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GROUP HOSTS CLINIC TO REGISTER FILIPINO VETERANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
SacFilVet Prepares for October Celebration of WWII Veterans with Clinic at Asian Resources

Sacramento, CA, April 10, 2018 – The Sacramento Filipino American WWII Veterans (SacFilVet) is hosting a clinic on Saturday, April 14 from 9am to 3pm at Asian Resources in South Sacramento to help Filipino WWII Veterans and their families register for the Congressional Gold Medal. Volunteers from the SacFilVet group will provide assistance with filling out the forms needed to register Filipino Veterans who served in World War II, as well as identifying the resources to locate documents needed to register. Hard copy registration forms will be available, as well as access to computers for online registration will be available to clinic attendees.

SacFilVet was started in February of this year after several members met shortly after the National Awards Ceremony of Filipino WWII Veterans receiving the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington, DC on October 25, 2017. The much-anticipated event formally recognized the tremendous service and sacrifice of Filipino WWII Veterans and their families. This event last year and the subsequent celebration in San Francisco at the beginning of this year took place as a result of the United States Congress passing the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015 on November 30, 2016. This historic event in American history is the culmination of 75 years of effort by many to recognize the Filipino Veterans for their courageous and selfless service in defending the United States and the Philippines from July 26, 1941 to December 31, 1946.

The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetREP), is a nonprofit, community-based, public charity formed to secure a Congressional Gold Medal for the Filipino veterans of World War II and raise national awareness of their crucial contribution to the United States World War II efforts through academic research and public education. Along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal is the nation's highest civilian award bestowed to individuals or groups who have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field long after the achievement.

On October 27, 2018, SacFilVet, in partnership with several other Sacramento-area Filipino and Veterans organizations and FilVetRep, will be hosting a local celebration similar to the National Awards Ceremony. Before then, SacFilVet would like to ensure that as many local Filipino WWII Veterans and their families can register for the Congressional Gold Medal through clinics and by distributing registration forms throughout the region and at events like the annual Filipino Fiesta of Sacramento.