

## Dancing in the Aisles to Celebrate National Hispanic American Heritage Month

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**Figure 1: Noche Kandela entertains the audience with music and dancing.**

The music was flowing and the people were dancing in celebration of Hispanic American Heritage month on Friday 12 October. National Hispanic American Heritage month is celebrated around the country from 15 September to 15 October each year. The Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Equal Opportunity team and the Equal Opportunity

leaders from Alpha Company put on an observance enjoyed by all who attended. SFC Edwin Rotger

and SSG Kimberly Hoskins, along with SFC Victor Denning, CRDAMC Equal Opportunity Advisor, took the lead in organizing with assistance from many other volunteers and EOL's from both Alpha and Bravo Companies.



**Figure 2: CSM (Ret) Solis addresses the audience during the Hispanic American Heritage**

The celebration was highlighted by the music of Noche Kandela, a local group specializing in Latin American music. The music brought many of the attendees out of their chairs and into the aisles to dance.

After the musical celebration, it was time for the guest speaker, CSM (Ret) Gerald Solis. Mr. Solis previously held the position of Command Sergeant Major at the 21<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Hospital, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Brigade here on Fort Hood, and is currently part of the CRDAMC staff at the Monroe Clinic. He spoke on his upbringing in his native country of Panama and recognized all

others of Hispanic heritage in the audience. His words brought cheers from the audience as he mentioned different Latin American countries.

The observance title, "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today" was reflected in large crowd that attended the observance. All those who attended were left with a dance in their heart, words of wisdom for the mind, and fabulous food for the body.