



HOGAR de Dallas
Quarterly General Meeting
Saturday, September 14, 2024
2 to 4 pm

Latino Cultural Center
2600 Live Oak
Dallas, Texas 75204

Join us!

GUEST SPEAKER
John Raymond Lara

*Former Personal Chef to
George and Laura Bush*



“Never Say Never”

Born and raised in Austin Texas, John Raymond Lara has always loved the culinary arts, a talent he inherited from his family. At the age of fifteen he started working at a Mexican Restaurant where he crafted his talent in Mexican cooking learning the basics of meal preparation, customer service and the business aspect of operating a restaurant. After graduating high school he joined the US Navy, retiring with 24 years of Honorable Service, as Senior Chief Culinary Specialist.

His 24 years of service opened opportunities for serving in numerous platforms such as serving onboard ships USS Missouri BB63, USS Midway CV41, and the USS Independence CV62 to name a few. He was accepted to the prestigious Navy Mess Presidential Food Service from Jan 2001-May 2005, serving as Kitchen Executive (Expeditor), Presidential Travel Lead and as a lead under the Presidential Contingency Program after the 911 attacks on the United States. After leaving the White House in 2005, John served as the Leading Culinary Specialist for COMINWARCOM, overseeing the food service operations of 24 MCM/MHC Mine Ships.

After retiring from the US Navy, he was selected to serve as Personal Chef and Estate Manager to President George W. Bush and Laura Bush in their homes in Dallas and Crawford, Texas from 2009 – 2010. After a short tour working in the private sector John decided to pursue a career in the K12 sector in public education. He is currently employed at Frisco ISD, as the Child Nutrition Operations Program Coordinator, overseeing the operation of 75 kitchens, serving over 65k students daily.

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