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AAFES Recognized as Top 50 Organization for Diversity by *LATINA Style* Magazine

DALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s (AAFES’) focus on diversity is being recognized again as *LATINA Style* magazine has named the command as one of its *LATINA Style* 50 for 2009. The annual evaluation, which analyzes more than 800 corporations, identifies organizations that provide the best career opportunities for Hispanic females in the United States.

“It is a great honor for AAFES to be recognized on a national level for the work we do daily,” said AAFES Western Region Senior Vice President Karen Stack, AAFES’ highest ranking Hispanic woman. “This award further validates the importance AAFES places on diversity in the workplace.”

Companies assessed for the *Latina Style* award were evaluated on issues that readers identified as most important to them in the workplace. Among the principal areas of evaluation were number of Latina executives, mentoring programs, educational opportunities, employee benefits, women’s issues, affinity groups and Hispanic relations.

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The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is a joint command and is directed by a Board of Directors which is responsible to the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force through the Service Chiefs of Staff. AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. To find out more about AAFES' history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp>.

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