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**NY PCG LAUDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY
COMPENSATION FUND**

NEW YORK - The Philippine Consulate General in New York welcomes the signing into law of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009* last 17 February 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 for the purpose of the law.

A Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund has been established under the law and an eligible Filipino World War II veteran who is a U.S. citizen is entitled to a lump sum benefit of US\$15,000 while an eligible non-U.S. citizen Filipino World War II veteran will be given U\$9,000. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is mandated to process payments for these veterans.

The Philippine Consulate General encourages all Filipino World War II veterans based in Northeast U.S.A. to inquire about and submit their claims for lump sum benefits at any state or local office of the U.S. DVA. END.

Labanan ang Kahirapan

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