

## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## 76th Commemoration of "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor)

The Consulate General of the Philippines will observe the **76**<sup>th</sup> **Commemoration of "Araw ng Kagitingan" (Day of Valor)** with a wreath laying ceremony at the Bataan-Corregidor Memorial Bridge on Monday, 09 April 2018 at 4:00 pm, at the corner of State Street and Wacker Drive, Chicago.

This annual event is being held to remember and pay tribute to thousands of Filipino and American soldiers who displayed extraordinary gallantry and courage beyond the call of duty in defending Bataan and Corregidor in 1941-1942.

After the wreath laying ceremony, participants and guests will gather for a program starting at 5:00 PM at the Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate General of the Philippines at 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

The highlight of the program will be the presentation of the WWII Filipino Veterans US Congressional Gold Medal to honor the Filipino veterans of World War II for their sacrifices and heroic deeds.

In view of this significant Philippine national holiday, the Consulate General's Consular Section wil be open to the public on 09 April 2018, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm only, for passport applications, authentication and notarization services.

Please RSVP your organization's participation <u>not later than 04 April 2018</u> through Ms. Anna Liza F. Alcantara, Cultural Officer, at 312-583-0621 ext. 13, or through email at chicagopcg@att.net.

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