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“Education is our Freedom and Freedom should be Everybody’s Business”

THE AMERICAN GI FORUM OF COLORADO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN GI FORUM, MILE HI CHAPTER, ANNOUNCES ITS 60TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE VQ HOTEL DENVER, COLORADO, ON THE 21ST , 22ND AND 23RD OF JUNE, 2012.

Colorado may play a pivotal role in both the State and National Elections. Hispanic/Latino voters of Colorado may constitute a significant, if not a determinative, factor in the 2012 elections.

The American GI Forum of the United States is the only Congressionally Chartered Hispanic Veterans organization devoted to protecting the rights and benefits of all Veterans, their families and the communities in which they reside.

In addition, the American GI Forum of the United States is committed to upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States, including, civil rights and equality of Justice.

The Mile Hi Chapter is one of many chapters located throughout the United States. Each chapter within a state constitutes the state organization which in turn constitutes the National organization.

Each state has, prior to our annual National Conference, a State Conference which brings together all state chapters to make recommendations regarding policies and concerns related to that particular state. In addition, new officers are elected on a state-wide basis.

At each conference, topics of concern are discussed during the three-day conference.

This year's Planning Committee will feature a public panel on voter education. The title of the panel will be "Decision 2012 - The Impact of the Hispanic/Latino Vote on State and National Elections".

Members of the Democratic Party and the Republican Party will participate on the panel which will be conducted on June 23 at 1:30 p.m. A member of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association will act as the Moderator for the panel.

The discussion will include suggested issues such as: Immigration Reform; Voter ID; English as the Official Language; Dream Act or the like in Colorado; Military Service as a path to Citizenship and other topics as suggested.

In addition, there will be seminars on Veterans' rights and benefits. AARP will make a presentation for Seniors (Social Security/Medicare Solvency).

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