



Military, Veterans and Families Education Summit

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Transformation: Forming Tomorrow's Leaders
Today, Anywhere, Anytime

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John M. Garcia

Cabinet Secretary

Corbett Center, NMSU Campus

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Third Floor Ballroom

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Summit Goal

Our goal at this Summit is to establish future educational directions in collaboration with military leaders by:

- Examining the future educational needs of the military community
- Expanding awareness of NMSU educational opportunities throughout military and civilian communities

Schedule

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Registration

9:00 – 10:00 am Opening Session

Presentation of Colors	Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps
National Anthem	
Introductions	Carmen Gonzales Vice President for Student Success Dean College of Extended Learning
Welcome	Paul Gutierrez Vice Provost for University Outreach
Remarks	COL John G. Rossi Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss Major General Kenny C. Montoya The Adjutant General, Departments of the Army and Air Force State of New Mexico

10:15 – 11:15 am Keynote Address

The Changing Face of Education: Distance Education, the Military and Leadership

Dr. Frank Mayadas
Program Director, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Schedule, continued

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Luncheon and Speaker

Cabinet Secretary John M. Garcia
Department of Veterans' Services, State of New Mexico

12:45 – 1:45 pm Panel of Colonels

Current Trends and Initiatives to Assist Soldiers Reach their Educational Goals

COL Stephen DiFonzo, 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman Air Force Base
COL Donald E. Gentry, Commandant, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss
COL Gary D. Giebel, Garrison Commander, White Sands Missile Range
COL Edward P. Manning, Garrison Commander, Fort Bliss
COL John Mayer (USMC), Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force North, Fort Bliss

2:00 – 3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Senate Chamber A	Doña Ana Room
Department of Veterans' Services Vocational, Rehabilitation and Education Initiatives	American Council on Education Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services
J.R. Turner, Las Cruces Veterans' Services Officer	Cynthia Bruce, Associate Director, Program Evaluations
Virginia Chavez Bell, Las Cruces Veterans' Services Officer	Michele Spires, Assistant Director, Military Programs
Moderator: Lee Hamilton, Department Head, Sociology and Anthropology, NMSU	Moderator: Susan Roberts, Director, DACC White Sands Center

3:15 – 4:00 pm Discussion and Concurrent Session Reports

4:00 pm Retire the Colors

Speakers

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Frank Mayadas

Program Director, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Frank Mayadas has a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from Cornell in 1965 and a B.S. from the Colorado School of Mines in 1961. He started the Sloan online learning program in 1993 and his work in online education, globalization of industry and in the development of the U.S. Army's online education program (eARMYU) is nationally recognized. Prior to his work at the Sloan Foundation, Dr. Frank Mayadas spent 27 years at IBM. He has over 35 published papers in systems, devices, and solid state physics and holds several patents and awards.

Luncheon Speaker

Cabinet Secretary John M. Garcia

Department of Veterans' Services, State of New Mexico

John Garcia was appointed in 2003 as the first Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services. He is a founding member of the Vietnam Veterans of New Mexico, served as the National Deputy Director of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program from 1983–1985, was involved in the dedication of the National Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, DC, directed the Vietnam Veterans of New Mexico Program, and served as a Commissioner of the New Mexico Veterans' Service Commission for twelve years. Mr. Garcia attended the University of Albuquerque and the Chamber Institute at Stanford University and served in the Central Highland of South Viet Nam from 1969–1970.

Opening Session Remarks

Major General Kenny C. Montoya

**The Adjutant General, Departments of the Army and Air Force
State of New Mexico**

Major General Kenny C. Montoya assumed the duties as Adjutant General for the New Mexico National Guard in 2003 commanding the Army and Air National Guard, as well as serving as the commander of the State Defense Force. In addition to his federal duties, he serves as military chief of staff to the Governor and as the Governor's principal advisor on military affairs. He is also president of the State Armory Board and provides oversight for the New Mexico Civil Air Patrol. He has a law degree from the University of New Mexico, a Masters of Laws from the Judge Advocate General School, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War School.

COL John G. Rossi

Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff

U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss

COL John G. Rossi has a BS from the United States Military Academy, an MA in Management from Webster University, and an MA in National Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. He is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College and a distinguished graduate of the US Naval War College. He has served in various worldwide operational assignments commanding levels from platoon through brigade.

General Dwight David Eisenhower wrote that the qualities of a great person are “Vision, integrity, courage, understanding, the power of articulation, and profundity of character.”

He believed that the qualities of goodness in a person include a broad sympathy for the human condition; an awareness of human weaknesses and shortcomings and a willingness to forgive them, a sense of responsibility toward others, a genuine modesty combined with a justified self-confidence, a sense of humor, and most of all a love of life and of people.