



**Sons of the American Legion
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LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN AWARDED FIRST NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Past National Commander Dew - George B. Evans Awarded at Conference

Austin, Texas – Legislative Chairman, Betancourt was awarded this past weekend the George B. Evans - Grassroots Advocate of the year award for his legislative achievements on behalf of veteran's throughout the entire state of Texas in Austin at the 2011 Fall Conference of the Sons of the American Legion.

The award named after former chairman of the National Legislative Commission was made to recognize a member of the Sons of the American Legion that actively pursues media outlets, legislators both in his home state and in Washington DC as well as creating a program for the Sons of the American Legion to protect and preserve our veterans and all of their benefits they deserve for their service. The Award has only been awarded twice, first to George B. Evans after his passing in 2010 and now to Santiago J. Betancourt the State Legislative Chairman.

Santiago J. Betancourt - is the State Legislative Chairman for the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Texas in his first term and is the Commander of Travis Squadron 76 in Austin, Texas. He attends Texas State University in San Marcos – studying Political Science. He is from Austin, Texas.

“I am honored to receive this prestigious award today, but it was not myself that only worked hard but our entire detachment that worked together to get things done.”

The Sons of the American Legion is a program of the American Legion that is tasked with protecting and serving veterans in the United States. Founded in 1932, it has maintained its purpose to this day.

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