DID YOU KNOW?
The sugar skull represents the celebration of someone's life

Every year from September 15 to October 15 the Department of Defense joins the Nation in celebrating and honoring the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

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Do you know why Hispanic Heritage Month
Celebrated from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15?

We begin celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month on September 15, which is the anniversary of independence for five countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. It extends into October because October 12 is known as “El Dia de la Raza,” or “The Day of the Race.” It is a day celebrating the many nationalities present in the history of Mexico, Central America and South America.

Did you know?
The term Hispanic refers to people of any race who trace their ethnic roots to a country where Spanish is the main language, including Spain.

Latino refers to people of any race who trace their roots back to countries from the Caribbean, Mexico, and throughout Central and South America.

Did you know?
The Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2019 was 60.6 million people? That means people of Hispanic origin the nation’s largest ethnic or racial minority. Hispanics constituted 18.5% of the nation’s total population.
Seaman Apprentice William R. Flores with his parents’ permission, left high school early in order to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard.

On January 28, 1980, Flores died in the line of duty while saving his shipmates after his ship, the USCGC Blackthorn, and the tanker, SS Capricorn, collided.

The Blackthorn lost 23 of its 50 crew members in the Coast Guard's worst peacetime disaster.

In 2011, the Coast Guard named its third Sentinel class cutter USCGC William Flores. All vessels in this class are named after heroic members of the Coast Guard.

“I joined the U.S. Army immediately upon graduation from high school because I felt I was not ready to attend college and give it my all,” says Brigadier General Isabel Rivera Smith. “Now 35 years later, it was the best decision I’ve ever made.”

In 1985, she enlisted into the active Army as a Motor Transport Operator.

In February 2021, this former enlisted truck driver, became the New York National Guard's newest general officer!
Twelve states had a population of 1 million or more Hispanic residents in 2019 — Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas. Can you locate and label the 12 states?