



PHL CONSULATE GENERAL LAUNCHES EXHIBIT OF WW II MEMORABILIA IN COMMEMORATION OF 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH



(L-R) Fil-Am veteran Marcelino Gawat, PSHS Ricardo Molina, Robert Tidwell as Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, WW II veteran Commander Roger Dagdag, PSHS Rey Ortega, PSHS Gil Misleng at the ribbon-cutting ceremony launching the exhibit commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March.

Los Angeles, 04 April 2017 – The Philippine Consulate General launched a month-long exhibit of World War II Memorabilia in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March at the PCG Community Hall on 03 April 2017, attended by World War II veterans and members of the Filipino-American community. The event was attended by about 50 guests, many of who are prominent members of the Filipino Community.

The exhibit features WW II memorabilia from the personal collection of Mr. Gil Misleng, Mr. Ricardo Molina and Mr. Rey Ortega, members of the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society (PSHS) Lt. Alexander Nininger Chapter.

In his remarks, Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz honored Filipino WW II veterans for their valor and sacrifice, which paved the way for the liberation of Manila in 1945. He also highlighted the signing of the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015 which awarded 260,000 Filipino World War II veterans a collective Congressional Gold Medal, the United States' highest civilian honor.

The launch was capped by a video presentation paying tribute to the Philippine Scouts and a re-enactment of a speech of General Douglas MacArthur, played by look-alike actor Mr. Robert Tidwell. END.



Photo above shows Consul General Cruz addressing the audience.



Mr. Robert Tidwell delivering a speech of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.



(L-R) Mr. Tidwell, Mr. Misleng, Consul General Cruz, Filipino Veterans Foundation Executive Director Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque, Mr. Ortega and Mr. Molina with Certificates of Appreciation.



Consul General Cruz with PSHS members and WW II veterans.