FILIPINOS & THE MILITARY



"Once stewards. Now Congressional Gold Medalists." Filipinos enlisted in the US Navy as stewards and cooks to help their families. Filipinos overcame discrimination, sacrificed, and fought during WW II. Upon retirement, veterans worked in civil service jobs, established businesses, and became leaders in our South Bay Community.





Medals and Uniform Courtesy of Felix Tuyay

Designed by Herb Delute, Sal Flor, and Felix Tuyay

Filipinos in the US Navy

The Philippines was a territory of the United States after the Spanish American War. Filipinos were classified as United States nationals, but not United States citizens.

Filipinos arrived in San Diego at the beginning of the 20th century via the U.S. Navy. Although it was under the guise of colonial relationship, serving in the navy provided a way for Filipinos to see the world and earn a living. Filipino sailors were aboard the USS Pennsylvania when this photograph was taken on September 8, 1927.



Courtesy of Darlene Tamayo Santos. Filipinos in San Diego



In 1945 Sangley Point was officially designated the base maintenance organization for the US Navy. Filipinos were recruited to enlist in the navy, but they were only able to serve as stewards or cooks.

Felix Tuyay served in the US Navy from 1929 to 1946 and worked as a steward. After the retirement from the Navy, many worked in defense industries, the civil service, and the postal service. They were also allowed to bring their wives from the Philippines after World War II.

Courtesy of Josefina Serquina. *Filipinos in San Diego.*

In WWII Filipinos and Americans Fight Side by Side

In the United States Filipinos enlisted in the US Army to form the First Filipino Infantry Regiment, Second Filipino Infantry Battalion, and 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

Alfredo Lim served in the 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiment. Photograph was taken in 1942 at Camp Cook, California.



Courtesy of Lillian Lim. Filipinos in San Diego



Shoulder Patch U.S. Army 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment



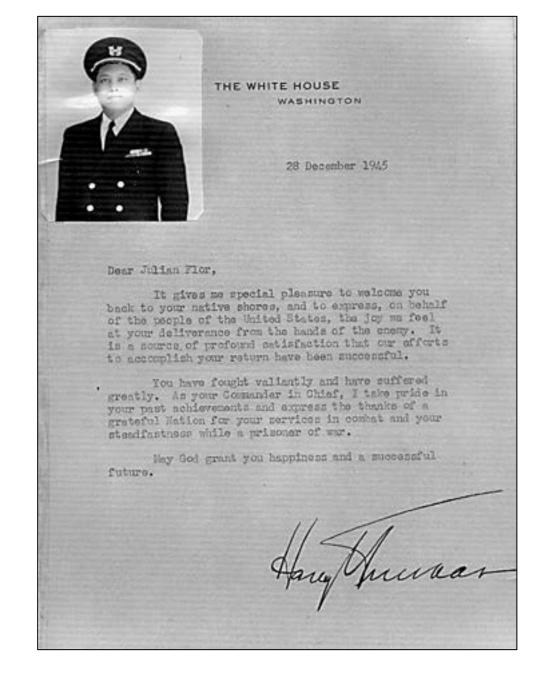
Commemorative Pin U.S. Army 1st & 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiment

Patch & Pin, Courtesy of Felix Tuyay



Booklet U.S. Army 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment

Booklet, Courtesy of Judy Patacsil



During WW II more than 260,000 Filipino soldiers served side-by-side with American soldiers while in the Philippine Commonwealth Army, Philippine Scouts, and Recognized Guerrillas.

CGM Recipient Julian Flor was a member of the recognized guerilla group in the Philippines before joining the U.S. Navy.

Pres. Harry Truman's letter thanked Flor for his service and combat while in the U.S. Navy as a prisoner of war. Earlier Flor was recognized for saving 4 downed US pilots in the Philippines

Courtesy of Sal Flor. Filipinos in San Diego

More than 57,000 died during WWII. Filipino veterans were crucial in assisting General McArthur win the war in the Pacific. When the Philippines was liberated during WWII, Filipinos were able to enlist into the navy such as CGM recipient, Leonardo Monzon. He served in the Philippine Army before enlisting in the US Navy.



Courtesy of Monzon Family Filipinos in San Diego

Filipino Veterans Face and Over Come Racism

1946 marked the end of war and the passage of the Rescission Acts by Congress. This revoked veterans benefits and payments to the Filipino soldiers (Philippine Commonwealth Army, Philippine Scouts, and Recognized Guerrillas) and denied them of their U.S. citizenship.

The battle is not over, and the next mission is to repeal the Rescission Act.



Living WWII veterans or family member of a living WWII veteran at CGM ceremony on Oct. 14, 2018. Left to right front: Crisanto Garrido, Philippine Army, US Navy; Cornelio Devega, Recognized Guerilla, Philippine Scout; Eduardo Cabling, Recognized Guerilla; Wilfredo Cabarlo, Philippine Scout; Dionisio Academia Jr. US Navy (Son present) Left to right back: David Sardilla, Philippine Scout; Leonardo Melendrez San Sebastian, Recognized Guerilla; Melencio Nielo, Philippine Scout; William Madamba, Philippine Army; Epifanio Leano, US Navy <u>FilVetREP | The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project</u>

Courtesy of FANHS – San Diego

"Z-gram" was the semi-official title for policy directives issued by Elmo Zumwalt as Chief of Naval Operations many of these directives were efforts to reform outdated policies to bring racial and personnel equity. Zumwalt experienced the roadblocks when he helped a Filipino mess steward become an electrician's mate.

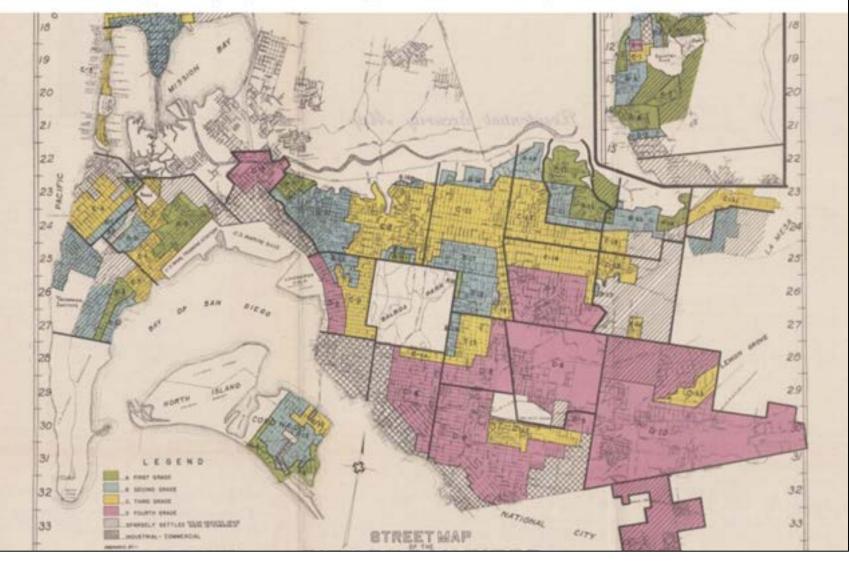


CGM Recipient Pete Estepa (first row, far left) joined the navy as a steward, became an engine mechanic, and retired 22 later years later as a chief petty officer.

Courtesy of Rose Estepa Ibanez. Filipinos in San Diego

Filipino servicemen first lived in the downtown and Southeast San Diego area but only owned homes in red lined districts such as Southeast San Diego and the South Bay. As more Filipinos joined the U.S. Navy, they received military benefits. This allowed them to purchase single-family homes in National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and Nestor.

A 1936 map of San Diego from the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, marking which neighborhoods it believed were at highest risk of mortgage default. Those determinations were heavily influenced by a neighborhoods' racial demographics and led to the term "redlining."



Redlining's Mark On San Diego Persists 50 Years After Housing Protections | KPBS Public Media

The War Brides Act of 1945 and the Fiancés Act of 1946 allowed our veterans to return to the Philippines to bring back fiancées, wives, and children. In this 1949 picture new families raised a second generation of Filipino Americans. Women played the major role of preserving the culture. Children attended schools and attended college, joined the work force, raised families, and integrated in American society.



Courtesy of Jim Tuyay. *Filipinos in San Diego*

With numbers increasing, Filipino service men formed the **American Legion Leyte** Post 625 and Fleet Reserve Branch 84. In 1946 the Filipino American Veterans Association (FAVA) was formed and raised funds to build the FAVA Hall located on 2962 Market Street in San Diego. The hall became the hub of Filipino gatherings which included the Visayan Circle of San Diego in the picture.



Courtesy of Sarmiento family, Filipinos in San Diego

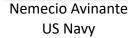
Filipino Veterans Now Recognized

On Oct. 14, 2018, under the Filipino Veteran Recognition Education Project (FilVetREP). 10 living Filipino WWII Veterans received the Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) and 60 family members received the CGM on behalf of their Filipino WWII Veterans. The CGM is an award bestowed by Congress and is the highest civilian award in the United States



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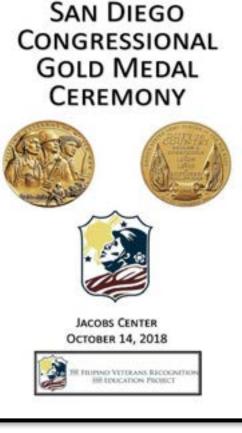
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Pictures Filipino WWII veterans of the South Bay who received CGM Courtesy of FANHS – San Diego





Congressional Gold Medals Courtesy of Sal Flor, Elaine Elefante-Leano The front depicts faces of soldiers and guerrillas in their period uniforms, headgear, and weapons, representing the Philippine Commonwealth Army, Philippine Scouts, First Filipino Infantry Regiment, Second Filipino Infantry Battalion, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, and Recognized Guerrillas. These units comprised major combat forces of the US Army Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) from July 26,1941 to December 31, 1946. The bottom depicts a landscape scene of a U.S. Army soldier in a guard and defend position on a beachhead in Leyte during the liberation of the Philippines, a Commonwealth or territory of the United States, on October 20, 1944. <u>Congressional Gold Medal | FilVetREP</u>

The reverse highlights the theme "Duty to Country" — the core value inherent in citizenship, patriotism, courage, honor, selfless service, integrity of men and women who willingly served their country in defense of freedom and liberty. The four major campaigns inscribed on the reverse (Bataan and Corregidor, Luzon, Leyte, and Southern Philippines) were fought in an archipelago of over 7,000 islands. The dates emblazoned on the scroll below the campaign:

- 1941 Japanese attack of the Philippines;
- 1945 Liberation of the Philippines and defeat of Japanese Imperial Forces; and
- 1946 End of war and passage of the Rescission Acts by Congress. This revoked veterans benefits and payments to the Filipino soldiers and denied them of their U.S. citizenship evoke the period of desperation, humiliation, and daunting experience of the Filipino Veterans of WW II.
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		Prisoner of War Camp
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	Bacaycay, Marcelino	
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	Del Gallego, Julio	Philippine Commonwealth Army,
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	Devega, Cornelio*	Recognized Guerilla, Philippine Scouts
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	Ferrer, Oscar	Philippine Commonwealth Army
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Handugan, Victoriano	U.S. Navy
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Leano, Epifano*	U.S. Navy
Leano, Louis	U.S. Navy
Madamba, William*	Philippine Commonwealth Army,
	Recognized Guerilla, U.S. Navy
Madia, Medardo	Philippine Commonwealth Army,
	Prisoner of War, U.S. Navy
Masangcay, Pedro Payad	U.S. Army, Prisoner of War
Monzon, Leonardo	Philippine Scouts, U.S. Navy
Mutar, Quirino	Philippine Commonwealth Army,
	Recognized Guerilla
Nielo, Melencio*	U.S. Army, Philippine Scouts
Odedicen, Juan	Philippine Commonwealth Army
Olaes, Emilio	U.S. Navy
Pagtakhan, Nicolas	Philippine Army, Recognized Guerilla
Patacsil, Eugenio	
Plandor, Francisco	U.S. Army
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Vales, Ramon	U.S. Navy
Vega, Andres	U.S. Navy

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CGM Program Courtesy of FANHS

Benedicto Tulao: A Navy man to remember

By JOSN Charles Neff

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Courtesy of Tulao Family

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Father and son, Tomas Dolopo & Andrew Dolopo U.S. Navy

A BRIDGE FROM THE PHILIPPIN One family's rich history charts deep ties that connect Filipinos, U.S. Navy and San Diego BY PETER ROWE tabilishing Run Diego's Filipino-American

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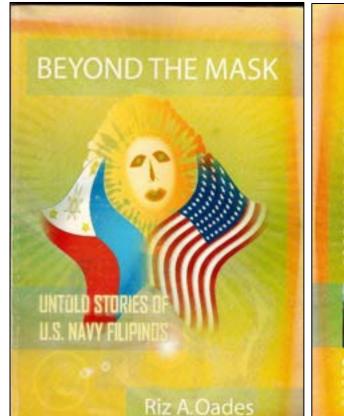
Deep ties connect Filipinos, Navy and San Diego

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Books on Filipino WWWII Veterans



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- Dr. Annalize Vicente Enrile, University of Southern Colifornia

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- No Hishido, prominent Asian American activist in Los Angeles

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documentation of Filipino American lives. Read it and weep but also rejetce, for it shows what is possible with perseverance." - Minetahis Resco, Filipino outlier and journalist in New Tark.

Arturo P. Gercle was bern and relised in the Philippines. He was a community and a student leader. He enigrated to the United States in 1997 and started as a community organizer for People's CORE. He helped organize Justice for Hilpino American Veterans (JEAV) as a comparing for People's CORE from 1998 to the present. He become the National Coordination of JEAV in November 2008.

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