

Remember and Celebrate the Heroism
of our Filipino Veterans of World War II

Honoring Our Heroes

on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 11:00am-3pm
at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center
in Balboa Park - San Diego, California

Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal is scheduled in
October, 2017 in Washington DC. We request for your help, if you or
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NEVER SURRENDER

with Special Guest: Dr. Raqui Ramsey

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PROGRAM

Rommel Alberto, Master of Ceremonies

Registration & Refreshments

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| Invocation | Salvador Idos |
| Pledge of Allegiance | Juanito Amor, Jr. |
| Singing of National Anthems | Fresas Flores Balistreri |
| Welcome & Introduction of Guests | Myrna TF Reyes Chair, NaFFAA Region 10 |
| Introduction of the Guest of Honor | Audie de Castro, Esq. Philippine Honorary Consul |
| Speech by the Guest of Honor | BG Oscar Hilman - US Army, Ret. |
| Honoring Our Local Heroes | Ditas delos Santos Yamane & Rom Sarno |
| Musical Tribute | Council For Teaching Filipino Language and Culture (CTFLC) |

Lunch Break

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| Introduction | "Never Surrender - The Ed Ramsey Story" Dr. Aurora Cudal-Rivera |
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Film Showing

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| Q & A Forum | Rom Sarno, Moderator |
| Special Song | Robert Guerrero |
| Closing Remarks | Dr. Aurora Cudal-Rivera |

Honored Guest Brigadier General (Retired) Oscar Bautista Hilman



**Brigadier General (Retired)
Oscar Bautista Hilman**

was born in the Republic of Philippines. He graduated from Central Washington University, and he received

his Masters of Science Degree in Strategic Science from the United States Army War College. He received his commission through the Officer Candidate School in 1977. His military education includes Armor Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff Course, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

He served as Commanding General of the 81st Brigade Combat Team in support of Iraqi Freedom II operating in seven forward operating bases including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Fort Lewis, WA. He retired as Deputy Commanding General, I Corps and Fort Lewis.

His awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Combat Action Badge.

Brigadier General Hilman resides in Tacoma, Washington with his wife Patty. They have four children and nine grandchildren.###

Dr. Raquel R. Ramsey is the widow of Col. Edwin P. Ramsey, 26th Cavalry PS who led the Last Cavalry Charge in U.S. Army history and Commander of the East Central Luzon Guerrilla Forces as he fought 4 years behind enemy lines. Col. Ramsey passed away last March 7, 2013 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on June 28, 2013 with full military honors.

Dr. Ramsey retired on June 15, 2013

after 50 years in the Education profession from Beverly Hills Unified School District where she was a teacher of English and Coordinator of the English Language Program for 23 years. She also taught English at the Yeshiva University High Schools of Los Angeles, and International School in Manila. She had also been an instructor in several subjects at the University of Santo Tomas, where she obtained her degrees.

Raqui, as most people know her, has been actively engaged in several military organizations with Col. Ramsey like the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society, the U.S. Cavalry Association and on June 6, 2015 became an honorary cadet at the Oklahoma Military Academy



where her husband graduated. This year she will receive on behalf of her husband, The LTG William Potts Award of Excellence. He is at present honored with the Ed Ramsey Scholarship Endowment bringing back the cadet program (National Guard) in his memory.

Dr. Ramsey was Executive Producer of her husband's documentary, "NEVER SURRENDER: THE ED RAMSEY STORY" by Vanilla Fire

Production which premiered last Nov. 13, 2016. It is now entered in several Film Festivals and is shown in many Universities and Museums all over the U.S.

Raquel will continue to carry her husband's legacy and has fully committed herself to promoting the role that Filipinos and Americans played during World War II. As an educator, she was part of the Bataan Legacy Foundation which recommended changes to the CA Social Science Curriculum which passed and are now in the process of being implemented. This will bring awareness to future generations of students about the sacrifices that these men like Col. Ramsey, endured for the cause of freedom. ###



THE FILIPINO VETERANS RECOGNITION AND EDUCATION PROJECT

The Filipino World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal

On July 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a military order directing all organized military forces be placed under the U.S. Army Forces in the Philippines commanded by General Douglas MacArthur. Over 260,000 soldiers fought alongside American soldiers under the U.S. Army Forces of the Far East (USAFPE). Some 60,000 of these soldiers died in combat, and thousands more were wounded for life or are still missing in action.

After the war, the Rescission Acts passed into law in February 18, 1946 repealed their veterans' benefits, and revoked their U.S. nationality status. The law severely devastated their morale and sense of allegiance to a country they served to protect and willingly died for. But they never wavered on their oath to serve. The interminable cost of their mission – the infamous Bataan Death March and guerrilla war, and brutal ordeal to defend the United States and Philippines were unprecedented.

On December 14, 2016, in one of his last official acts in office, President Obama signed into law the Filipino Veterans of World War II Act (Public Law 114-265). This seminal, historic event in American history was the culmination of 75 years of their perseverance, and support from the members of Congress to recognize the Filipino Veterans for their courageous and selfless service in defending the United States and the Philippines from July 26, 1941 to December 31, 1946.

The Congressional Gold Medal is one of the nation's highest distinguished awards bestowed to individuals, institutions, or groups that have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture.

To celebrate and remember their story, a National Presentation will be held during the week of Oct. 23, 2017 in Washington, D.C. House Speaker Paul Ryan will formally recognize the Filipino Veterans of World War II with the Congressional Gold Medal. Attending this historic event are living veterans and their next of kin, members of Congress, community advocates and supporters, and Philippine Government dignitaries.

The Presentation will be followed with a formal celebration to demonstrate our nation's deepest appreciation and debt of gratitude for their incredible sacrifice. At this event, bronze replicas will be presented to living veterans and their next of kin.

The second phase is the development of a digital, interactive, web based, and accessible education program to perpetuate the legacy of the Filipino Veterans of WWII. This will be a joint project to include academic experts, community advocates, corporate sponsors, and individual donors. The overarching intent is to demonstrate the historical significance of Filipino Veterans of WWII Congressional Gold Medal, and the Veterans' wartime service.

Leading this initiative is the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetREP), a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-partisan, community-based education, and public charity organization. Its mission is to raise national awareness through academic research and public education on the wartime service and recognition of Filipino and Filipino American World War II soldiers who served from July 26, 1941 to December 31, 1946, and to celebrate and memorialize their outstanding accomplishments.

For more information, go to www.filvetrep.org, or email filvetrep@gmail.org.

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Audie J. de Castro was sworn in as the Philippine Honorary Consul at Malacanang Palace in July 2014.

Audie de Castro was re-appointed by the Department of Foreign Affairs to a second 3-year term as the Honorary Consul of the Philippines in San

Diego County, effective August 1, 2017, where over 305,000 Filipino American reside.

He is also a corporate lawyer and founded De Castro, PC, a full-service law firm. Mr. De Castro received his law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. He graduated cum laude while working and serving on the U.S.F. Law Review. Prior to practicing law, he was a Certified Public Accountant.

For many years, Mr. de Castro has served in various leadership roles within the San Diego community. He has also received numerous political appointments from the San Diego Mayor and City Council. He is married and has two young boys. ###

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Filipino WWII Congressional Gold Medal Application

NAME: (First) _____ (Last) _____ (Middle Initial) _____

Surviving: (YES) (NO)

Veteran's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: () _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Military Service Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Unit Specific Name: _____

Retired: (YES) (NO)

Received Filipino Veterans _____ Currently receiving

Equity Compensation: (YES) (NO) (Appeal) VA Benefits: (YES) (NO)

POW: (YES) (NO)

Date of Service: _____ to _____

Location of Service: _____

Physical Status: _____ (i.e. Walker, Wheel Chair, Cane)

Veteran Attending Event: (YES) (NO)

NEXT of KIN Information:

NAME: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle Initial) _____

Relationship to Veteran: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: () _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Next of Kin Attending Event: (YES) (NO)

COMMENT: _____

I certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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Dear Colleague:

The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) cordially invites you to our upcoming 20th Anniversary Gala at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 5:00-10:00PM.

Since 1997, the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) has been the standard bearer for promoting the welfare and well-being of the four million Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. As a non-partisan and non-profit organization, NaFFAA is the largest national affiliation of Filipino American institutions, umbrella organizations, and individuals. Its thirteen-member regions cover the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands.

Held during Filipino American History Month, NaFFAA's 20th Anniversary Gala is expected to draw more than 750 attendees and media representatives from across the country and will feature prominent speakers, performers, and dignitaries. During the Gala, NaFFAA will recognize and award key Filipino American leaders, organizations, and partners. NaFFAA will also showcase the collaboration between all generations: from students and young professionals, business leaders and elected officials, to community leaders and allies.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 29, 2017. Individual tickets are \$150 each, and a community table for 10 can be purchased at a discounted rate of \$1250. For more information about hotel accommodations and ticket sales, please visit www.naffaa.org or email 20thanniversary@naffaa.org.

We thank you for your support, and hope to see you at our 20th Anniversary Gala in the nation's capital!

Sincerely,

Brendan Flores
NaFFAA National Chairman

Jason Tengco
NaFFAA Executive Director
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