



THE FILIPINO VETERANS RECOGNITION
AND EDUCATION PROJECT

Congressional Gold Medal Events in Washington, D.C.
Week of Oct. 23-27, 2017

[updated as of 9/26/2017]

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Oct. 25, Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12Noon
Emancipation Center, US Capitol Visitor Center
Independence Avenue & 4th Street NW
Washington, D.C.

Leaders of the U.S. House and Senate, led by Speaker Paul Ryan, will present the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal (CGM) in a formal ceremony at the U.S. Capitol. This event is by invitation only.

This one-hour ceremony is mainly a symbolic presentation of the one gold medal minted specifically to fulfill the provisions of Public Law 114-265, which awards the medal collectively to Filipino veterans of World War II.

Please note: *The awarding of individual bronze replicas of the CGM to living veterans or next of kin, will **NOT** take place during the Presentation ceremony, but at the dinner celebration later in the evening. See below for more information.*

The Presentation ceremony is by invitation only. Invited guests must present confirmation to be admitted. Invitations are non-transferable.

Attire: Business or Barong, Military Class A uniform

The ceremony will be live streamed on **speaker.gov/live**

After the ceremony, the medal will be permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

CELEBRATION DINNER

Oct. 25, Wednesday, 4:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, VA.

1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean, VA. 22101,

This is a ticketed event, open to the general public. Dinner tickets are \$175/guest. Reservations are required. Go to www.filvetrep.org to register and make payment.

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. – Medals Presentation

At this time, bronze replicas of the CGM will be individually presented to living veterans and designated next of kin. Veterans, both living and deceased, must be registered and certified in FilVetREP's National Registry to qualify for a bronze replica.

6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. – VIP Reception

7:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. – Banquet

\$175/guest (living veterans are complimentary)

Attire: Formal or Barong. Military Class A or formal dress.

Event Information from the Office of the Speaker

Invited guests will need to enter the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) which is located beneath the East Front plaza of the U.S. Capitol at First Street and East Capitol Street. To gain entry into the event, all guests must register and pick up his or her ceremony ticket at the Will Call table.

Please allow sufficient amount of time for travel, walking to the CVC Entrance (plan 10-20 minutes from bus drop-off), picking up your tickets at Will Call, clearing security, and arriving in Emancipation Hall for the ceremony.

Parking for attendees arriving by car: the closest public parking to the CVC is at Union Station, about half a mile away.

In order to ensure the safety of visitors and staff and to preserve the collections, facilities and historic buildings and grounds, some items are prohibited at the U.S. Capitol.

Visitors to the U.S. Capitol are screened by a magnetometer. All items that are permitted inside the building are screened by an x-ray device. Visitors should keep their belongings with them at all times as unattended items may result in a disruption of service at the Capitol.

The following items are strictly prohibited in the Capitol, including the Capitol Visitor Center:

- Liquid, including water
- Food or beverage of any kind, including fruit and unopened packaged food
- Aerosol containers
- Non-aerosol sprays (Prescriptions for medical needs are permitted.)
- Any pointed object, e.g., knitting needles and letter openers (Pens and pencils are permitted.)
- Any bag larger than 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep
- Electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices
- Guns, replica guns, ammunition and fireworks

- Knives of any size
- Mace and pepper spray
- Razors and box cutters
- Masks

Please note that the U.S. Capitol Police are authorized to make exceptions if a prohibited item is determined to be necessary and required to serve child care, medical or other special needs.

Also, note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the Capitol, and food and drink are only allowed in the Capitol Visitor Center Restaurant.

Should you have any questions about traditional dress or the prohibited items list, please contact Capitol Police Special Events at 202-224-8891.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

The Deputy Press Secretary of House Speaker Ryan directs media organizations and individuals interested in obtaining credentials for the Gold Medal Ceremony on October to directly contact their respective gallery:

Radio-TV: 202-225-5214

Daily Press: 202-225-3945

Periodical Press: 202-225-2941

Still Photographers: 202-224-6548

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