



## JOSÉ MÁRGARO GONZÁLEZ

Márgaro's family, friends and fellow Democrats were delighted that he was selected to be inducted into the El Paso Democratic Hall of Fame. Margaro is known for his caring nature which has motivated him even as a Second Ward youth to dedicate time and effort to notable charities and causes in pursuit of serving others. He has always exemplified the principles of the Democratic Party and has championed civil rights and services for the less fortunate individuals of our society. He has generously participated as a volunteer in numerous fundraising events for the Party and in many local campaigns. He is a fixture at several crucial voting sites in El Paso and his enthusiasm and high energy make campaigning with him fun.

Margaro attended Aoy Elementary School and Bowie High School. He later transferred to El Paso Technical High School where he graduated in 1968. Following his graduation he was hired as a Vista Volunteer in the Segundo Barrio where he participated in voter drives and other much needed initiatives to empower the less fortunate. He enrolled at UTEP but was forced to postpone his education because he was drafted and served in the US Army during the Vietnam era. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam where he became a Purple Heart recipient and was also awarded the Bronze Star with V for Valor. He was promoted to Sergeant E5 in just one and a half years.

Following his honorable discharge from the service he resumed his college education at the University of Texas at El Paso where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work. It is to be noted that he maintained a full time job while in college and became the first of his family to graduate from college. He became a well-respected drug and alcohol counselor for over 38 years who served in the trenches making significant changes in the lives of his clients. He touched numerous lives who may otherwise have been lost.