



LEAGUE of UNITED LATIN
AMERICAN CITIZENS

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, has supported military veterans for nearly 100 years. We've advocated for key legislation like The PACT Act and The Brandon Act to ensure service members receive the care and benefits they deserve. LULAC is committed to advancing the wellbeing of all veterans by advocating for access to education, affordable housing, healthcare, and other essential services.

Base Renaming Reversals



Introduction

In 2021, Congress passed bipartisan legislation to remove Confederate names from U.S. military bases, establishing the Base Naming Commission through **Section 1749 of the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)**.

The Commission recommended names of U.S. military heroes **based on merit and strong community support**. These changes were finalized in 2023 by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin. However, the Trump administration is now rolling them back using a legal loophole that reassigns the same surnames to Confederate predecessors erasing the recognition of previous merit-based American war heroes.

Why it Matters?

1. All renaming recommendations were merit-based with **no diversity quotas**. Community input overwhelmingly supported the final names.
2. The renaming reversals would erase tributes to:
 - **3 African American heroes**: Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg, Lt. Col. Charity Adams, Pvt. Henry Johnson
 - **1 Latino hero**: Gen. Richard Cavazos
 - **3 women heroes**: Lt. Col. Charity Adams, Dr. Mary Walker, Julia Moore
 - **1 Native American hero**: TSgt Tom Barfoot
 - Even **President Eisenhower is being removed**.
3. The proposed new names overwhelmingly reflect a single demographic, undermining the military's commitment to honoring the **full diversity of those who have served**.

Current Status

On June 10th, Trump announced plans to reverse base namings by exploiting a loophole—reassigning Confederate surnames to unrelated soldiers to bypass a bipartisan, merit-based process. Forts Gregg-Adams, Johnson, Barfoot, and Cavazos have already been renamed or are under threat, erasing honors for Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg, Pvt. Henry Johnson, TSgt Tom Barfoot, and Gen. Richard Cavazos.

The Issue

The rollback defies the FY21 NDAA and erases heroes like Gen. Cavazos and Lt. Col. Adams—despite the military's continued reliance on communities of color.

- **43%** of active-duty personnel are racial and ethnic minorities (DoD, 2023).
- Latinos make up **20% of new recruits** (Pew, 2021).
- Fort Cavazos is in Texas, where **Latinos make up 40% of the population**, and cities like Killeen and San Antonio are **key recruitment hubs** (U.S. Census, 2022).

Call to Action

- **Demanding** an investigation into whether these changes **violate Section 1749**.
- Request a **U.S. Government Accountability Organization (GAO) investigation** into potential Administrative Procedures Act violations.
- **Publicly support** the original Commission-named honorees, **reaffirming the importance of historical accuracy**.
- **Introduce legislation** that closes loopholes allowing **Confederate-linked** surnames to reappear under false pretenses.

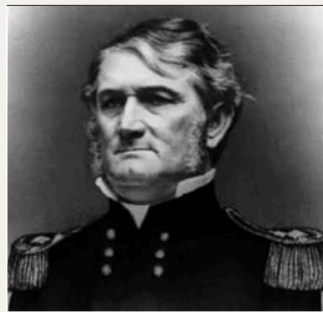
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The Erasure of American Heroes

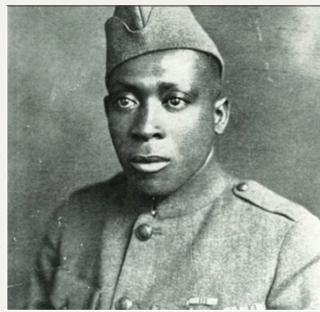
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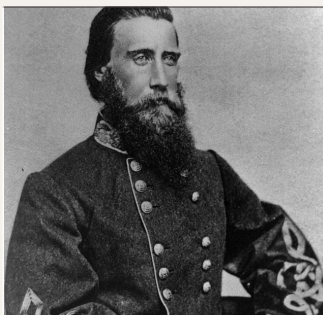
Leonidas Polk, **Confederate** general during the American Civil War.



Sergeant Johnson, earned France's highest military honor, **Croix de Guerre avec Palme**.



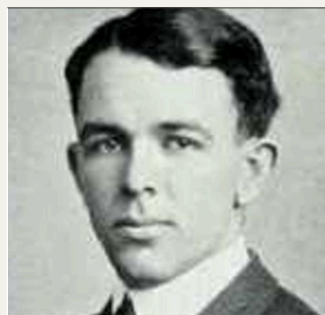
Gen. James H. Polk, Silver Star recipient and commanding officer of the 3rd Cavalry Group during WWII.



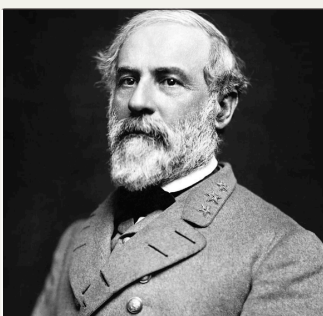
John Bell Hood, **Confederate** general during the American Civil War.



Richard Edward Cavazos, first Latino United States Army **four-star general**.



Col. Robert B. Hood, Service Cross recipient for World War I service.



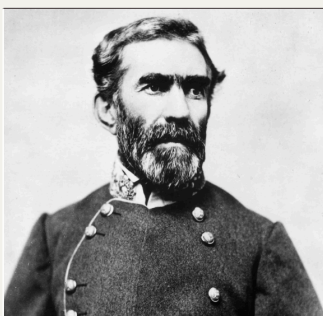
Robert E. Lee, **Confederate** general and military leader in the Confederate Army during the American Civil War.



Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley, a Lieutenant Colonel, **the highest possible promotion in the Women Army Corps**.



Pvt. Fitz Lee, Medal of Honor recipient for his service during the Spanish-American War.



Braxton Bragg, American army officer during the Mexican-American War and **Confederate** general during the American Civil War.



Proposed to the Naming Commission, community members collectively agreed that "Liberty" was the best principle for the installation.



Roland Leon Bragg was an American Army paratrooper during World War II. Bragg was awarded the Silver Star.