

ELIGIBILITY

The “Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015” (Public 114-265, Dec 14, 2016) shall apply to Soldiers who served honorably at any time during the period beginning July 26, 1941, and ending December 31, 1946 --

(1) in an active-duty status under the command of the United States Armed Forces in the Far East; or
(2) within the Philippine Commonwealth Army, Philippine Scouts, Philippine Constabulary, Recognized Guerrilla units, New Philippine Scouts, First Filipino Infantry Regiment, Second Filipino Infantry Battalion (Separate), and First Reconnaissance Battalion.

FUNDRAISE

Under PL 114-265, Congress will award the Congressional Gold Medal and provide funds to mint a single gold medal. Replicas, recognition events, educational materials development and public engagement campaigns will be covered by donations, grants, and in-kind support.

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ALL proceeds will fund all project phases: purchase of the bronze replicas, education program, and events.

FILVETREP is a IRS approved 501c(3), tax exempt, nonprofit, charitable organization since Jan 14, 2015. Your donations/contributions are charitable deductions.



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THE FILIPINO VETERANS RECOGNITION
AND EDUCATION PROJECT



THE MISSION

TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND
PUBLIC EDUCATION
AND OBTAIN
NATIONAL RECOGNITION
OF THE
FILIPINO AND AMERICAN
WORLD WWII SOLDIERS
FOR THEIR
WARTIME SERVICE
TO THE UNITED STATES
AND
PHILIPPINES FROM
JULY 26, 1941 TO
DECEMBER 31, 1946.

**I AM A WARRIOR
AND MEMBER OF THE TEAM
I WILL ALWAYS PLACE THE
MISSION FIRST
I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT
I WILL NEVER QUIT
I WILL NEVER LEAVE A
FALLEN COMRADE
(U.S. Army Soldier's Creed)**



HISTORY

The **Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project** is a nonpartisan, community-based, all-volunteer national initiative whose mission is to obtain national recognition of Filipino and American WWII Soldiers across the United States and Philippines for their wartime service to the U.S. and the Philippines from July 26, 1941 to December 31, 1946.

During World War II, the Philippines was a Commonwealth of the United States.

In July 26, 1941, as tensions with Japan rose in the Pacific, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called into the service of the United States all the organized military forces of the Philippines.

-The United States Army Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) was established with Manila designated as the command headquarters.

- USAFFE included the Philippine Scouts, Philippine Commonwealth Army, Philippine Constabulary, and Recognized Guerrilla Units.

-In December 20, 1941, President Roosevelt signed a law which allowed Filipinos in the United States to enlist in the Armed Forces which led to the formation of the 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments.

-More than 260,000 Filipino soldiers fought in World War II. Over 57,000 were killed in action, thousands more wounded for life, and hundreds were missing in action. An estimated 15,000 to 18,000 soldiers are still living in the U.S. and Philippines.

- They fought and died in the same manner and under the same circumstances as other members of the US Armed Forces during WWII.

PROJECT PHASES

Phase 1 - The Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to the Filipino Veterans of WWII by Congress on Nov 30, 2016. President Barack Obama signed the bill into law on December 14, 2016. **The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award bestowed by U.S. Con-**



gress to an individual or group who performed a significant achievement that has impact in American history and culture.

Phase 2 – Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal by the U.S. Speaker of the House to the Filipino Veterans of WWII.

Phase 3 — Design and implement an Education Program to enshrine and preserve the historical significance of the Congressional Gold Medal of the Filipino Veterans of WWII.

“The Veterans accomplished their mission in wartime. We must accomplish our mission to honor them eternally.”