



## Phil ConGen Honors the Heroism of Fil-Am Veterans



*Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz joined the Ministers of the Iglesia Ni Cristo in handing a symbolical cheque to the Officers of the Filipino Veteran Foundation.*



19 August 2019, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General, in partnership with the Filipino Veterans Foundation (FVF) and Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC) Ecclesiastical District of Los Angeles, honored the heroism of Filipino-American veterans during the event dubbed, “World War Veterans Appreciation” on 13 August 2019 at the Bob Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles.

Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz lauded the selfless service and sacrifices of the veterans during the Second World War. “These veterans were ordinary citizens who, out of their deep love for the country, responded to an extraordinary call of defending the country...They deserve this celebration as we owe to them the freedom that we enjoy today,” he added. The Consul General also expressed his deep appreciation to FVF and INC in Los Angeles for organizing the event, aimed at commemorating the contributions of the Filipino-American veterans in protecting the country’s freedom from the hands of the colonizers. (Photo Left)

The event was attended by INC-U.S. delegation headed by District Minister of Florida Mr. Eduardo Javier who handed grocery items to each Filipino veteran present during the event and a symbolic cheque indicating INC’s donation to FVF in the amount of US\$ 5,000.00.



Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, together with the INC Ministers and FVF officers, pose with the Filipino-American veterans after receiving the gift bags donated by INC-L.A.

Various cultural presentations by fellow Filipino-Americans, who rendered performances as their way of showing appreciation to the Filipino veterans, made the event more meaningful. (Photos below)



The event was one of the offshoot projects of FVF, a Filipino community organization headed by Dr. Jenny L. Batongmalaque, whose thrust is to “honor our veterans, promote community wellness, and preserve our heritage.” END.