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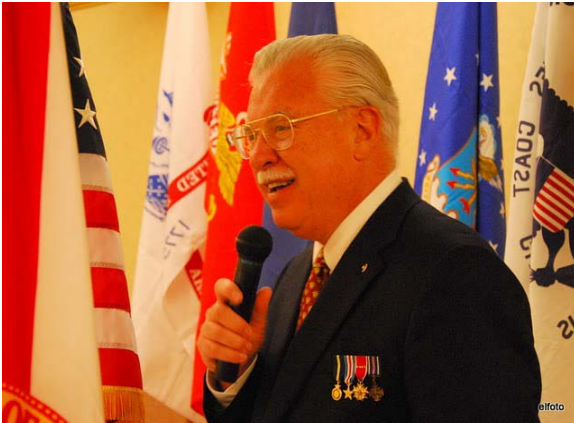
DECEMBER 2010



SEASON'S GREETINGS!!!



A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER (...Our Veterans) Veterans Ball Featured Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney



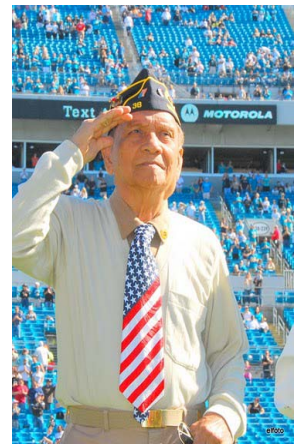
Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney (USN, Ret.) lauds the contribution of Filipino Americans in the US military, particularly in the US Navy; while FAVS Honor Guards perform the Flag Folding and the Missing Man's Table Ceremonies during the 8th Greater Jacksonville Veterans Ball held at the downtown Hyatt. The much anticipated annual event was attended by over 200 veterans from WWII to the present, and other guests.



MORE NOVEMBER FOLLIES...



President Don Villanueva and Mrs. Rose Go present Admiral Delaney and Mrs. Delaney a plaque, and a bouquet of flowers, respectively. President Don Villanueva raises the folded flag and shows it to the audience, FAVS Honor Guards “fold” the chairs at the conclusion of the Missing Man Table Ceremony. Patricia Ann Cruz, winner of the Veterans Day Student Essay Contest is presented with awards from Admiral Delaney and Contest Chairman Dave Pagaduan, Admiral Delaney poses with the veterans in military attire.



Jacksonville Veterans Parade: The men and women of FAVS, led by CDR Ed Callao and LCDR John Wilde marched and held the FAVS banner high and mighty as they waved to the crowd in appreciation. John and Dave walked in stride thanking the crowd. Other veterans enjoyed the crowd cheers as they rode and waved their flags. Pat Ganio and other WWII veterans were congratulated by the USMC honor guards, players, coaches and fans at the Jacksonville Jaguars Veterans Appreciation day at Everbank Stadium.



President's Message:

As the end of the year approaches, I am writing to thank you all for your support and commitment to the Filipino American Veterans Society. It has been 8 years ago since our mere existence, accordingly, and I want to extend my utmost appreciation and respect to the founders; Art Gandionco, Gee Mercado, Bob

*Bontilao, Nes Papel, Ding Sabio and myself. Over the years our membership has grown to 167. We have been very active participants in many Jacksonville veterans' activities and social events. Our involvements and active participations on all these events have given us some high visibility and exposures within the veteran's community of who we are and what we represent as a group. I want to extend my personal thanks to those of you who volunteer your time regularly to be Honor Guard to fallen comrades. We lost 4 of our members this year thus far: **Adrian Almazan, Edmundo Cabales, Ben Gozar and Ernesto Ramos.** May their spirits remain with us and give us guidance and strength to carry on with our mission and "May their souls rest in peace".*

I have many things to be thankful for this year aside from my dear wife's never-ending support, help and understanding of a demanding job as president of this organization:

***Art Gandionco**, Vice Prez. – A two time president of the FAVS, and former Chairman of the Board. He is one of the reasons for my decision to accept this position. He utilizes his work hours well to benefit the organization, especially during our function. He and his wife, Yvonne has been close friends. An ally and adviser to every decision made. He is one of the FOUNDERS, VBC member and FAVS HG. Graphic designer for our Souvenir Programs, event tickets, FAVS website, shirts, ball caps and pins, etc.*

***Del Papel**, Secretary – one of the best Secretary one could ever ask for. She is meticulous, sharp and very thorough, as demonstrated during the Veterans Ball event. VBC member.*

***Kay Doliente**, Treasurer – A very detailed oriented Treasurer. She volunteers her time and co-facilitated the distribution of the Thanksgiving Basket.*

***Al Delorito**, Auditor, Tax Adviser. He is very knowledgeable in tax laws and requirements. Every association could use one like him. FAVS HG*

***Romy Go**, Chaplain – An adviser, a seasoned veteran, an excellent resource of historical data and events. He and Rose facilitated dance practices at the Sacred Heart for the Veterans Ball. He is an excellent recruiter. VBC member and FAVS HG*

***Willie Reyes**, Auditor – wealth of information and reliable source to tax laws. FAVS HG*

***Fred Cabales**, Parliamentarian – A very good resource for the NAS JAX Color Guards, etc. FAVS HG*

***Rudy Alcantara**, Historian – He should be a permanent Historian. He never misses a good shot during the event. FAVS HG*

***Zeny Arzaga, PRO** - She is an excellent source of information and historical data. VBC member. She has been elected Treasurer for 2011. She has accommodated VBC meetings at her residence.*

***Juliet Wilde** – Area Rep. A hard-working, reliable and an excellent contributor to FAVS events. VBC member.*

***John Wilde** – He has been elected Parliamentarian for 2011. He coordinated the Veterans Ball networking and posting with the USO up to the day of the event. Master of the ceremony for the Veterans Ball and VBC member*

***Ed Callao** – FILAM Council President. He made arrangement with Rear Admiral Delaney to be the guest Speaker for the Veterans Ball. He has wealth of information with military protocols, etc. VBC member. FAVS HG. Narrated the Flag Folding ceremony during the Veterans Ball.*

***Marshall Paul & Lena Hout**– They accommodated one of the general meetings at their majestic residence. He coordinated the FAVS members to be in attendance at several Veterans service/ceremony held at the Baptist church. He was one of the Color Guards at the Flag Raising ceremony.*

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

*Starting with the Chairman, **Nes Papel**, he is steadfast, solid and resolute. He is one of the FOUNDERS as well as founder and framer of most organizations in the City of Jacksonville. Group member who took the trip to Tallahassee during the Opening Day of the Legislative Session. VBC member.*

***Dave Pagaduan** – Former president of the FAVS. Chairman of the Scholarship and Essay Committee, Election Committee, Thanksgiving Basket and Filipino Pride Day, etc. etc. A very proud and reliable member. He accepts challenges when presented. A very generous donor, he personally donated a booth, worth \$500 for the organization to use during Filipino Pride Day. He donated used and some brand new clothing to the Veterans Homeless Stand down. He pledged to donate a new FAVS banner. We are so lucky to have Dave as one of the member. He coordinated FAVS 4th of July picnics. President of the FAVS 2007. FAVS HG. Etc. etc.*

***Connie Villanueva** - My solid partner for life. Dance coordinator/ instructor and personal adviser. Collected toiletry items and necessities for the Homeless Veterans Stand down. Assisted Historian in taking photographs of events. FAVS HG. She was one member of the Group who took the trip to Tallahassee during the Opening Day of the Legislative Session. VBC member. Solicited a free room at the Hyatt & 2 Jaguar Game tickets for the Veterans Ball that resulted to a*

raffle sale of \$460. She has always volunteered her services to be the photographer at events.

Nena Reed - She donated a Thanksgiving basket for the needy. FAVS HG

Luz Mojica – Outstanding VBC Treasurer/member. She was In charge of decorating the hall for the event.

Ding Sabio – One of the founders. He successfully assisted numerous veterans & spouses to file for veteran claims & benefits. He recently retired as a Veteran Service officer for the City. He is an expert in his chosen field.

Cesar Pegarido – Coordinated the venue for the General Election. His wife, Carmen has been appointed as one of the Area Officer in Charge.

Nick Chan – Chairman, membership committee. Outstanding recruiter, welcome aboard package coordinator, hard-working member, reliable. He coordinated the Missing man table and the Flag Folding for the Veterans Ball.

Bob Bontilao – One of the founders. President of the FAVS 2005 and former Chairman of the Board. Honor Guard Committee Chairman. Excellent source of historical data and events. Coordinated the Missing Man Table and Flag Folding ceremonies for the Veterans Ball.

"I apologize if I failed to mention your name and indicate some of your accomplishments and contributions to this organization. Please bring it to my attention and it will be corrected at the earliest convenience".

Don Villanueva
President, Filipino American Veterans Society
Jacksonville, Florida

WELCOME ABOARD 2010 NEW MEMBERS:

Dan MacCarthy, Ares Quiambao, James Robbins, Moises Bolante, Joseph Marquez, Elvis Aviles, Benedicto Lipat, Benjamin Miciano, Nick Mendoza, Jr., Ireneo Bembo, Jose Dagdayan, Mike Loyola, Ben Cabacungan, Armando Rosete, Julio Gabriel, Arnel Reyes, Dante Zarzoso, Anje DeOcampo, Daniel Pavan, Daniel Lira, Reynaldo Dominguez, Jose Encanto

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS:

December:

03 - Connie Villanueva, 05 - Anje DeOcampo, 10 - Jose Encanto, 12- Manny Torres, 14- Nick Chan, 15 - Dave

Bragg, 17 - Pat Patangan, 20 - Kay Doliente, 22 - Ted Domingo, 27 - Arnel Reyes, 28 - Benjamin Miciano, 30 - Jose Carreon, 31 - Nick Keller

January, 2011:

05 - Orlando Gutierrez, 11 - Fina Russell, 12 - Don Villanueva, 14 - Art Gandionco, 15 - Ricardo Barnachea, 15 - Gregorio Dorado, 16 - Ed Obrero, 16 - Emilio Reyes, 19 - Richard Aquino, 20 - Nancy Quitevis, 20 - Reynaldo Dominguez, 22 - Wilfredo Reyes, 23 - Agripino Sarroca, 23 - Robert Luna, 23 - Daniel Pavan, 24 - Pio Timones, 26 - Gee Mercado, 27 - Nena Reed, 31 - Luz Mojica

February, 2011:

04 - Arturo Confiado, 04 - Raymund Sarabia, 05 - Ben Franzuela, 07 - Romy Go, 08 - Beethoven Ruedas, 14 - Romanito Ames, 16 - Claro Ignacio, 17 - Fred Cabales, 20 - Jerree Rodil, 21 - James Robbins, 23 - Rey Sanalila, 25 - Victor Montoya, 26 - Nes Papel, 27 - Angel Faustino, 28 - Joseph Marquez

FAVS ELECTS 2011 Officers

President Don Villanueva, Vice President Art Gandionco, and Secretary Del Papel were elected to their second term for 2011. The following is the line-up of elected and appointed officers:

President	-	Don Villanueva
Vice President	-	Art Gandionco
Secretary	-	Del Papel
Treasurer	-	Zeny Arzaga
Historian	-	Rudy Alcantara
Parliamentarian	-	John Wilde
Auditors	-	Al Delorito, Willie Reyes
Marshals	-	Pio Timones, Des Camaso
PRO	-	Joe Marquez
Chaplain	-	Romy Go

Area Officers In Charge: Carmen Pegarido, Lyn Encanto, Juliet Wilde, Remy DeAsis

Congratulations to all!

TAPS:

After six years in existence, FAVS loses 4 of its lifetime members: **Ben Gozar, Adrian Almazan, Edmundo Cabales, and Ernie Ramos.**

Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.

Know the line has held, your job is done.

Rest easy, sleep well. .

Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held. Peace, peace, and farewell...