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**PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL AND NaFFAA REGION 1
TO HONOR FILIPINO WWII VETERANS
THROUGH A THANKSGIVING MASS**

NEW YORK - The Philippine Consulate General in New York and the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA) Region 1 will offer a **Thanksgiving Mass in honor of the Filipino WWII Veterans** on **10 March 2009, Tuesday, 6 p.m.**, at the **Philippine Center**, 556 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

All Filipino World War II veterans and their immediate families, the families of the deceased Filipino war veterans, and members of Filipino-American organizations that supported the Filipino war veterans' cause over the years are cordially invited to attend the occasion.

The Thanksgiving Mass will celebrate the inclusion of the Filipino Veterans provision in the recently enacted *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009*. Under Section 1002 of ARRA, the service rendered by the Filipino World War II veterans is now recognized as active military service in the U.S. Armed Forces and the same veterans are entitled to lump sum benefits. END