Greetings,

On May 6, 2018, Filipino and Filipino-American World War II veterans or their next-of-kin received their Congressional Gold Medals in Honolulu. Their time of recognition must be accomplished, and so there will be a second formal recognition on Oahu, as well as in the neighbor islands.

If you know a Filipino or Filipino-American World War II veteran, please complete the attached application, provide supporting document(s) such as DD-214 discharge paperwork for the veteran, and send it to FilVetRep Region 11 via email or mail by October 1, 2018. The projected date for the second awarding ceremony is January, 2019.

In short, the supporting documents should reflect 1) the date of entry in service, 2) the unit that they served under, and 3) the discharge date they served in the Philippines. Specifically, eligibility for the Congressional Gold Medal “Filipino Veterans of World War II” means that the individual has served:

- Honorably at any time from July 26, 1941, to December 31, 1946;
- Was in an active-duty status under the command of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East; and
- Within the Philippine Commonwealth Army, the Philippine Scouts, the Philippine Constabulary, Recognized Guerrilla Units, the New Philippine Scouts, the First Filipino Infantry Regiment, the Second Filipino Infantry Battalion (Separate), or the First Reconnaissance Battalion; or
- Commanding or serving in such a unit as a U.S. military officer or enlisted soldier.

Once vetted by FilVetRep in Washington D.C., you will be notified by us. More information can be found here: https://www.filvetrep.org/eligibility. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Region 11 Director, Anita Loando-Acohido, at 808-285-5143.

Sincerely,
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