



Fiesta® San Antonio Commission
THE ORDER OF THE CASCARÓN NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

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On a separate sheet:

In 400 words or less, please describe the contributions that your nominee has made to Fiesta®. Please include:

- 1) Detailed information on the volunteer role that your nominee has played in the Fiesta® celebration. Give specific details on how your nominee's efforts have had an impact on the Fiesta® celebration in a positive and long lasting way. Elaborate on specific volunteer duties and responsibilities nominee has undertaken.
- 2) The length of time that your nominee has been involved in these activities. Give specific years nominee was active in these activities.
- 3) If your nominee served in a specific leadership role during Fiesta®, i.e., Fiesta® royalty, president of a Fiesta® organization, chairman of a Fiesta® event, etc., indicate how their volunteer involvement has gone beyond the normal responsibilities of that role.

Please submit your Nomination Form and essay by 5 p.m. on February 29, 2016 in person or by email to:

Fiesta® San Antonio Commission
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Ruben Villafranca – CPA
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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Nomination to The Order Of The Cascaron

I am honored to nominate Daniel “Dan” Medrano for the Order of the Cascaron. Dan is a life time member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 366, which is Fiesta PMO. Dan served in Vietnam and was awarded the “Bronze Star” medal of exceptionally meritorious service in a combat zone.

Dan was elected President of Chapter 366 in 2006 and served in that position till 2014. After his election, he envisioned a change in the American society pre-conceived notion of Vietnam veterans who served their country in a very unpopular war .His goals and objectives was to increase VVA 366 membership, and increase participation and attendance at the PMO’s Fiesta event. During his tenure, VVA membership increased from 20 members to over 180.

As PMO President, he attended FSAC BOC meeting and engaged in community activities. His leadership and responsibilities resulted in a tremendous impact in FSA. Active duty military leaders in both the US Army and US Air Force were contacted as well as members of the American Vietnamese Community who participate in the event. Today, guest speakers, color guard, band, firing squad, along with military veterans, active duty dignitaries, and Fiesta dignitaries attend VVA 366 event “All Veterans Memorial Service”. Attendance at the VVA 366 Fiesta event has increased to over 300 attendees and growing.

Under Dan’s leadership, the first ever VVA participation in a Fiesta Flambeau Parade vanguard took place. Thousands spectators stood up, cheered, screamed “Welcome Home”, and some were seen with teary eyes. A tremendous welcome and impact embedded in the hearts of VVA members and the community. All this is considered a great plus for Fiesta San Antonio.

Additional involvement in FSAC includes two appointments to the Nominating Committee, PMO President for eight (8) years and elected commissioner for the term 2015-2017.

Dan is a dedicated ambassador for FSAC and attends numerous Fiesta functions. He is always recruiting people to join the Fiesta Commission. Presently, he is Life-Member of Fiesta.

He accomplished his goals and objectives and continues to be a credit and asset to himself, FSAC, VVA 366, and the community. He is well known and respected leader of other veteran service organization. He has served the Veterans of foreign Wars by holding Post, District, and State level elected positions.

Dan is a “can do” person and is highly recommended to be a member of the Order of the Cascaron.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruben Villafranca
Life-Member VVA 366