



National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations
ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR

March 20, 2015

Dr. Domingo Alvear, MD
Pinnacle Health Hospitals
60 Pleasant Grove Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Dear Dr. Alvear, MD:

Congratulations! I am delighted to inform you that you have been recommended by NECO's Advisory Committee and selected by our Board of Directors as a recipient of the **2015 Ellis Island Medal of Honor**. The Medal will be presented to you on **Saturday, May 9th** on Ellis Island during a ceremony that will include other distinguished Americans, as well as Joint Service Color Guard, the West Point Band, performers and dancers in native costume among other entertainment.

The weekend will begin **Friday evening, May 8th**, where you will have an opportunity to meet your fellow Medalists at an elegant *Cocktail Reception* at The Ritz-Carlton Battery Park, followed by a private dinner that I personally host for all honorees. After-dinner entertainment will include a special performance from an outstanding group of Broadway performers that I know you will enjoy.

On the afternoon of **Saturday, May 9th**, the day of the ceremony, we ask our Medalists to check-in at The Ritz-Carlton Battery Park once again, where your formal portrait will be taken. Guests may go directly to the Battery Park ferry landing, adjacent to The Ritz-Carlton and prepare for boarding. When the ferry arrives on Ellis Island, Medalists are escorted up the red carpet lined with uniformed servicemen and women, while guests are shown their seats in the tent built specifically for the event. After the ceremony, an elegant sit-down dinner is held in the beautifully restored Great Hall. After dinner, as we sail back to the Battery, a spectacular fireworks display, presented by the world-famous Grucci Family, caps off an unforgettable weekend.

Enclosed you will find a *Schedule of Events and Hotel Information* along with an official 2015 invitation with information regarding table sales, tickets and Commemorative Journal ads. Funds raised from our Gala Dinner and tribute pages taken in our Commemorative Journal support NECO's mission which is to celebrate patriotism, tolerance, brotherhood diversity, and as always, to the maintenance and restoration of America's greatest symbol of its immigrant history, Ellis Island.

We look forward to celebrating with you on May 8th and 9th as your achievements truly inspire and touch the lives of people worldwide. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call Kate Monte at 212.755.1492. I look forward to speaking with you soon, and to meeting you and your family in person at this historic event.

Sincerely,

Nasser J. Kazeminy
Chairman

Please note: NECO will handle all press and media inquiries related to the ceremony and request that Medalists consult with NECO before contacting the media on their own behalf. NECO reserves the right to rescind the Medal prior to the ceremony if events merit such extraordinary action to be taken.