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Eastern National Publishes *American Latinos and the Making of the United States*

FORT WASHINGTON, PA, September 18, 2012: The compelling story of American Latino heritage in the United States from the early 19th century to today is the focus of Eastern National's new publication, *American Latinos and the Making of the United States*.

Authored by Yale University Professor Stephen Pitti, PhD, the book provides an overview of the Latino journey as personified in the experiences of five historical figures: the exiled Cuban priest Félix Varela, the Mexican American author María Amparo Ruíz de Burton, the Puerto Rican historian and collector Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, the Guatemalan civil rights organizer Luisa Moreno, and the Mexican American politician Edward Roybal. As these figures confronted issues of Manifest Destiny, the effects of war, racial discrimination, and the struggles for human dignity and civic participation, they demonstrated the invaluable contributions Latino heritage has made on American culture, politics, and economics.

"We are pleased to offer this publication which showcases the impact of Latinos on American history," said Eastern National CEO George Minnucci. "With 22 sites in the national park system which interpret Latino themes, from the arts and civil rights to science and medicine, the Latino legacy has many stories to tell in America's national parks."

American Latinos and the Making of the United States is available now for \$5.95 on www.eParks.com. For more information about the book and other Eastern National publications and products, please visit www.eParks.com or call 1-877-NAT-PARK (1-877-628-7275).

Eastern National is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) cooperating association, whose mission is to promote the public's understanding and appreciation of America's national parks and other public trusts. Operating educational and interpretive bookstores in over 150 national parks, Eastern National donates its profits from these operations to aid the interpretive, scientific and historical mission of the National Park Service and its other public trust partners. Since its founding in 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$105 million to the National Park Service. For more information about Eastern National its products and services, please visit www.EasternNational.org.

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