

# ***AN UNTOLD TRIUMPH***

Narrated by Lou Diamond Phillips

Winner, Hawaii International Film Festival, "Blockbuster Video Audience Award for Best Documentary"

## ***Free Screenings***

Sunday, December 11, 2005

1:00pm First Screening

3:00pm Program Honoring Veterans

4:00pm Second Screening

Philippine Center, Kalayaan Hall  
556 Fifth Avenue (bet. 45<sup>th</sup>/46<sup>th</sup> Sts.)  
New York, NY 10036  
**Open to the Public.**



Presented by the  
Consulate General of the Philippines  
*Philippine American Veterans Organization, Inc (PAVO),*  
*Philippine-American Veterans Auxiliary, Inc. (PAVOA),*  
and the *Sons, Daughters and Orphans of Philippine American Veterans, Inc (SDO-PAV)*

Winner of the *Audience Award for Best Documentary at the 2002 Hawaii International Film Festival*, this film documents the never-been-told story of 7,000 men of the 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments of the US Army who fought in World War II.

On January 2, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order allowing Filipinos to join the US Army and form a volunteer all-Filipino unit. Together, they were General MacArthur's "secret weapon", an indispensable asset of Filipino soldiers and commandos to help him make good on his promise to return to the Philippines and free the country of its Japanese occupiers. These troops proved to be skilled fighters and an indispensable force in liberating the Philippines from Japan and, ultimately, in the winning of World War II. Their love for America- the land of their colonizers – and the love for their ancestral homeland defined them, as they served both countries in this time of war.

Director Noel Izon captures their stories through the voices of the veterans themselves -- only half of whom are still alive today -- and delivers touching personal accounts of the men's contributions and sacrifices during the war. Despite the fact that they endured a bleak, racist prewar climate and were not even considered U.S. citizens, these individuals rallied to join the war effort and cement their rightful place in American history.

*Viewers may give voluntary donations for the veterans.  
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