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Remembering Their Legacy
81st Anniversary Commemoration
Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10AM
San Francisco National Cemetery
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Eighty-one years ago on April 9, 1942, the Filipino and American troops of the U.S. Army Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) were forced to surrender after defending the peninsula of Bataan for 99 days. Few people today know the real significance of the Battle of Bataan and only know of the surrender and the ensuing march. Air support was virtually gone after the first week. Less than a month after the Philippines was attacked (December 8, 1941), the troops were put on half rations. By February, quinine, the cure for malaria, was no longer being distributed to soldiers in the field. By March the troops were put on quarter rations. Most of the troops were suffering from massive disease and starvation and by beginning of April, there were no longer any reserve troops. And yet, they managed to delay the timetable of the Imperial Japanese Army. Thousands died while marching under extreme tropical conditions to their prison camp at Camp O'Donnell. Those who could no longer go on were beaten, bayoneted, shot and some were even beheaded. Once inside Camp O'Donnell, approximately 20,000 Filipinos and 1,600 Americans died. More American prisoners of war subsequently died in prison camps across the country or in unmarked Japanese merchant vessels or "hell ships" that were used to transport them to labor camps in Asia. Many of the Filipino soldiers joined guerrilla groups that paved the way for the liberation of the Philippines by American and Allied Forces.

Every year since, 2012 (except for 2020 when Covid was at its height), we commemorate this seminal event so that current and future generations will learn about the sacrifices of so many who fought for the freedom that we are enjoying today. On April 15 at 10AM, Bataan Legacy Historical Society, in collaboration with its partner organizations, will observe this monumental event at the San Francisco National Cemetery. This year's event will be bigger than ever and will include special participation by our peace officers, first responders and cadets in addition to veterans and members of the Armed Forces. As descendants of the greatest generation, we have a moral duty, a sacred obligation to ensure that their legacy will live on!

Thank you to our partners, sponsors, volunteers and supporters who keep the flame alive!

Please spread the word about this event. You can also view it live on Facebook/BataanLegacy.

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PROGRAM

9:45AM Medley of Philippine Songs by Universal Choir

9:53AM Medley of Armed Service Songs by Members of the 191st Army Band, "The Band of the Wild West"

10:00AM Welcome by Ronnie Campbell, San Francisco National Cemetery, & Brig. Gen. Steven McLaughlin, USAR Master of Ceremonies

10:05AM Procession Begins. Mounted Officers from the San Francisco City & County Sheriff's Office, Joint Service Color Guards (Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard), San Francisco Bagpipes & Drum Corps, San Francisco City & County Sheriff's Office Color Guards, Livermore Police Department Color Guards, San Francisco Fire Department Color Guards, University of San Francisco ROTC Color Guards, SFUSD JROTC Color Guards, San Francisco Firefighters, Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers, Junior Cadets from San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), Civil Air Patrol, Golden Gate Young Marines, SF Sheriff's Patrol Car. Flyover by San Francisco City & County Sheriff's Office Air Squadron

10:15AM Posting of Colors by Joint Service Color Guards led by SFC Christopher Garcia, USA 91TSD

10:18AM National Anthems of the Philippines by Universal Choir & Host Country, U.S.A. by Members of the 191st U.S. Army Band, "The Band of the Wild West"

10:24AM Pledge of Allegiance by Officer Dominic Gamboa, Santa Clara Police Department, Sergeant at Arms, Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Organization (FALEO)

10:29AM Invocation by Cantor Barry Reich

10:34AM Philippine Consul General in San Francisco, the Honorable Neil Frank R. Ferrer

10:40AM Ili Ili Tulog Anay (Hush, Hush, Sleep My Child) Sung by Judith Javier Tiu

10:45AM Philippine Requiem, a poem written by Robert Logan Hudson in honor of his father, Richard Charles Hudson, Company A, Quartermaster Corps, 31st Infantry Regiment, a Survivor of the Bataan Death March, the Hell Ships and the Labor Camps. To be delivered by Thomas Rodriguez Laskowski, a Senior student at Fusion Academy in Los Gatos, CA, in honor of his grandfather Epifanio Rodriguez of the U.S. Navy

10:50AM Keynote Speech by Maj. General Miles Davis, Commanding General, 63rd Readiness Division

11:00AM Tolling of the Bells led by Rear Admiral Jonathan Yuen, USN (Ret). Honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Participants: Paul Ruiz, Ryan Stinson, Raymond Canilao, COL (Ret) Deborah Dacumos, USA, LTC Marisol Chalas, SGT Francis Feliciano, SFPD, Jasper McHugh, COL Derek Salmi, USAF, Lori Taylor, CAPT Glenn Buni, USN, CASA Mark Benton, Mexican Deputy Consul Vicente Sanchez, Junko Fuchigami Barreda, Cynthia Bonta, Chief Michael Connolly, BG Antoinette Gant

11:20AM Payapang Daigdig (A Peaceful World) by Universal Choir

11:25AM Laying of Wreath to be carried by SrA Jude Pasion, USAF, with Philippine Consul General Neil Ferrer and Mexican Deputy Consul Vicente Sanchez. Mansions of the Lord by the Members of the 191st Army Band, "The Band of the Wild West"

11:30AM Thank You by Cecilia Gaerlan, Exec. Director, Bataan Legacy Historical Society and Brig. General Steven McLaughlin, Master of Ceremonies

11:35AM God Bless America by Judith Javier-Tiu accompanied by SSGT Nicholas Boland, 191st US Army Band on keyboard

11:40AM 21-Gun Salute by American Legion Riders Chapter 105, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Taps to be played by SPC Jeremy White, 191st U.S. Army Band. Missing Man Tribute with Flyover by Memorial Squadron at the end of Taps

11:45AM Retiring of Colors by Color Guards with San Francisco Bagpipes & Drum Corps

11:50AM End of Program

President John F. Kennedy Pays Homage to Bataan & Corregidor

Sixty years ago, President John F. Kennedy paid homage to the Filipino and American soldiers of Bataan and Corregidor as well as the Filipino people who sacrificed so much

in defense of freedom. Listen to his message below.

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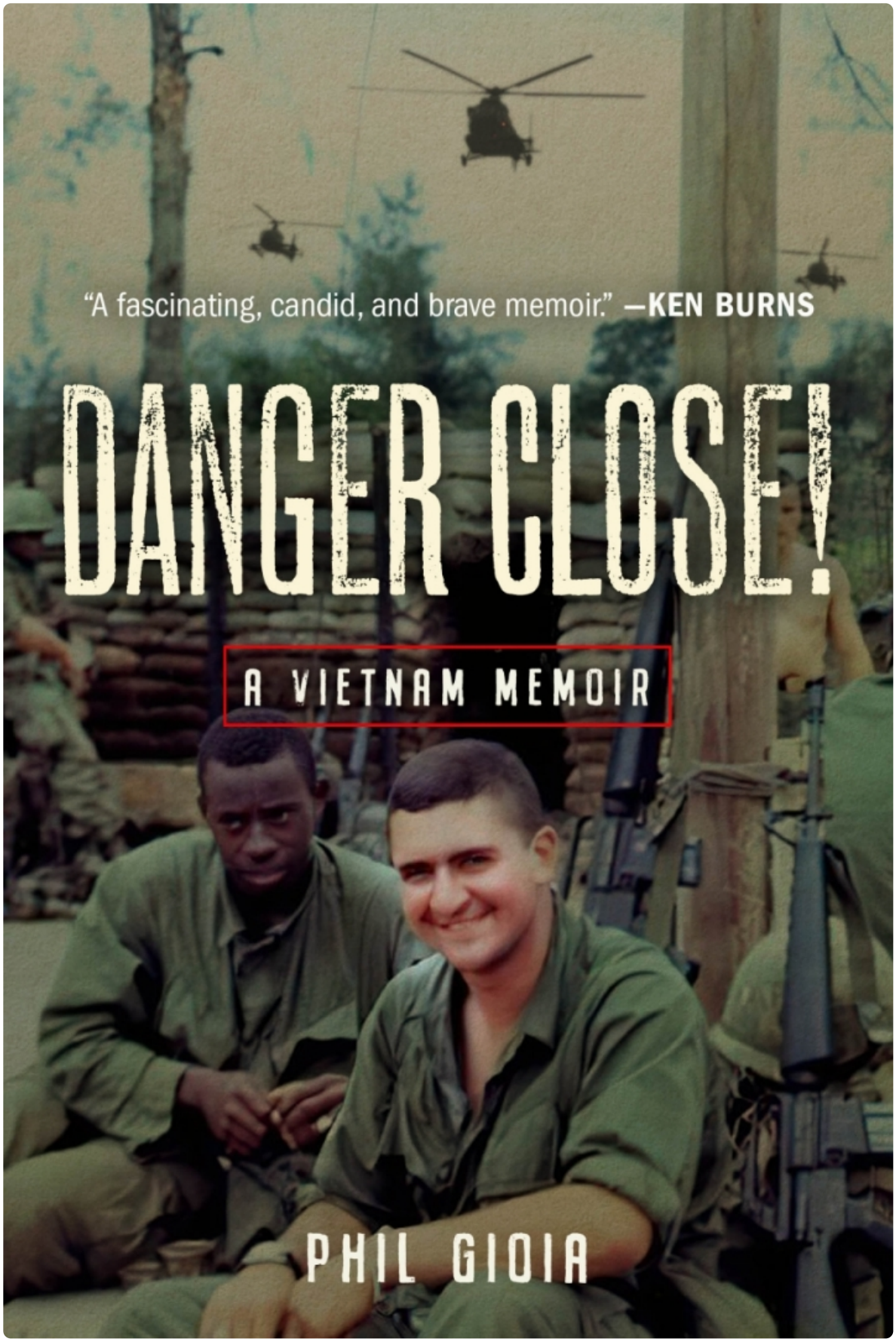
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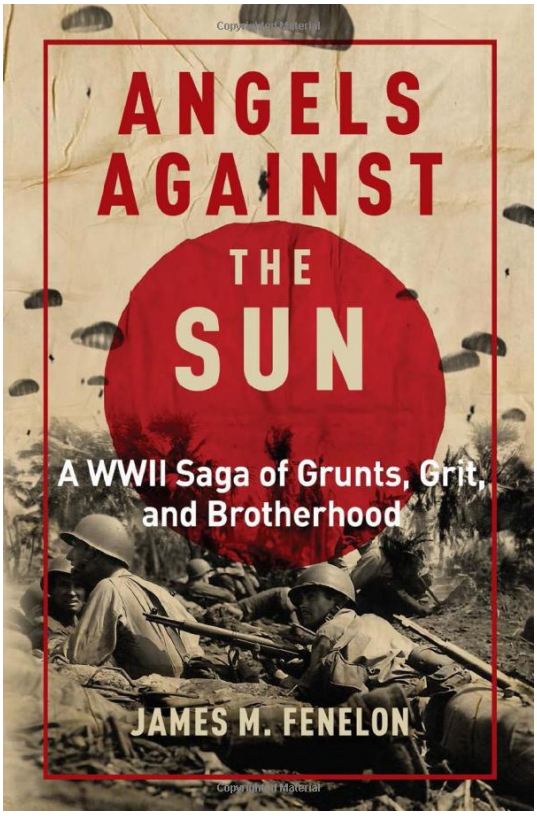

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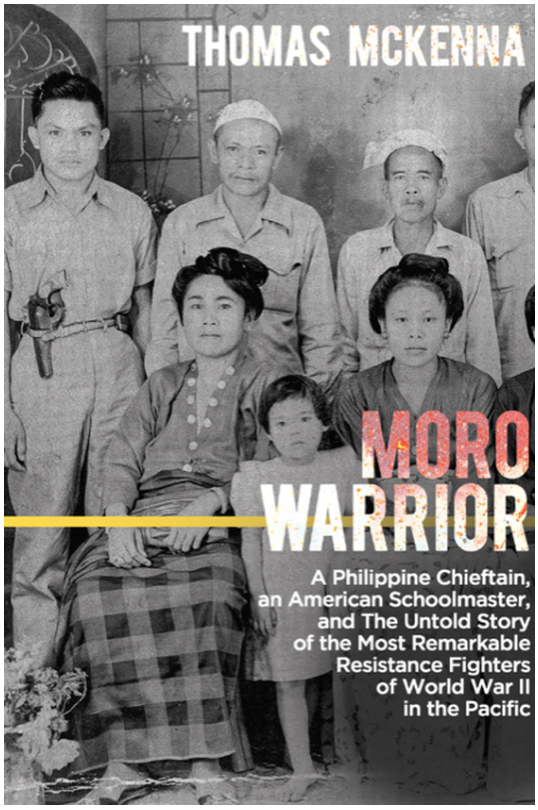

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