

Philippine Scouts Heritage Society



Preserving the history, heritage, and legacy of the Philippine Scouts for present and future generations



Fall 2001 Centennial Issue

Centennial Event Draws International Support! Don't Miss Out! Make Your Travel Plans Today!

To commemorate the Centennial of the Philippine Scouts, a grand event will held on Saturday, October 6, 2001 at The Presidio in San Francisco, CA.

Honorary Supporters for the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society Centennial Event include former US President George H. Bush and former Philippine President Fidel Ramos. The event also has the Co-chair Sponsorship of California Governor Gray Davis, US Senator Dianne Feinstein, US Senator Barbara Boxer, US Senator John McCain, and US Senator Orrin Hatch; as well as Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and

Senator John Patterson.

Many distinguished speakers have been invited and now include Mr. Peter Wainwright, on behalf of the family of General Jonathan Wainwright; the Philippine Consul General Delia Meñez Rosal; and Senator John Patterson. Madam Beth Day Romulo, widow of Ambassador (Gen.) Carlos P. Romulo, will travel from New York to attend and speak. Mr. Jose Calugas, Jr., son of the first medal of honor recipient of World War II (Philippine Scout Sgt. Jose Calugas, Sr.) will

provide comments as well. Col. Melvin H. Rosen, US Army retired, 88th Field Artillery (PS), will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The agenda for the ceremony includes a performance by the 91st Division Army Band, traditional Philippine music and dance, walking tours of The Presidio with a National Park Service ranger, and a flyover by



Col. (ret.) Nicoll F. Galbraith, Jr. and Madam Beth Day Romulo on Corregidor (April, 1999) for the dedication of the Gen. Wainwright Memorial. Mrs. Romulo will be a speaker at the Centennial Event.

the Blue Angels to render special tribute to the Philippine Scouts!

A banquet will be held at the Fort Mason Officers Club, commencing at 6:00 PM with cocktails. A reservation form is included in this newsletter. The Centennial Event at The Presidio in San Francisco is open to the public without charge. Please don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event!

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A Message From Our National President

Dear Members and Friends,

The Centennial Celebration scheduled for October 6, 2001 has been given the go-ahead by the Membership at the Reunion on May 12, 2001, with the approval of the National President and Officers of the Society.

The mandate is for a first class ceremony to be held at The Presidio in San Francisco, with VIP guests, honor guard, band music, and traditional Filipino dancing and music. This once-in-a-lifetime event is well deserved by the Scouts and will be most memorable. Full media coverage is anticipated.

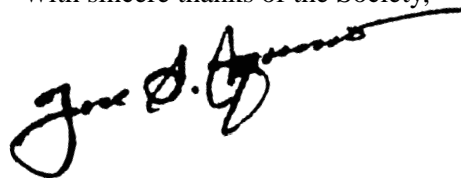
We are requesting additional funding to ensure the high quality of the occasion as a lasting memorial to the Scouts. At the membership meeting on May 12, 2001, an astounding \$1,700.00 was spontaneously and

rapidly contributed, with almost every couple in attendance donating \$100.00. A donation of any amount is most appreciated so that no corners need be abbreviated.

Your financial support is urgently needed. The initial budget calls for \$4,000.00. If you can pitch in and help with a donation, please remit to:

Philippine Scouts Heritage Society
Golden Gate Bay Area Chapter
Veterans War Memorial Building
401 Van Ness Ave., Room 126
San Francisco, CA 94102-4587

With sincere thanks of the Society,



Jose "Joe" Aquino
National President
(650) 873-5272

Centennial Thoughts

A Centennial Celebration is a milestone occasion for a military unit of any patriotic persuasion, especially for an elite and distinguished organization. The Philippine Scouts rank amongst the highest echelons of military tradition for valor, heroism, supreme loyalty, and devotion to duty. Their hundred-year history originated with the Philippine War of Independence in 1901, when after the Spanish-American War, the Philippines and America ultimately solidified their eternal friendship and relationship.

In the early days of World War II, the Philippine Scouts distinguished themselves in the Philippine Defense Campaign against the Japanese onslaught, defending the island of Luzon, including Bataan and Corregidor. The Japanese timetable was disrupted, and a possible invasion

of Australia averted. Their heroic actions were a significant influence on the outcome of the Pacific war. The Scout's ordeals on the Bataan Death March, prison camps, slave labor, and hell ships are a testament to resolve, resourcefulness, determination, and survival. They are "modern day" examples of the adversities of Job in the Old Testament. For those who did not survive the ordeals, their valor and renown is further honored by their supreme sacrifice,

Thus it is "fitting and proper" that these hallowed deeds be appropriately commemorated, as shall be done on October 6, 2001, at The Presidio in San Francisco, CA. All veterans attending this significant event, especially those of World War II and Philippine Scouts are encouraged to wear appropriate ribbons or medals.

Units of the Philippine Scouts:

- 45th Infantry (PS)
- 57th Infantry (PS)
- 23rd Field Artillery Battalion (PS)
- 1st Battalion 24th Field Artillery (PS)
- 2nd Battalion 24th Field Artillery (PS)
- 1st Battalion 88th Field Artillery (PS)
- 2nd Battalion 88th Field Artillery (PS)
- 86th Field Artillery Battalion (PS)
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions Self-Propelled Mounts (PS)
- 26th Cavalry (PS)
- 91st Coast Artillery (PS)
- 60th Coast Artillery (PS)
- 92nd Coast Artillery (PS)
- 14th Engineers (PS)
- 12th Medical Regiment (PS)
- 12th Quartermaster (PS)
- 12th Signal Company (PS)

Having A Blast On Mount Pinatubo!

Col. Nicoll F. Galbraith, Jr. Follows In His Father's Footsteps

Mount Pinatubo
Botolon, Zambales, Philippines
Brgy. Santa Juliana, Capas, Tarlac

December 1940 - Members of the 24th Field Artillery (PS) and the 26th Cavalry (PS), "true explorers with saddle hardy epidermis set forth upon a trusty charger into the wild unmapped regions," and Major Nicoll F. Galbraith dispatched a golf ball thereinto with a trusty #7 iron. Thus climaxed this training mission, and those participating were initiated into the "Ancient and Aromatic Order of Balugas of Pinatubo."

March 2001 - The not so hardy but with valiant spirit nonetheless, Nicoll F. Galbraith, Jr. (Public Relations Officer, Philippine Scouts Heritage Society) and friends Bob Reynolds, Bob Burt, and Fred Guyer, laboriously ascended to the top of Mount Pinatubo, from which about 900 feet was blasted away in the June 1991 eruption, and "expertly" plopped a golf ball into the beautiful lake, now the "top" of the mountain, with a trusty #7 iron. Note that Gatorade has replaced the whiskey bottle of 1940!



Atop Mount Pinatubo, December 1940. Major Nicoll F. Galbraith (with golf club). 24th Field Artillery (PS).



Atop Mount Pinatubo, March 2001. Nicoll F. Galbraith, Jr. (with new golf club but Dad's old cap).

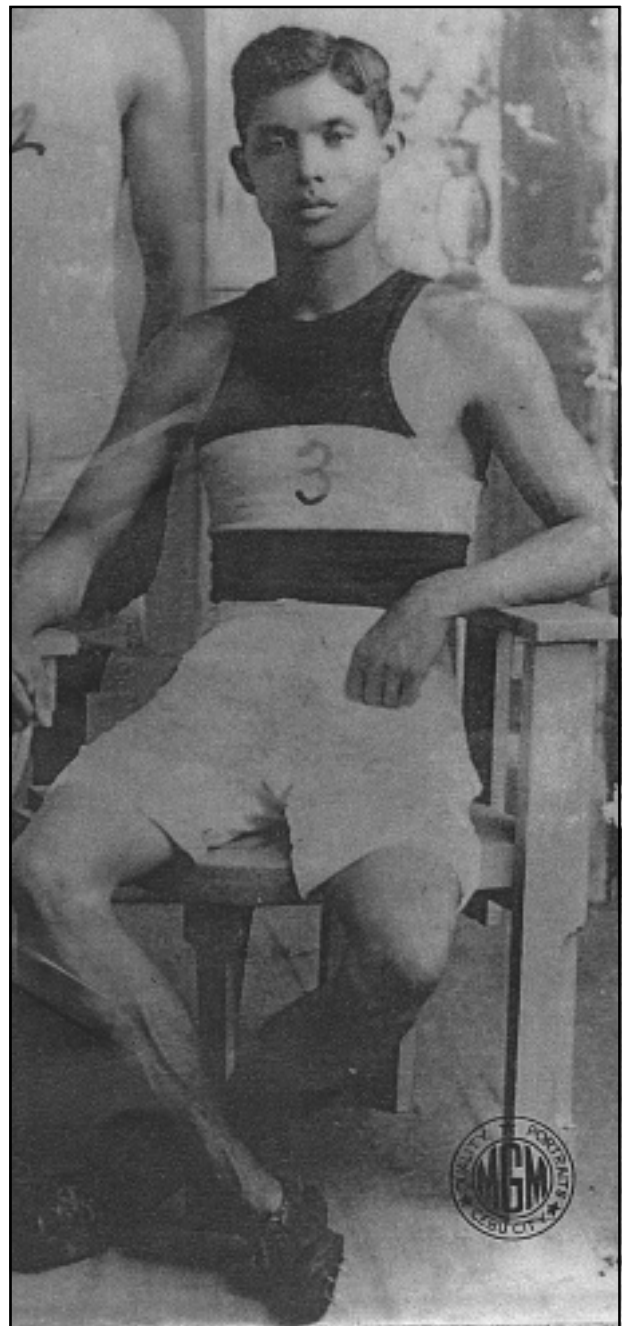
Posthumous Award Of The Purple Heart

Editor's note from Col. (ret.) Nicoll F. Galbraith, Jr.: The following article refers to the father of LtC Manuel Bulanon MC USAR (ret). LtC Bulanon was my comrade for many years in the 352 Combat Support Hospital, USAR.

2nd Lt. Ananias Bulanon (1891-1986) Company G, 57th Infantry (P.S.) (service years 1913-1948) represented the Philippine Scouts as a championship athlete of the Philippine Olympic Team, participating in the Far Eastern Games in 1923 and 1925. At the outset of the War, he was transferred to the "Sea Horse" Unit and was surrendered on Mindanao on 27 May 1942. He endured a subsequent "Death March," the rigors of Camp O'Donnell, and later was a distinguished "Guerilla" on Luzon. The posthumous Purple Heart was applied for by his son and was awarded on 5 October 1999.

This highly commendable action is available to other veterans, and may be initiated by family members, by obtaining the official certificate of service connected disability (or wounds) and submitted to:

Department of the Army
US Total Army Personnel
Alexandria, VA 22332-0471



The Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first award made available to a common soldier. It was created by General George Washington.

Best Wishes to President Joe Aquino!

National President of the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society Joe Aquino recently suffered a heart attack and then endured coronary bypass surgery. After being home for a few days, he was again hospitalized with complications. Joe is back at his home now, resting well, and on the road to a speedy recovery! He'd better recover quickly... the Centennial Event is fast approaching and he's got a lot of work to catch up on!

If you'd like to send your healing thoughts and best wishes to Joe, you may contact him at his home:

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Annual Reunion 2001 Flashback

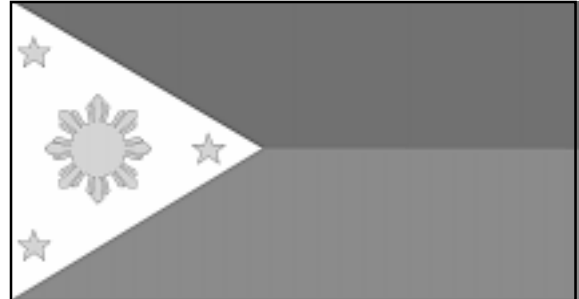
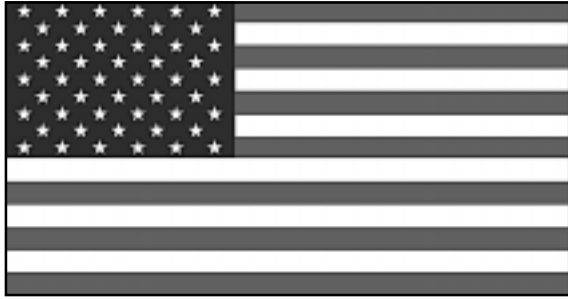


The 17th Annual Reunion of the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society was held May 10-12, 2001 at the wonderful Villa Hotel in San Mateo, CA. Lt. Gen. Raul S. Urgello, accompanied by his lovely wife Maria, was the inspiring keynote speaker for the evening. Following his address, National President Joe Aquino presented Lt. Gen. Urgello with a copy of the authoritative book *The Philippine Scouts*. Lt. Gen. Urgello and his wife then enjoyed dinner at the head table with Col. Melvin Rosen and his wife Olive.

More Memories From The 2001 Annual Reunion!



Philippine Scouts Centennial Event



Banquet Reservation Form

Saturday, October 6, 2001

Fort Mason Officers Club, San Francisco

1800 - No-host Cocktail and Welcoming

1900 - Banquet

This magnificent banquet will be the gala conclusion of the Philippine Scouts Centennial Celebration. The banquet facility can accommodate 130 people and we expect a full house, so please send in your reservation early!

Please check your preferred entree (for each guest)

_____ Pot roast with mashed potatoes @ \$30.00 each

_____ Half chicken with herb and wine sauce @ \$30.00 each

Number of people _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please remit to: The Philippine Scouts Heritage Society
Golden Gate Bay Area Chapter
Veterans War Memorial Building
401 Van Ness Ave., Room 126
San Francisco, CA 94102-4587

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse or Next of Kin: _____ Check One: Spouse () Son () Daughter ()

Date Enlisted: _____ Date Disch: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Unit Assigned: _____ Social Security No: _____

VA Claim No: _____ Guerrilla Recognized: Yes () No ()

Date You Joined: _____ Place of Operation: _____

Why Would You Like to Join the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society?

Check One: Friend of PS () Will help support and preserve PS History ()

Type of Dues	Chapter	National	Life Membership	Total Dues Enclosed
Annual	5.00	3.00	See Rates Below	_____ Per Member \$8.00 for Annual

Donation to Special Project: _____ Sponsored By: _____

Applicants Signature: _____ Payment Received By: _____

Rates for Life Membership

Under 50	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	80 and Over
\$75.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$30.00

Save yourself the trouble of sending in annual dues!
Rates for life membership are minimal. Become a life member today!

Please return completed application to: Philippine Scouts Heritage Society
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Be A Part Of The Centennial Event Magazine!

A Philippine Scouts Centennial Event collector's magazine is being assembled and will be available by the upcoming celebration at the Presidio of San Francisco on October 6, 2001. The magazine will contain the history highlights of the Philippine Scouts from 1901 to 1949, the year they were disbanded. It also will include up-to-date membership rosters of each chapter of the Philippine Scouts

Heritage Society. In addition we will include profiles of Philippine Scouts, both officers and enlisted, living and deceased. We encourage members to submit profiles of Philippine Scouts for the program, either of themselves or someone else. There will be a small fee for each profile submitted depending on size printed in the publication. Rates are listed on the form below. We will sell the magazine to the

public during the Event for \$10.00 each, however, those who paid for a profile will receive a free copy. We ask that you act on this as soon as possible. Time is running out. We have to assemble the magazine and take it to print. Submit your profile form(s) with a check for the proper amount (payable to PSHS) to **Larry Pangan, 2233 Fox Glen Dr., Fairfield, CA 94533.**

Philippine Scout Profile

Full Name: _____

Date Enlisted: _____ *Unit:* _____

Short history of service: (include all service until discharge or retirement) _____

Decorations Received: _____

This ad is submitted by: _____

Address: _____

The ads/profiles will be printed in two sizes only: 1/2 page.....\$30.00 OR Full page.....\$60.00

Submit a 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" picture for a 1/2 page ad/profile OR a 4" x 5" picture for a full page ad/profile

Make all checks payable to PSHS

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