

Lieutenant Hector M. Tirado



Hector M. Tirado, born in 1947 in a small town in Puerto Rico. He is the seventh child in a family of eight children. Hector came from dire poverty to reach the “American dream” through sheer hard work. He found the meaning of life in giving and serving others who were not as fortunate.

At the age of 13, Hector was brought to Bronx, New York along with his three brothers and his father, by his two older sisters who came to America, resided in the Bronx and worked in a sewing factory. The two sisters Ana and Juanita wanted the whole family to be together in New York in order that they could seek a better life for themselves.

Hector did not disappoint his sisters as he learned English quickly and graduated from Dewitt Clinton High School in the honors program. Then he went to New York University and pursued a degree in Accounting and Business. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam and reached the rank of Lieutenant. Upon finishing his military tour of duty, he opened his own Accounting and Business Office which employs 15 people.

For the last 33 years Hector has been a member of the New York Borinquen Lions Club that is part of Lions Club International, a network of volunteers who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities in Puerto Rico and around the world. He has served in all leadership positions including “President” four times. He is a participant of the Lions Club International Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program. He also donates to many charitable institutions including the Children’s Hospitals.

Hector expects to live to be 100 years old because he feels it takes that long to start paying back for the many blessings he has received.