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These veterans from Texas were deported. They say they deserve a second chance.



Veterans of the U.S. military who have been deported salute the U.S. flag and flags for the various armed forces on Memorial Day near the international bridge on May 28, 2018, in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Ivan Pierre Aguirre for The Texas Tribune

By Julián Aguilar June 1, 2018 CIUDAD JUÁREZ,

Mexico — On Memorial Day on the Texas-Mexico border, Michael Evans, who served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, was one of several veterans who helped set up a public display to honor fallen soldiers who have served in America's military.

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Later that same day, Lorenzo Nuñez, a Mexican national, stood at attention and paid tribute to those men and women in a minute-long salute to the flags of the U.S. and the various branches of the armed forces. Those actions sound similar to several that played out across the country earlier this week, but for one exception: Evans and Nuñez are the same person. And the 40-year-old man was marking the holiday in Mexico after being deported in 2009, despite his military service.

"My birth name is Lorenzo Nuñez Fernandez. It sounds like a mariachi name," Evans said with a chuckle from Ciudad Juárez's Chamizal Park, less than a city block from the international port of entry at El Paso. His name changed after he was adopted by an American family in 1984, and he was discharged in 2000 before the second Gulf War.

He is one of several former servicemen in the middle of a unique immigration debate over whether deported veterans should get a second chance at legal status in the U.S. even though they might have committed a crime that led to their deportation.

Democratic U.S. Reps. Vicente Gonzalez of McAllen and Beto O'Rourke of El Paso have authored legislation to allow deported veterans who were honorably discharged to be naturalized overseas. It would exclude veterans convicted of crimes including voluntary manslaughter, murder, rape, sexual abuse of a minor, child abuse and terrorism, according to Gonzalez's office.

The measure would also have the U.S. attorney general cancel or rescind a removal order for an eligible veteran and change their status to legal permanent resident.

Gonzalez, who discussed the matter with President Donald Trump last year, said he was optimistic after the president expressed support for easing up on the veterans, the Chicago Tribune reported.

But the legislation has stalled, and Gonzalez recently took to the House floor to rebuke Republicans for not allowing his bill to be an amendment to a larger military bill, although he's vowed to keep the issue at the forefront and fight for a

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vote on his bill in Congress.

"These stories are flooding in from all corners of the globe. We are deporting honorably discharged veterans after promising them citizenship," he said. "This is a disgrace."

Born in Chihuahua, Evans graduated from an El Paso-area high school before joining the Marines.

He was deported after serving time in federal prison on a felony drug conspiracy charge. He said he was two weeks from taking his U.S. citizenship oath when a 2-year-old case came back to haunt him. He was adopted two years before amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act made it easier to become U.S. citizens after adoption. Because Evans was never naturalized, he said he was treated like any other Mexican criminal and ordered to leave the country in 2009.

"Basically, it was like 'You're Mexican, you committed a crime and you got to go back," he said. "Back then is when Juárez was at its worst – more murders, more murders and murders" he added, referring to the cartel war that raged in the border city and claimed more than 10,000 lives.

But Evans said he's a little more optimistic that something could get traction now as the issue gains more attention.

"There was no hope for years, zero hope," he said. "But now there is some light at the end of the tunnel. We're kicking up a lot of dust, and there are a lot of people talking. So you never know."

Michael Evans, who served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, laughs with fellow vets on May 28, 2018, in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Ivan Pierre Aguirre for The Texas Tribune

For older veterans of the U.S. military who were deported, there is less hope for themselves but optimism about the younger exsoldiers.

Francisco Lopez, 73, is the director of the Deported Veterans Support House in Ciudad Juárez, known as the "Juárez Bunker." He told the Tribune he was drafted in 1967 and went to Vietnam, where he served a year overseas. He was arrested in Wichita Falls after buying cocaine he said was for both personal use and for selling. He was deported in 2003 and has turned his house into a shelter of sorts.

"My hopes of being able to return are pretty much dead," he said in Spanish. "Only the president can help us. But what we want is to raise attention that we need medical care. Because that's a right all of the veterans have. And we don't have it."

What's helped the cause, Lopez said, is the attention the movement has gained over the last year. On Memorial Day 2017 the group was photographed by Herika Martinez and the photo was later published by the AFP, The Washington Post reported.

The photograph eventually went viral, and a feature story by the local CBS-FOX affiliate in February prompted more attention.

Navy veteran Juan Valadez, 35, knows that everyone isn't sympathetic. He reads online comments arguing that deported veterans deserve what they got for breaking the law.

"It's a divisive issue, but the way I see it, we made a mistake. But we're still veterans, we served the country," he said.

After attending Socorro High School in east El Paso County, Valadez enlisted and was deployed to the Gulf of Aden and then to the Persian Gulf.

After that, he said, he served two years in federal prison after being convicted of a conspiracy drug charge. But he said he served his time and deserves another shot.

"I understand we're immigrants, but we did something that most immigrants and U.S. citizens won't do. We signed up for the military voluntarily. I deployed twice."

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Time for vacation

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"class apart" as evident in the local signs at restaurants and other public Visiting family places proclaiming "No Mexicans" Time in nature The Hernandez case went to the United States Supreme Court with Cadena and Garcia arguing the case. The Supreme Court and Chief I work or check in with work while on Justice Earl Warren agreed that Yes: 40% there had been systematic exclusion I extend business trips and turn the Yes: 19% of Mexican Americans on juries in Texas for more than twenty-five years. The victory was a first for the Mexican American community in the nation's s highest court. The walls of segregation were slowly

In the early1950s Cadena left private practice and returned to public law serving as head of the San Antonio city attorney's office from 1954 to 1961. The test for equality in San Antonio came on March 16,1960 when Blacks entered the Woolworth downtown department store where lunch counters had long been segregated. Blacks were allowed to shop, but not to eat at the lunch counters.

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City attorney Carlos Cadena instructed the police chief not to arrest students engaged in peaceful demonstrations. The next day all six major department stores opened their lunch counters to Blacks. In doing so, San Antonio became the first city in the South to integrate its eating establishments. As a city official, Cadena contributed to making San Antonio a model for resolving segregation, a first for any city in the South.

Cadena's wisdom and courage in difficult cases won him an appointment as associate justice for the 4th Court of Appeals in Texas. In 1977, Governor Dolph Briscoe named him Chief Justice of this prestigious Texas court, a position Cadena held for 25 years. Cadena passed away in San Antonio in 2001, but his legacy lives on.

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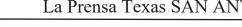
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War II Veteran and Civil **Rights** Advocate

Carlos Cadena's family came to San Antonio from Mexico in 1907. His father returned to Mexico when Cadena, the youngest of seven children, was still a child. His mother. Dolores Espinosa Larranaga, spoke only Spanish and supported her family by working as a housekeeper and laundry woman. She managed to extract a promise from her departing husband that he would help in sending young Carlos to college.

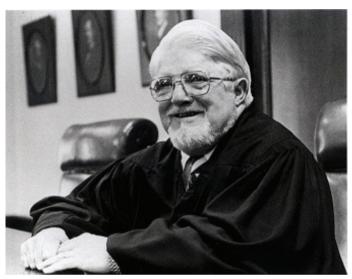
Carlos received his early schooling at Saint Henry's Academy on South Flores Street and attended the University of Texas at Austin. Cadena earned his law degree from the Austin campus in 1940, finishing third out of 117 graduates. He may have been the first Latino ever to serve as student editor of the prestigious Texas Law Review.

Carlos Cadena began his legal career as an assistant city attorney in San Antonio in 1940. When World War II broke out, Cadena left his job to serve in the Army Air Corp. He trained first



as a radio operator and later as a desegregation of Latinos in Texas, an important victory for later school desegregation cases involving African Americans.

> One of Cadena's first civil rights cases involved housing discrimination. In the years after World War II, the demand for housing grew as America entered its famed "baby boom" era. San Antonio's housing market expanded significantly as builders and developers established new neighborhoods, many in the suburbs.



rate schools for African Americans and Latinos. Cadena had worked with the famed civil rights attorney, Gus Garcia, a former UT Law classmate, on school desegregation cases. Their most famous school desegregation victory occurred in 1948 in Bastrop, Texas, where Anglo children were segregated from Mexican children using language as an excuse or reason. The claim that the schools were separate but equal did not convince the Federal judges from the Western District of Texas. The Cadena and Garcia legal victory led to the

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For nearly fifty years local real estate companies in cooperation with neighborhood associations and builders, inserted restrictive covenant language in their sales contracts. To buy a home in their communities one had to agree never to sell that home to Blacks or Mexicans. These contracts basically denied minorities in San Antonio the opportunity to buy homes outside the poor income communities in the West and East side of the city.

When a real estate agent informed Abdon Salazar Puente in 1948 that he could not purchase a home in Mayfield Park near present day Zazarmora and Loop 410, Puente retained the services of Carlos Cadena.

The new homes in Mayfield Park had attracted many buyers because of their location in the southern part of San Antonio where low land prices made homes affordable. The courts agreed with Cadena that the law could not be used to discriminate against minorities.

In 1954, Cadena teamed up with local attorney Gus Garcia in defending Pete Hernandez's right to have a jury trial of his peers. Hernandez, a farmworker, had been convicted of murder by an all white

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Speakers at the Gazebo in Archer Park included a Priest, Archbishop, and a Rabbi among others. Lots of Nuns were participating as well. Catholic school children were in full force along with many young ones that were Hispanic, White and Black. Grandparents and parents had grand kids and kids of all ages.

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During the trip I took over300 photos. You can check them out on my website: http:// www.walkerreport.net.

June 24, 600+ gathered at San Fernando nalist

Cathedral in San Antonio for another prayer viail. People brought signs and banners reflecting their support for the children incarcerated at detention centers in Texas and elsewhere. A church lady who served as the main coordinator read from a script, paused for silence along with the crowd and began the process a few more times.

A priest then prayed with the gathering and then called up little children to stand by him and prayer with him. Former Councilwoman Maria Berriozabal also addressed crowd. The media covered the vigil and interviewed some of the crowd for comments. San Antonio can be proud standing up for the children who were wrongly put in detention centers and separated from their parents.

And as always, what I write is "Just a Thought."

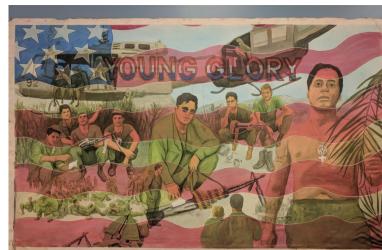
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Roberto Sifuentes: Vietnam Veteran and Artist One Man's Patriotism



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Public Allies Volunteers prepare food for the resource fair



Members of the community attend the Public Allies of San Antonio Community resource fair

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Tunel del Tiempo en el Museo de Los Niños Cruzada en pro de los niños sepa-

por Roberto Perez

Con el fin de que los niños de San Antonio participen activamente en las celebraciones del 300 Aniversario de la fundación de la ciudad. Do Seum (el museo de los niños tiene abierta la exhibición Dream Tomorrow Today" que ademas de facilitar una visita de recreo al museo. tiene el objetivo de estimular la imaginación y la inventiva de infantil para imaginar como puede ser el futuro empleando las diversos artículos que tenemos hoy.

En suma a revés de este "Tunel del Tiempo" al futuro los niños pueden manualidades con artículos del presente, ideando artículos del futuro.

La exhibicion ocupa una amplia área con varios cuartos en los que el personal artístico y técnico de Do Seum desarrollo un proyecto por demás llamativo el cual muestra diferentes a exposiciones artísticas y mecánicas creadas por productos sencillos de nuestro uso cotidiano como vasos de cartón utensilios domésticos que que invitan a que los niños imagine y sueñen creando aparatos para el futuro que mejoren la vida.

Este novedoso proyecto, del que está merecidamente orgulloso todo el personal del museo, es un "Tunel del Tiempo" y empieza por una puerta futurista que invita a los niños a adentrarse en un viaje al futuro; esta construida





con circuitos electrónico-digitales que de inicio muestran las características del lo que adentro del amplio recinto espera a los visitantes.

El Museo de Los Niños se encuentra en el 2800 Broadway 78209, con los siguientes horarios : los lunes, martes, jueves, viernes y sábados abre a las 9 de la mañana y cierra a las 6 de la tarde. Los miércoles abre a las 9 y cierra a las 8 de la noche y los domingos de 12 del medio día cerrando a las 5 de la tarde.



Y al igual que todos los proyectos de DoSeum, es estimulante el interés que despiertan en el animo de los jóvenes quienes durante las vacaciones de Verano se inscriben como voluntarios y departen, con el entusiasmo de la juventud, con los niños visitantes

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National average gas price comparison, 2015 to 2018 \$4.00 \$3.50 \$3.00 2018 \$2.00 \$1.50 2016 Jan. 'Feb.' Mar.' Apr.' May'Jun.' Jul. 'Aug.' Sep.' Oct.' Nov.' Dec.

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rados en la frontera.



Donaciones de juguetes y zapatos para los detenidos emigrantes separados de sus madres en la frontera con México. : foto: La Prensa Texas.

Con un argumento rebatible de legalidad, cerca de 2 mil niños de emigrantes en la frontera sur han sido separados de su madre y el momento, las autoridades no tienen una lista de los nombre de esos niños que pueda ser compaginada con el nombre de sus madres, para reunirlos si se diera el caso de una acción humanitaria para reintegrar las familias que han huido de sus países de origen a causa de la inestabilidad socio-política y el flagelo de las drogas.

El Congresista demócrata Joaquin Castro encabeza un movimiento nacional agrupando a las agencias humanitarias de todo el país para a fin crear conciencia humanitaria y luchar en favor de los derechos humanos en vista de que "las familias emigrantes -detenidas con sus pequeños hijos o adolecentesen la frontera con México, vienen huyendo de persecuciones políticas que sufren en sus paces".

Las manifestaciones se han llevado a cabo en diferentes ciudades del país y según varias fuentes hablan continuar para hacer presión ante las autoridades a fin de que se establezca una directorio de datos fidedignos para dar a conocer la identidad y localidad de cada niño detenido, para compaginarla con la identidad de sus padres, iniciativa que por su complejidad y burocracia, se avisora como una tarea complicada y de largo tramite.

En esta lucha en favor de las familias separadas, participan activamente instituciones civiles de servicio social y humanitario como Raíces, Fuerza Unida y Caridades Catolicas ante las acciones de las autoridades federales al impulso de la política de 0 Tolerancia enunciada por el Fiscal General Jeff Sessions.

Frente a la Plaza Guadalupe,- en la avenida del mismo nombre- hubo una numerosa participación de la comunidad en la manifestación en favor de las familias emigrantes que han sido separadas de sus hijos al ser detenidos por en la frontera con México. El consenso general fue que el separar a los niños de la madre, es un acto inhumano dijo Maria Lopez, una de las participantes, y que no es razonable comparar a una madre emigrante que arriesga todo buscando una mejor vida para sus hijos, como el caso donde la madre y el padre -o cualquiera de los dos- es detenido y encarcelado por delitos o abuso de los niños, y los niños son llevados a un refugio como una medida prudente y sin alternativa.



Por Jose I Franco

El equipo de fútbol profesional San Antonio FC propiedad de la empresa Spurs Sports & Entertainment, bajo la dirección del entrenador técnico Darren Powell, perdió lo invicto en su estadio Toyota Field donde tenían tres victorias consecutivas en la campaña USL 2018.

El club visitante Reno 1868 dirigido por Ian Russell, se

DEPORTES

SAFC fue blanqueado 2-0 por Reno 1868 FC

llevó la victoria con marcador de 2 goles por 0.

Los tantos fueron anotados por el mediocampista Jerry Van Ewijk en el minuto 27 y el delantero suplente Brian Brown con asistencia de su compañero Antoine Hoppenot (minuto 70).

Por SAFC el arguero titular Diego Restrepo, no tuvo apovo en la ofensiva, en la que fallaron en varias ocasiones en disparos a la cabaña.

Powell, entrenador lamentó la derrota, con la que se ubicaron en el décimo sitio de la Conferencia del Oeste con marca de 5 triunfos, 4 derrotas y 5 em20 puntos.

"Reno logró tomar la ventaja en la primera mitad, por lo que siguió adelante en su

pates. En 14 partidos SAFC ofensiva concretando en la jores marcadores", apuntó ha anotado 14 goles por 15 parte complementaria con la en contra con promedio de anotación del segundo gol. Tenemos que trabajar en nuestro plan ofensivo, para así superar los errores y seguir adelante buscando me-

Powell.

El partido fue oficiado por el árbitro central Farhad Dadkho, quien tuvo ayuda en las líneas con Francisco Bermúdez v Juliana Duncan.



Red Sox ganó el primero a Yaquis, Marineros triunfo en el clásico vs. Rieleros

En la serie final del playoff, Red Sox campeón de temporada Veteranos Potranco 2018, con jonrones conectados por Arnold Ponce y Sergio González, apoyaron serpentinero abridor al Gustavo Torres para darle la primera victoria contra Yaquis de La Sauceda que fue con pizarra de 13 a 5 car-

reras.

relevo de su hermano Ernes-

ball Field.

La derrota fue para Luis Al- En partido por el tercer lugar fonso Velázquez que tuvo los Cardenales derrotaron a Rieleros 4-3. "Cardenales leto. Richard Felán, se agenció vantó el vuelo, nuestro jugael salvamento por Red Sox. dores hicieron buen trabajo La serie a ganar 2 de 3 par- en el terreno de juego, por tidos continuara este sábado igual demás directivos. Gra-29 de junio en el horario de cias a nuestros seguidores las 12 p.m. Potranco Base- por respaldarnos durante la

temporada, en la que de cu- de Johnny López, Antonio arto lugar nos clasificamos al (Morris) Ramírez y el timoplayoff y logramos quitarle nel Rodrigo (Lolo) Rodríguez, lo invicto a Red Sox. Nos va- derrotaron en el clásico a los mos a reforzar en la siguien- Rieleros con pizarra de 7-2. te temporada para dar la Julio Aquino se anotó la vicsorpresa", dijo el coach y ju- toria, la derrota fue para el gador Saúl Navejar.

En la categoría Abierta dominical los Marineros

abridor Danny Rodríguez.





EVENTOS ESPECIALES

Por Franco

Flying Chanclas de San Antonio honra a sus seguidores

Directivos del circuito Ligas Menores de Estados Unidos, con el éxito deseado han venido festejando los eventos culturales y deportivos de "Copa de la Diversión"

honrando su base de aficionados que concurren a las 35 plazas donde decidieron que los clubes afiliados por diez partidos del rol regular cambiaran sus respectivos nombres por los del gusto de estadio Wolff para darle su su afición. respaldo a las Flying Chan-

Todo ello con el fin de incrementar la concurrencia de fanáticos del béisbol en las plazas de equipos.

El club Missions de San Antonio (Texas League Double-A), sucursal de San Diego Padres (Ligas Mayores), lo nombraron "Flying Chanclas de San Antonio". Honrando así a la comunidad hispanoamericana y las legendarias abuelitas o madres de familia que para mantener el orden en el hogar, cuando uno de los miembros de la familia se portaba mal, de inmediato le daban su "chanclazo".

David Gasaway, gerente general, dijo que este evento les fue concedido para celebrarlo durante diez fechas, en partidos de cada jueves (Wolff Stadium) denominados "Noche del Dólar", en los que aficionados pueden comprar por un \$1; hot dogs, bebidas gaseosas, cerveza y palomitas de maíz.

"Missions han tenido éxito con este evento honrando a nuestra afición. Con 150 años de tradición beisbolera Missions en 2019 estrenara sucursal de Triple A Liga del Pacífico, con buen béisbol y ambiente comunitario", dijo Gasaway.

La aficionada Sovia Lauriano (The Spurs Lady), tras recuperarse de operación quirúrgica decidió retornar al

estadio Wolff para darle su respaldo a las Flying Chanclas. "Con nostalgia y amor, recuerdo los chanclazos que de niña me dieron mi abuela y mi mamá. Missions revivió esa tradición y por ello seguiré dándoles mi apoyo", dijo Lauriano.





Let's talk about it...

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This weekly column will be a column dedicated to topics that are not the most comfortable to talk about but it is time we stop acting like they did not happen. We encourage our readers to give us your feedback. There is no wrong or right way to feel about these topics. We just want you to "talk about it .. "

It wasn't that long ago that firstgeneration American citizens were scolded for speaking Spanish at school and encouraged to abandon their native language My parents were convinced that teaching their children spanish would hold them back. They went through the time when you were punished in school for speaking Spanish, Many of our parents were belittled, spanked or could have their mouths washed out with soap if teachers caught them parents wanted to make sure we wouldn't get punished so we were never encouraged to speak spanish. Many people don't like to talk about this painful history but it happened.

The first bilingual program was started in Alamo Heights in 2010. Now, we have many bilingual programs throughout the city. We are very thankful for Alamo Heights spearheading this program but my question is why wasn't this something that was started in the Westside of San Antonio where we already had the advantage of a bilingual speaking community? Imagine instilling confidence in our people to be more than a labor worker because their native tongue was something of value and not a setback?

Learning Spanish makes you speaking their native language.Our more employable. Employers put a premium on employees who speak different languages. And Spanish has a premium. It's like simply writing "Speaks Spanish" on your resume makes you an asset.

> The most important relationship between language and culture that gets to the heart of what is lost when you lose a language. Bilingual Americans are a good thing: it is never bad to be multilingual. Latinos not only need to keep their Spanish but insist on using it. How much was robbed from us by this injustice? With immigration laws going into effect and one having to prove their citizenship status, could history be repeating itself? Will we start encouraging our children not to speak spanish publicly? Let's talk about it....

Just a Thought

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He agreed and I grabbed my camera. paused for silence along with the Suddenly others asked if they could take a photo with him. He obliged and I handed my camera to the guy across the aisle from me to take our picture as well. When he snapped the photo, two others had jumped behind us and got into the photo!

During the trip I took over300 photos. You can check them out on my website: http://www.walkerreport.net.

Meanwhile Sunday June 24, 600+ gathered at San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio for another prayer vigil. People brought signs and banners reflecting their support for the children incarcerated at detention centers in Texas and elsewhere. A church lady who served as the main coordinator read from a script,

crowd and began the process a few more times.

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A priest then prayed with the gathering and then called up little children to stand by him and praver with him. Former Councilwoman Maria Berriozabal also addressed crowd. The media covered the vigil and interviewed some of the crowd for comments. San Antonio can be proud standing up for the children who were wrongly put in detention centers and separated from their parents.

And as always, what I write is "Just a Thought."

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These veterans from Texas were deported. They say they deserve a second chance. By Julián

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June 1, 2018 CIUDAD

JUÁREZ, Mexico — On Memorial Day on the Texas-Mexico border, Michael Evans, who served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, was one of several veterans who helped set up a public display to honor fallen soldiers who have served in America's military.

Later that same day, Lorenzo Nuñez, a Mexican national, stood at attention and paid tribute to those men and women in a minute-long salute to the flags of the U.S. and the various branches of the armed forces.

Those actions sound similar to several that played out across the country earlier this week, but for one exception: Evans and Nuñez are the same person. And the 40-yearold man was marking the holiday in Mexico after being deported in 2009, despite his military service.

"My birth name is Lorenzo Nuñez Fernandez. It sounds like a mariachi name," Evans said with a chuckle from Ciudad Juárez's Chamizal Park, less than a city block from the international port of entry at El Paso. His name changed after he was adopted by an American family in 1984, and he was discharged in 2000 before

the second Gulf War.

He is one of several former servicemen in the middle of a unique immigration debate over whether deported veterans should get a second chance at legal status in the U.S. even though they might have committed a crime that led to

their deportation. Democratic U.S. Reps. Vicente Gonzalez of McAllen and Beto O'Rourke of El Paso have authored legislation to allow deported veterans who were honorably discharged to be naturalized overseas. It would exclude veterans convicted of crimes including voluntary manslaughter, murder, rape, sexual abuse of a minor,

The measure would also have the U.S. attorney general cancel or rescind a removal order for an eligible veteran and change their status to legal permanent resident.

zalez's office.

Gonzalez, who discussed the matter with President Donald Trump last year, said he was optimistic after the president expressed support for easing up on the veterans, the Chicago Tribune reported.

But the legislation has stalled, and Gonzalez recently took to the House floor to rebuke Republicans for not allowing his bill to be an amendment to a larger military bill, although he's vowed to keep the issue at the forefront and fight for a vote on his bill in Congress.

"These stories are flooding in from all corners of the globe. We

are deporting honorably discharged veterans after promising them citizenship," he said. "This is a disgrace."

Born in Chihuahua, Evans graduated from an El Paso-area high school before joining the Marines.

He was deported after serving time in federal prison on a felony drug conspiracy charge. He said he was two weeks from taking his U.S. citizenship oath when a 2-year-old case came back to haunt him. He was adopted two years before amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act made it easier to become U.S. citizens after adoption. Because Evans was nevchild abuse and terrorer naturalized, he said ism, according to Gonhe was treated like any other Mexican criminal and ordered to leave the country in 2009.

> "Basically, it was like 'You're Mexican, you committed a crime and you got to go back," he said. "Back then is when Juárez was at its worst - more murders, more murders and murders" he added, referring to the cartel war that raged in the border city and claimed more than

But Evans said he's a little more optimistic that something could get traction now as the issue gains more attention.

10,000 lives.

"There was no hope for years, zero hope," he said. "But now there is some light at the end of the tunnel. We're kicking up a lot of dust, and there are a lot of people talking. So you never know."

Michael Evans, who served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, laughs with fellow vets on May 28, 2018, in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Ivan Pierre Aguirre for serve what they got for The Texas Tribune

For older veterans of the U.S. military who were deported, there is less hope for themselves but optimism about the vounger ex-soldiers.

Francisco Lopez, 73, is the director of the Deported Veterans Support House in Ciudad Juárez, known as the "Juárez Bunker." He told the Tribune he was drafted in 1967 and went to Vietnam, where he served a year overseas. He was arrested in Wichita Falls after buying cocaine he said was for both personal use and for selling. He was deported in 2003 and has turned his house into a shelter of sorts.

"My hopes of being able to return are pretty much dead," he said in Spanish. "Only the president can help us. But what we want is to raise attention that we need medical care. Because that's a right all of the veterans have. And we don't have it."

What's helped the cause, Lopez said, is the attention the movement has gained over the last year. On Memorial Day 2017 the group was photographed by Herika Martinez and the photo was later published by the AFP, The Washington Post reported.

The photograph eventually went viral, and a feature story by the local CBS-FOX affiliate in February prompted more attention.

"It's a divisive issue, but the way I see it, we made a mistake. But we're still veterans, we served the country," he said.

Navy veteran Juan

Valadez, 35, knows that

everyone isn't sympa-

thetic. He reads online

comments arguing that

deported veterans de-

breaking the law.

After attending Socorro High School in east El Paso County, Valadez enlisted and was deployed to the Gulf of Aden and then to the Persian Gulf.

After that, he said, he served two years in federal prison after being convicted of a conspiracy drug charge. But he said he served his time and deserves another shot.

"I understand we're immigrants, but we did something that most immigrants and U.S. citizens won't do. We signed up for the military voluntarily. I deployed twice."

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