

Philippine Scouts Heritage Society



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



Spring 2002

Centennial Event An Incredible Success!

The centennial celebration of the Philippine Scouts was both poignant and memorable. Held at the Presidio of San Francisco on Saturday, October 6, 2001 the historical event began with an excellent performance by the outstanding U.S. Army 91st Division Band and posting of the colors by the Philippine Scouts Color Guard and a crack drill team from San Francisco's Abraham Lincoln High School Junior ROTC.

Gracious welcoming remarks by Philippine Scouts Heritage Society President Jose S. Aquino began the speaker's portion of the celebration. Featured speakers were the Honorable

Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; the Honorable Mme. Delia Rosal, Consul General of the Philippines in San Francisco; and Mme. Beth Day Romulo, journalist, author and widow of legendary Filipino diplomat and patriot General Carlos Romulo.

The reminiscences of family members concerning relatives who played various roles in the defense of Bataan and Corregidor were particularly memorable.* In addition to Mrs. Romulo, these speakers included Mr. Peter Wainwright, cousin of General Jonathan M. Wainwright; Sen. John Patterson, nephew of Medal of Honor recipient 1st Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., 57th Infantry Regiment (PS); Mr. Jose Calugas, Jr., son of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Jose C. Calugas, Sr., 88th Field Artillery (PS); and Ms. Susan Marti, niece of Capt. Willibald C. Bianchi, 45th Inf. Regiment (PS).



The keynote speaker for the Philippine Scouts Centennial Event was the Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Joe Aquino, President, Philippine Scouts Heritage Society, presented him with a plaque thanking him for his support of the event. Photo: David Rosen

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Col. John E. Olson, Historian, Philippine Scouts Heritage Society ably delivered the closing remarks. Col. Melvin Rosen performed splendidly as Master of Ceremonies. Approximately two hundred Philippine Scouts, family members and guests attended the event.

Following the speeches, the band performed again, the colors were

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A Message From Our National President

Dear Members and Friends,

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to express heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for the very successful Philippine Scouts Centennial last October 6. The success is attributed to the outstanding leadership of Col. Nicoll Galbraith, the then PRO, as Chairman; David Rosen, Co-chair; Sen. John Patterson, 1st VP of the Society; 2nd VP Larry L. Pangan; and the new PRO, Mike Houlahan. I will leave publishing the chronology of the Centennial to PRO Houlahan.

In retrospect, I want to thank all the members and friends for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I received during the critical days after my open heart surgery, which was complicated by additional lung problems. The get-

well cards and your prayers strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The elite Golden Gate Bay Area is hosting the 18th Philippine Scouts Reunion on May 9-12, 2002, to be held at the Villa Hotel, 4000 South El Camino Real, San Mateo, California 94403. Please plan to attend. My term of office terminates at the 18th Reunion, and the last six years were very gratifying. Thank you all for all your support and cooperation. As a devoted Scout, I will continue to help promote the tradition of our Society.

May Our Lord bless us all, and God bless the United States of America.

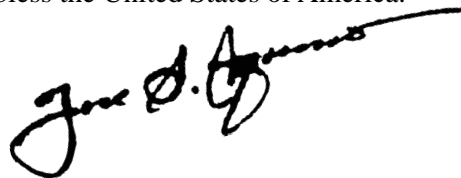



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retired, and a skilled Filipino dance group "Yaman ng Cultura" entertained the audience during a buffet luncheon. The program ended with a historical walking tour of the Presidio led by a National Park Service officer.

That evening a reception and banquet was held at the Fort Mason Officers Club. Second Vice President Larry Pangan served as Master of Ceremonies and speakers included President Joe Aquino, Mrs. Beth Day Romulo, First Vice President John Patterson, Public Rela-

The Honorable Delia Meñez Rosal, Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in San Francisco attended and spoke at the Centennial Event. Photo: David Rosen

tions Officer Col. Nicoll Galbraith and Historian Col. John Olson. Awards were presented to the speakers from the morning ceremonies as well as to the centennial organizers.

Further contributing to the centennial was an impressive exhibit of photos, artwork and text on the Philippine Scouts as well as a 100th anniversary souvenir booklet Heritage of Valor: A History of the Philippine Scouts, both of which were prepared by John Manguso, Director of the Fort Sam Houston Museum. Another important souvenir is the handsome centennial magazine produced by Larry Pangan and David Rosen.**

*Excerpts from some of these speeches will be carried in this and subsequent issues of the newsletter.

**For information on ordering copies of this magazine, please read Second Vice President Pangan's letter on page 5.

A Letter From The New Editor

Col. Nicoll F. Galbraith, Jr. Passes PRO Torch To Mike Houlahan

As all who attended will confirm, the very successful Philippine Scout Centennial Celebration was a fine tribute to the organizing efforts of Col. Nicoll Galbraith, our Public Relations Officer emeritus, who chaired the event. Nicoll, Larry Pangan, Joe Aquino, John Patterson, Mel Rosen, Col. John Olson, David Tejada and numerous other Philippine Scout Heritage Society members and spouses put in a tremendous amount of effort in assuring this historically important anniversary would be properly recognized.

Nicoll also deserves our gratitude for so ably acting as the Society's PRO over the last two years. As editor of the newsletter, he has overseen its evolution from a traditional announcement bulletin to something more—a chronicle of the historic record, publishing articles and commentary that help preserve the memory of the Philippine Scouts and their military record.

As his successor and with David Rosen's able technical assistance, I hope to continue this tradition. In this, my first attempt to fill Nicoll's large editorial shoes, I have included a slightly abbreviated version of Beth Day Romulo's speech at the centennial celebration. In subsequent issues excerpts from some of the other speeches will be included. Also in this issue is a shortened version of an article written by Sen. John Patterson and printed in the Providence Journal concerning the apology and reparations he feels are owed by Japan to POWs from World War II. This is an important issue for Philippine Scouts and their families.

Also please note President Joe Aquino's announcement of the upcoming 60th reunion and Second Vice President Larry Pangan's offer of souvenir programs from the centennial celebration.

Lastly, this issue will be further enhanced by several photos taken at

the centennial celebration by David Rosen, who is a professional photographer.

Letters and e-mail comments or suggestions from our readership are welcome. Those of general interest to our members will be printed in the newsletter. Please send correspondence to the following address:

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I hope to see as many of you as possible at our reunion in May!



Mike Houlahan
Public Relations Officer

Hold Japan Accountable for POWs

By John A. Patterson

When the submarine *Greenville* slammed into the Japanese training vessel, *Ehime Maru*, several months ago, it set off a chain of events both poignant and incendiary for Americans and Japanese alike. The American side jumped to apologize to the Japanese for this unfortunate accident—President Bush, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the American ambassador in Tokyo, Howard Baker, and, of course, the *Greenville* skipper himself. That this regrettable affair, involving the United States and

Japan, would lead to an immediate apology from the U.S. government and a number of individual Americans demonstrates how seriously we take the death and injury of innocent victims and our acceptance of responsibility for what happened. To apologize was the right and civilized thing to do. To follow the apology with fair compensation for the loss of life and injury is only logical. Compensation will not bring back those who are lost for all time or those who have been maimed, but it, along with a thorough

investigation, is a way in which a civilized society can express remorse and see that something similar never happens again.

Now, in contrast to this episode, turn back the clock nearly 60 years to the early 1940s, during a time of cruel irony that also involved Japan and the United States, in which the loss of life and grave injury were at issue. Only then the roles were reversed! This earlier matter remains with us to this very day and could taint our relations

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with Japan far more than the recent sinking of the Ehime Maru.

The Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan formally ushered the United States into World War II. On the same day, the Japanese mounted attacks throughout the western Pacific—Indochina, Wake Island and the Philippines were especially hard hit. My uncle, Alex “Sandy” Nininger, was killed on Bataan, in the Philippines, early in the fighting. As a result of his exploits, he posthumously was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor. Sadly, in the years to follow, my mother used to say with considerable bitterness that perhaps it was just as well her brother didn’t survive so that he was spared what followed the surrender of American and Filipino forces in the spring of 1942.

Just what did happen after the fall of the U.S.-administered Philippines to the Japanese invaders? In what became known as the Death March, some 65,000 Filipino and 15,000 American soldiers were forced to march in the blazing tropical sun over 60 miles to a prison camp. At one point, many were loaded into stifling freight cars so tightly that individuals fainted and died standing upright! The Death March was characterized by

cruel conditions and Japanese savagery. Weakened by months of fighting, on half-rations, undernourished and racked by diseases, the Filipino and American forces fell prey to incredibly bestial behavior by their Japanese captors. POWs leaving the ranks for water, food or rest were beaten, bayoneted, beheaded or shot. Filipinos who offered food and water were treated likewise. The surviving troops were herded into the infamous Camp O’Donnell, with its two water faucets, and continued barbaric treatment. Thousands of Filipino and American soldiers died at O’Donnell in the space of only three months. The surviving Americans then faced one of the saddest ironies of all. Most were stuffed in unmarked Japanese vessels known as the “Hell Ships.” Because the Japanese did not abide by international treaties, the ships had no identification and thousands more died when American submarines and warplanes unwittingly sank the unmarked vessels.

The ever dwindling numbers of survivors were unceremoniously dumped in Japan, Korea, Formosa and Manchuria where they worked as slave laborers in mines, plants, chemical factories and other Japanese war industries—again, against all

international conventions. As before, there was little food, clothing or medical care provided and the cruelty continued. It was not uncommon for POWs under these conditions to lose over 100 pounds. There are photos of prisoners of war released in 1945 who weighed less than 90 pounds.

In the end, why is it important to provide an account of Japanese treatment of our soldiers during World War II? If we as Americans can apologize and pay compensation (as indeed we should) for an accident—in this case the accidental sinking of a Japanese vessel by a U.S. submarine—then the Japanese can and should apologize and pay compensation to the allied survivors of their inhumanity during World War II. The importance of acknowledgement and compensation is further strengthened by the fact that these widespread and systematic atrocities were the result of official Japanese government policy.

In contrast to the Japanese, the U.S. Government has apologized to and financially compensated Japanese-Americans who were unfairly, perhaps even illegally, interned in the United States during a good part of World War II. While we must never forget this shameful treatment of our fellow citizens, it in no way compares to what the Japanese did to American and Filipino POWs and internees.

Germany has accepted responsibility for the Holocaust and the enslavement of captive populations throughout Europe. The German government has apologized and, with the German companies that used slave laborers, has created a multibillion dollar compensation fund for survivors. It’s time for Japan to do the same!

This article is an edited version of a longer piece by Philippine Scout Heritage Society Vice President John Patterson published by the “Providence Journal” on 8/13/2001.



The Brazil Maru was one of the Japanese Hell Ships that transported POWs in unspeakable conditions below deck. The POWs in the Brazil Maru had survived the sinkings of two other Hell Ships, the Oryoku Maru and Enoura Maru. When it arrived in Moji, Japan on January 29, 1945, only 490 of the original 1,619 POWs loaded into the Oryoku Maru in early December 1944 had survived. Photo: <http://harrisonheritage.com>

A Letter From Our First Vice President

The celebration of the Philippine Scouts centennial on October 6, 2001 at the Presidio in San Francisco was a great event. I want to thank again Nicoll Galbraith, Larry Pangan, David Rosen, Joe Aquino and all the others who made this wonderful day possible. It's also important to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of John Manguso of the Fort Sam Houston Museum in San Antonio, Texas, and all the staff of the Presidio Trust who made October 6th so special. Mel Rosen was a terrific MC and the speakers were all poignant and right on the mark with their comments. Thanks to Jose Calugas, Sue Marti, Beth Day Romulo, Peter Wainwright, John Olson, Secretary Anthony Principi and Consul General Rosal.

There have been a number of books published recently which place the Philippine Scouts front and center with respect to the defense of the Philippines early in World War II. One book that should be on everyone's must read list is *GHOST SOLDIERS* by Hampton Sides. This best seller not only tells the compelling story of the Cabanatuan prison camp's liberation, but also provides the sweep of history which led to the Japanese invasion and surrender of Fil-Am forces in the first place. Get your hands on this terrific book to see what happens as Filipino guerrillas and American troops race desperately toward Cabanatuan to save the American prisoners-of-war before they are slaughtered by the Japanese.

Col. and Mrs. Nicoll Galbraith, Sen. John Patterson and PRO Mike Houlahan joined Col. John Olson in San Antonio, TX for a visit to the Fort Sam Houston Museum, which is the official U.S. Government repository for the Philippine Scouts. The five met with museum director, John Manguso to review the museum's holdings of Scout materials, the museum's expansion plans and the future relationship between the museum and our society.

The group also visited the impressive National Museum of the Pacific War (Admiral Nimitz Museum) in Fredericksburg, TX to discuss including Philippine Scout memorabilia with museum Assistant Director Helen McDonald. The possibility of placing a memorial plaque for the Philippine Scouts on the Memorial Wall outside the museum will be discussed at our annual meeting in May.

Welcome to J. Michael Houlahan who is our new Public Relations Officer. Mike, a recently-retired Foreign Service Officer, has extensive media and public affairs experience as part of the U.S. Information Agency. He is married to Dr. Edwina (Winnie) Carreon, a Filipino academic teaching at Ohio State University. Winnie's family has direct connections with the Philippine Scouts. Mike and I met in the Philippines in the early 1990's.

Thanks to Nicoll Galbraith for his outstanding service as our most recent PRO. Nicoll willingly took on the job at a very difficult time and developed



*John A. Patterson, is 1st Vice President of the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society and a former Rhode Island State Senator.
Photo: David Rosen*

the society newsletter with the help of David Rosen into a very attractive and interesting periodical. He also led in its evolution to a document that is more in keeping with the purpose of the society—to preserve the history and heritage of the Philippine Scouts. Nicoll, well done and, again, thank you. Don't relax too much; we want you to stay involved!

Lillian and I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 2002 annual meeting/reunion of the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society in San Mateo, California.

John A. Patterson
First Vice President

And One From Our Second Vice President

The Philippine Scouts centennial celebration on October 6 at the Presidio Officers Club in San Francisco is now history. The live coverage by the media and the inspiring narra-

tive account of the Philippine Scouts history and accomplishments by our keynote speaker, the Hon. Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, captivated and touched everyone in the

audience. The other speakers like the Consul General of the Philippines in San Francisco, the Hon. Delia Meñez Rosal, and Mme. Beth Day Romulo,

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and others, all gave very inspiring talks praising the Philippine Scouts. Those who did not attend this memorable event really missed the final live performance depicting the Philippine Scouts' 100 years of distinguished accomplishments. This kind of event will never be repeated in our lifetime.

Additional copies of the centennial magazine that David Rosen and I have put together are still available. David Rosen, son of Philippine Scout Col. Melvin Rosen, deserves most of the credit for this project. He spent long hours over many days and nights, feeding his computer the material that I provided before sending the final proof to the printer. We need more Philippine Scout sons and daughters like him to keep the Society alive.

This magazine is now considered a collector's item. This is the only centennial publication about the Philippine Scouts you will ever see. That is why we have ordered 1,500

copies to be printed. After distributing free copies to those who deserve to receive one, including providing copies to school libraries, the remaining copies will be sold to recover some of the printing cost for the Society. You can help by telling your friends in your area about this magazine. Send in the order with accompanying check made payable to PSHS as follows:

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Photo: David Rosen

pine Scouts and their heroic record. Thank you for your support,

Larry L. Pangan
Second Vice President

Remembering the Philippine Scouts

by Beth Day Romulo

Editors Note: The following is a shortened text of the speech delivered by Mme. Beth Day Romulo during ceremonies marking the centennial of the Philippine Scouts. Mrs. Romulo is a noted journalist and the author of 28 books, many of them on the Philippines. She also is the widow of General Carlos Romulo, General Douglas MacArthur's press officer and confidant during the defense of the Philippines. After the end of the war and the advent of Philippine independence, Carlos Romulo would serve as his country's ambassador to the United Nations, the first Asian president of the United Nations General Assembly, and Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the Philippines during a long and distinguished diplomatic career.

I was already in New York City, on my annual visit to the United States, when the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon were attacked. In fact I was having my breakfast coffee in front of the television on the morning of September 11 when the first plane crashed into a World Trade Center Tower. The TV reporters were confused, as were we all, and at first reported "an accident." Then 18 minutes later, a second plane appeared at the side of the screen, disappeared behind the first tower, and then hit the second tower in a great ball of flame. Then we knew. It was a premeditated attack. Soon news of the Pentagon

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Mme. Beth Day Romulo addressed the audience at the October 6, 2001 Centennial Event of the Philippine Scouts. Photo: David Rosen

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strike came in, and then the fourth commercial airliner hijacked, crashed over Pennsylvania short of its goal, which was thought to be the presidential retreat at Camp David or perhaps the capitol itself. We now know it fell short of its target because of the brave action on the part of the passengers who fought with the hijackers and deliberately crashed the plane rather than have it reach its goal.

Commentators compared this to Pearl Harbor, the only other air attack on American soil. But this was quite different. In the first place, this was mainland America—a civilian haven, while Pearl Harbor was a military base. There 2,250 servicemen perished. In New York, there are an estimated 7,000 civilian souls lost, and they are still counting.

The city of Manila also was, like New York, a secure and happy place, when the Japanese invaded in 1941. General Romulo described his life then as one of supreme accomplishment—he was a publisher of a leading newspaper chain; he had a beautiful wife and four sons and a busy social and professional life. Then came the invasion, and life was never the same again. As a close personal friend of General Douglas MacArthur, who was in the Philippines as adviser to President Quezon, charged with developing Philippine defense, Romulo was called into service as MacArthur’s press officer and followed President Quezon and MacArthur and their families to Corregidor as the Japanese closed in on Manila and the United States and Philippine forces withdrew to take up a holding position on Bataan. It was there on Corregidor that Romulo set up the Voice of Freedom broadcasts to shore up the morale of his occupied country—which gave him a visibility that put a price on his head. When President Quezon was spirited off of Corregidor by submarine on the orders

of President Roosevelt, and then General MacArthur, left on orders for Australia, Romulo was left behind. But, when Bataan was about to fall, MacArthur told General Sutherland to get him out before the Japanese found him and most assuredly would have killed him. He was directed to a small plane under repair on Bataan, which fortunately took off and flew—

under friendly fire—from Bataan to Cebu. From there Romulo made his way to Australia and joined MacArthur in the war in the Pacific. He spoke in 466 American cities, which may account for the fact that he appeared to be even better known in the U.S. than in the Philippines....

To retell the MacArthur saga, as it related to the Philippines, required that I go back to the Philippine American war [Americans call it the Philippine insurrection, but to the Filipinos who lost homes and families, it was a war.] General Arthur MacArthur, Douglas’ father, served in the Philippines, first to subdue the Filipinos, and then to become Military Governor of the islands. And in this capacity, in 1900, he founded the Philippine Scouts, which was a branch of the U.S. Army. At that time it had American officers and Filipino volunteer soldiers.

General Douglas MacArthur came to the Philippines during the Commonwealth administration of President Quezon in 1935 as advisor to Quezon, charged with setting up the defense of



Following her comments, Mrs. Romulo is thanked by Col. Melvin H. Rosen, who served as Master of Ceremonies at the Centennial Event. Photo: David Rosen

the Philippines and organizing the Philippines armed forces. In 1941, when the war broke out, he was recalled to service in the U.S. Army and became Commander for the Far East. At that time the Philippines had 22,532 men under arms, over half of them were the Philippine Scouts, a unit which had never disbanded. The only fully-trained reserve force in the Philippines at the time, it was the well-disciplined Scouts who served as instructors for the Philippine military, from 1935 to 1941.

The Scouts’ record for discipline and for bravery was unparalleled. Serving against overwhelming odds as Japan’s forces flooded the Philippines, they were finally beaten back to Bataan and Corregidor when MacArthur withdrew his forces there. At the initial Japanese landing at Lingayen on Luzon, a Scouts cavalry division serving under General Wainwright in his Northern Luzon Force, covered the retreat of MacArthur’s forces to Bataan and slowed down the

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invasion, allowing a safe retreat. All in all 12,000 Scouts escaped to Bataan and Corregidor with MacArthur's forces. Four hundred Scouts were assigned to protect the tiny island of Caballo off Corregidor. In his wartime memoir, Carlos Romulo, who had joined MacArthur and President Quezon on Corregidor, and broadcast the clandestine Voice of Freedom to Filipinos on the mainland, devoted several of his radio programs entirely to the bravery of individual Scouts.

There was Mess Sergeant Jose Calugas, whom many of you know and whose son is here today, the only Filipino to win the Medal of Honor in World War II. [Sgt. Calugas saw an artillery piece] unmanned and although not a gunner, ran 1,000 yards through live fire to get the gun back into action. Calugas survived the Death March, came to America and was active in the Scouts until his death in 1999.

There was First Lieutenant Willibald Bianchi of Minnesota who, although wounded twice in his hand, threw down his rifle and using his pistol for defense climbed on top of an American tank and manned [its] anti-aircraft gun against the Japanese....

There was Private Juan Suria who climbed on an enemy tank and attacked it with a hand grenade. And Lieutenant Julio Chua and Cecilio Gorcis who ran through enemy fire to man guns, when the gunners had fallen in action. These were the reports of acts of individual valor which Romulo spoke about, keeping up the pride and courage of his occupied countrymen on the mainland. Civilians were not allowed to have radios during the occupation, but Filipina housewives kept their radio sets hidden in their ovens and brought them out when the Voice of Freedom was broadcast.

In Manila I serve on both the Corregidor Foundation and the board

of FAME—the Filam Memorial Endowment group, and over the years have done what I could to integrate some of their efforts in preserving World War Two memorabilia. This past year FAME devoted its budget to reframing and properly identifying the World War Two photos in the Museum at Corregidor. And now FAME is working on standardizing the kilometer markers along the 142 kilometer Death March, and seeing that they carry the appropriate information for those who wish to drive along the route from Mariveles, Bataan, through Pampanga to Capas in Tarlac....Although FAME does not build new monuments it will put up markers at the site of Hospitals I and II on Bataan. The Philippine Scout monument at the Camp O'Donnell cemetery is in a guarded area and has not been altered or vandalized.

I also serve on the board of the American Historical Collection Foundation, which publishes the Bulletin of the American Historical Collection and oversees the collection itself, which is now housed in the Rizal Library at Ateneo University in Quezon City. Recently when the directors met at the library, I called up the material on the Philippine Scouts and was happy to see that it contains several books and features...including a copy of your own 1996 history. It's surprising, considering the time passed, that there are still so many memoirs and personal histories from World War Two. The April-June issue contained a history of the Scouts...as well as stories of Bataan veterans. Written contributions and wartime memoirs are always gratefully accepted for publication by the Bulletin.

A word about this city: When the war was over in the Pacific, Carlos Romulo attended the first meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945 and lobbied for it to become the site of the future permanent U.N.

Secretariat building. However, his plan was defeated when the Rockefellers offered that site along the East River in New York—which became the home of the United Nations. General Romulo felt that Euro-centered thinking had been obsolesced by the war and that the future lay in the Pacific. And thus, it would have been more fitting to locate the United Nations here.

Over these past few months the U.S. Defense Department announced that Asia would be the center of their security concerns, not Europe. We can expect a strong and beefed-up American presence in the Pacific. And the European Union, which tended to ignore all things Asian in the past, has rethought that position and is now making deals right and left among Asian countries, even including North Korea, which recently signed up full diplomatic relations with Germany.

It is too bad that the United Nations is not here, as the world increasingly looks toward Asia. Besides, as General Romulo kept saying, this is such a beautiful city!



Mrs. Romulo joined the banquet following the Centennial Event and enjoyed conversation with Lillian Patterson. Photo: David Rosen

Centennial Event Flashback!



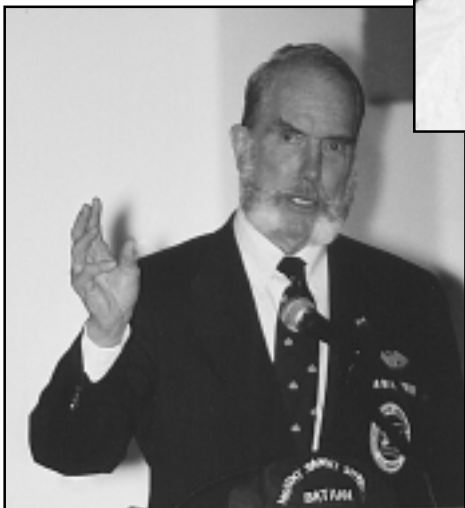
Left: Jose Calugas, Jr., son of the first Medal of Honor recipient of WWII was one of the guest speakers at the Centennial Event and spoke of the bravery of the Philippine Scouts, including his father.



Above: Col. John Olson, National Historian of the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society, gave a brief overview of the Scouts and their significant contributions during WWII.



Right: Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi enthusiastically autographs a book for one of the younger members of the Centennial Event audience.



Left: Peter Wainwright, cousin and family representative of General Jonathan M. Wainwright, spoke on the history of WWII in the Pacific and then led the house in a moving rendition of God Bless America.



Above: Susan Marti traveled from her home in Minnesota to the Centennial Event in San Francisco to share her insight about her uncle, Capt. Willibald G. Bianchi, a Philippine Scout Medal of Honor recipient.

Centennial Event Flashback!



Above: The U.S. Army 91st Division Band was present throughout the Centennial celebration and moved the audience with stirring arrangements of patriotic tunes.

Right: The Philippine Scouts Color Guard and a crack drill team from San Francisco's Abraham Lincoln High School Junior ROTC presented, posted, and retreated the colors during the ceremony.



Left and above: During the buffet luncheon, young dancers from the skilled Filipino dance group "Yaman ng Cultura" entertained the audience with traditional dances from the Philippines.

Below: An impressive exhibit of photos, artwork and text on the Philippine Scouts was prepared by John Manguso, Director of the Fort Sam Houston Museum in Texas.



Thanks to the efforts of all who helped plan the event, our distinguished guest speakers and performers, and the support of the Presidio Trust, the Philippine Scouts Centennial left everybody smiling!

Photos by David Rosen

Don't Miss The National Reunion!
Make Your Travel Plans Today for May 9-12, 2002!

Thursday, May 9, 2002

Early arrivals check-in at the hotel registration desk.

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM: **Welcome Party:** Room 506, for early arrivals and local members (Potluck Style)

Friday, May 10, 2002

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM: **Reunion Registration:** Hotel lobby. (Finance/Registration Committee)

3:00 PM - 9:00 PM: **Hospitality Potluck:** Room 506. Dinner on your own.

8:30 PM: **Board of Officers Meeting:** National President's Suite, Room 512.

Saturday, May 11, 2002

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: **Reunion Registration:** Hotel lobby. (Finance/Registration Committee)

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM: **General Business Meeting**

Opening ceremonies: Delfin Pahed, General Chairman

Advancement of Colors

Call to Order: National President, 1st Lt. Joe S. Aquino.

Welcome Addresses: National President Aquino and David V. Tejada, President, GGBAC.

Roll Call: National Officers and Chapter Presidents by National Secretary Lavinia R. Aquino.

[Chapter Presidents are requested to turn in the names of deceased Scouts/members to Chaplains Bill Torres and Carroll W. May.]

Nomination & Election of National Officers: Menandro Parazo, Chairman.

Reading of Previous Minutes: Lavinia R. Aquino, National Secretary.

Reports of National Officers and Chapter Presidents

Introduction of Distinguished Guests: Delfin Pahed, General Chairman.

Committee Reports: Philippine Scouts Memorial, Camp O'Donnell, Philippines, Col. John E. Olson, National Historian; Philippine Scouts Centennial, Nicoll Galbraith, Centennial Chairman or Mike Houlahan, National PRO; Audit Committee, Felix Peralta

Old Business

New Business/Correspondence

Good of the Order

Candlelight Memorial Service: In honor of deceased Philippine Scouts and members, Chaplains Carroll W. May and Bill Torres.

6:30 PM - 1:00 AM: **Banquet and Dance:** Pacifica Room. Master of Ceremonies: General Chairman Delfin Pahed

National Anthem/Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Chaplain Carroll W. May

Remarks: 1st Lt. Joe S. Aquino, National President; Col. John E. Olson, National Historian; Col. Melvin Rosen, National Legal Adviser; Sen. John Patterson, National 1st Vice President.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests: General Chairman Delfin Pahed.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Col. Melvin Rosen.

Keynote Speaker: Major General Walter Titus, United States Army, Retired.

Installation of National Officers: Major General Walter Titus.

8:00 PM - 1:00 AM: **Dancing:** Music by Joe Simoni and Orchestra. Raffle.

National Reunion - May 9-12, 2002

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number of people in party: _____

Dinner menu choices: (indicate number of each) Brochettes of beef _____ Baked chicken _____

Date of arrival: _____

Registration fee: \$35.00 per person

Mail check payable to: Golden Gate Bay Area Chapter (GGBAC) and mail as follows: attn: Mrs. Toni Pahed, Finance/Registration Chair, 848 Cayuga Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112. Phone: (415) 239-4248.

Upon receipt of your check, your reservation will be confirmed.

Lodging:

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4000 South El Camino Real
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Rates: One to four persons per room for \$79.00. This is a reduced rate for the Philippine Scouts.

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Date: _____

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

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Date You Joined: _____ Place of Operation: _____

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Annual	5.00	3.00	See Rates Below	_____ Per Member \$8.00 for Annual

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