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Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

May I congratulate you and Mr. Johnny Canales on the excellent recently viewed television program on K.O.R.O. reflecting the "Mexican-American Veterans Emphasis", in conjunction with the forthcoming Veterans Day observance. I really enjoyed the most outstanding projection made through your participation and realize that much preparation took place for such outstanding results. May I, however, enlighten you on another possible new emphasis that the United States Secretary of the Army has undertaken.

National Women's Veterans Recognition Week has been proclaimed by the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr. The week was declared in order to create a greater public awareness and recognition of the contributions of women veterans; to express the nation's appreciation for their service; and to inspire more responsive care and service for women veterans. Secretary of the Army Marsh expressed his full endorsement of Public Law 98-438 and asked that all people join in to pay tribute to our women veterans for their contributions and sacrifices on behalf of our nation. There are more than one million, one-hundred thousand women in this country.

I serve as the Federal Women's Program Manager and "no" I am not a veteran, but in this capacity at this depot we will place recognition on this national observance. At this depot, we have approximately 70 female employees with veteran's preference of which 14 are of Hispanic background.

Perhaps the next program that you dedicate to the veteran should capitalize on our women veterans as well.

Sincerely,

Yolanda R. Peronis

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Mr. Johnny Canales

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