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Chamizal National Memorial to Host Celebration of Community Artists and Volunteers

Chamizal National Memorial Superintendent F. Gus Sanchez announces that the park will host a celebration of community and accomplishment in the Memorial's Spanish Garden on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Among those to be honored are local, world-renowned artists Carlos and Marcos Flores for completion of the year-long restoration of the *Nuestra Herencia (Our Heritage)* mural, wildlife artist and sculptor Julio Sanchez de Alba for his ongoing long-term loan of *Thunder Bull II*, the bison sculpture that has been majestically gracing the National Memorial's Esplanade since last fall, and many of our volunteers who have so generously shared their time and talents with us over the past two years.

We invite you to come see the recently completed restoration of the vibrant, complex mural that pays homage to our shared heritage and cultures of El Paso and the borderlands, *Nuestra Herencia (Our Heritage)*. Come explore some of the changes featured in the mural that capture additional historic events that have taken place here since the original mural was painted in 1992 as well as other changes to the Memorial grounds.

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“In April each year we celebrate many things in America’s National Parks, including National Parks Month, National Junior Ranger Day(Saturday, April 25th from 1-4 p.m.), Earth Day, and Volunteerism. This year at Chamizal National Memorial, we are excited to celebrate all of those things and more. These magnificent works of art are just a few examples of some of the Legacy projects occurring at Chamizal National Memorial as part of the Memorial’s ongoing 50th Anniversary commemoration and leading up to the National Park Service Centennial in 2016,” says Superintendent Sanchez.

We invite you to come meet and mingle with these talented artists and some of our community volunteers while you enjoy a spring evening in our Spanish Garden. Catering of light refreshments will be provided by Chile Chipotle.

Chamizal National Memorial is one of 407 units protected in the National Park System. For questions or more information, please contact the Memorial at (915) 532-7273.

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