, Member, U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti's Hispanic Advisory Committee on Civil Rights.

January 9, 1980, At President Jimmy Carter's request, attended a High Level Briefing at the White House in reference to Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan Crisis.

January 20, 1980, Distinguished Service Award, National Office of Civil Rights, San Jose, California.

February 21, 1980, Recipient of the "Senior Internacional 1980" Award, representing the United States. Awarded by LULAC Council 12, Laredo, Texas.

November 18, 1980, Reappointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Texas State Advisory Committee.

March 31, 1981, Brotherhood Award by the C.C. Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sembrador Award, November 12, 1983. "Sembradores de Amistad"

Awarded the "Presidential Medal of Freedom," by President Ronald Reagan at the White House, March 26, 1984.