

# GREEN CARD SOLDIER

*An Historic Adventure Novel*

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## Artistic Comparisons

***Ghetto*** – a war novel by Veselin Gatalo (2006)

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A post-apocalyptic adventure novel about life in the ghetto he calls Bosnia-Herzegovina. The protagonist is sentenced to a life in jail for the “strong muscles and weak nerves” he supposedly earned as a war criminal. The tragedy takes place in an open prison surrounded by massive walls.

***God and the Green Card Soldier*** – a feature article written by Mike Leno and published in July/August 2003 edition of *Liberty – A Magazine of Religious Freedom*

The author chronicles stories of immigrants who joined the U.S. Army to expedite the naturalization process and show their appreciation for the opportunities afforded them in America.

***The Short Life of José Antonio Gutierrez*** – a film directed by Heidi Specogna (2006)

The award-winning documentary tells the moving and nearly unbelievable story of a one-time street kid from Guatemala who headed north along the Pan-American Highway — full of hopes and desires for a better future — ultimately to die an American hero far from home.

José Antonio Gutierrez was one of more than 300,000 soldiers sent by the Army to fight in Iraq. He was one of the first Americans killed in the war. Gutierrez was there as a so-called Green Card Soldier – a foreign national serving as a U.S. Marine.

***Recruiting the undocumented for the military is proposed*** – a feature story by Tampa Bay Times staff writer Jose Cardenas, published April 27, 2008.

The correspondent writes about Green Card Soldiers who received widespread publicity during the Iraq war because some of the first casualties were Latin-American immigrants.

***Latinos in the Military, 1946-Present*** – an online study guide available for purchase at the BookRags website (<http://www.bookrags.com/research/latinos-in-the-military-1946present-aaw-04/>).

The article focuses on Latino soldiers who’ve played key roles in American post-World War II conflicts. The guide highlights numerous Medal of Honor recipients and foreign nationals who’ve served in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces as Green Card Soldiers.