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75th MAYWOOD BATAAN DAY 2017

The Consulate General of the Philippines would like to invite the Filipino-American community in the Midwest and the general public to attend the **75th Annual Memorial Service of the Maywood Bataan Day at the Veterans Memorial, Maywood Park, located at First Avenue and Oak Street, Maywood, Illinois, on Sunday, 10 September 2017, at 3:00 p.m.** Participation is free and open to the public.

Everyone is invited to this annual memorial service. Featured in this affair were those who fought for freedom and liberty in the Philippine Campaign of World War II. The event aims to 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 1942. This day also honors the achievements of Filipino and American veterans and recognizes the sacrifices they have made and the heroism they have displayed.

The Consulate General of the Philippines strongly supports the Maywood Bataan Day Organization (MBDO) in its aim of preserving the memory of the defense of Bataan and perpetuating the observance of Maywood's Bataan Day. MBDO's mission also includes supporting veterans of all wars and providing educational resources through its archives and website (www.mbd.org).

Preceding the service will be the playing of patriotic music, beginning at 2:30 pm, from the Navy Ceremonial Band as well as color guards from various Veteran Groups and guest speakers. The highlights of the Memorial Service include a dedication of a Veterans Memorial Wall, a new Memorial Plaque for a WWI-era British Cannon, and a wreath laying ceremony featuring members of all branches of the Armed Forces.

The Filipino community's attendance will surely be appreciated by Maywood residents and Veterans organizations.

For more information, please contact the Consulate General's Cultural Officer, Anna Liza F. Alcantara, at telephone no. (312) 583-0621, or email the Consulate at chicagopcg@att.net.

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