

## Chief Executive Officer Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas

### Angela Salinas

Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret)

*“What a great adventure...to develop young women who are tomorrow’s leaders and the foundation of our nation.”*

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas (GSSWT) named Major General Angela Salinas, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret) as chief executive officer on July 1, 2015.

Salinas served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 39 years. She was the first Latina selected and promoted to the general officer ranks, and at retirement in September 2013, she was the senior ranking Hispanic woman in the Corps.

A Girl Scout alumna, Salinas is a role model to girls and women seeking to break through the glass ceiling. She was the first woman to command the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, the first woman assigned as an Assistant Chief of Staff for plans and policy of a major combatant organization and the first woman assigned as a ground major’s combat service support monitor. Her personal decorations include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal; the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit with gold star; the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars; the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; the Army Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars.

Salinas’ accolades extend past her military experience. In January 2017, she was awarded the first “Medal” from Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship on behalf of Syracuse University. She is a 2016 San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame inductee, a 2016 Hispanic Women in Leadership Hall of Fame, 2016 TAMACC Woman of Distinction, and a 2016 Hope Hispanic Heritage Recipient. She was named as an inaugural Top Latino Leader by the National Diversity Council and was awarded the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute’s Lifetime Achievement Award; the Hispanic Heritage of Texas Estrellas de Texas; Lifetime Achievement awards from Latina Style Magazine and North Star; the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Leadership Award; Women’s International Center’s Living Legacy Award; as well as being named one of 15 Phenomenal Women by Latina Magazine and one of six Power Latinas in 2015 by Vivala.com.

Salinas serves on the board of directors for the Young Marines, The First Tee of Greater San Antonio and Prospera Housing Community Services. A native of Alice, Texas, she holds a Master of Arts from the Naval War College and a bachelor’s degree from the Dominican College of San Rafael, California. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Dominican University in 2015 and named a Distinguished Alumni in 2016.

