THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
September 2012

NEWSLETTER

Mail:
The American Legion
Department of the Philippines
370 Batangas St.
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Philippines 2009

Department Commander

Commanders Corner:

Fellow Legionnaires:

There is not a lot to report on for the month of September, as you know Our Necman and Adjutant left for the United States in order to attend the National Convention and to attend the Fall Conference.

We expect that our Adjutant will be returning home by the end of the month, hopefully with a brighter and clearer Vision than when he left, (Chris was having some eye surgery done while he was there) don’t want to mislead you this remark has nothing to do with his outlook on the Legion or the Department. In speaking with him awhile back he said he was doing okay. We certainly hope so.

We were able to meet our second quota in time for the October Target Date and now stand at 58+%, so we are doing fine in our membership, and at this point in time we have a few more to transmit, they will be going in the next couple of weeks.

We had our DEC meeting September 27 and all went well. Presentations were made to Post Commander Cesar Nobles,
Post 125, Luna La Union. These awards were for membership, recruiting and Post Awards for membership. Job well done Cesar.

September 28, I traveled to Nabua trying to reconnect with Post 36; we are half way there with 7 members and an additional 10 we are trying to contact, To complete the re-connection. Although the trip was not as good as I had hoped for, it did and does show promise.

We continue to do well in this Department and it is all because of the great efforts you have all put forth. I am indeed fortunate to be the Commander of such a great Department, thank you all for your work, dedication and support.

So until next time, Please take good care of yourselves and God Bless you all.

Yours in Service

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Department NECman’s Comments

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All VA claims initiated or assisted by The American Legion in the Philippines will be forwarded to the Department Service Officer or an Assistant Department Service Officer for review PRIOR to being submitted to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

This review will ensure that the claims are complete and ready for submission to Veterans Affairs.

What are your responsibilities?
If you receive benefits from the VA:
You are responsible to report the following to the VA:
Your income or the income of your dependents changes (earnings, Social Security Benefits, lottery, and gambling winnings).
Your net worth increases (bank accounts, investments, real estate)
Your continuing medical expenses are reduced
You gain or lose a dependant
Your address or phone number changes.

What YOU can do: If you are not satisfied with the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (BVA) decision about your claim, you have a number of options to avail for relief:

Motion for Reconsideration. You may file a “motion” asking the BVA to reconsider its decision by writing a letter to the BVA showing why you believe that the BVA committed an obvious error of fact or law in its decision in your appeal. If the BVA decided more than one issue, be sure to tell us which issues you want reconsidered. Address your letter to: Director, Administrative Service (014), Board of Veterans’ Appeals, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. There is no time limit on filing a motion for reconsideration.

Motion to Revise the Board’s Decision based on Clear and Unmistakable Error. You may file a motion asking that the Board revise its final decision if you believe the decision is based on “clear and unmistakable error” (CUE). Care should be used in preparing such a motion because it must meet very specific requirements and the Board will not review a final decision on this basis more than once. The Board encourages you to carefully review its rules on CUE and seek help from a qualified representative before filing such a motion. There is no time limit on filing a CUE review motion.

Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. You have the right to appeal a BVA decision to the United States court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (the Court). A Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Court within 120 days from the date of
the mailing of the notice of the BVA’s decision. The date of mailing is the date that appears on the face of the BVA decision. The Court’s address: Unites States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004.

Respectfully yours,

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We have included hyperlink(s):

TRICARE: TRICARE Area Office - Pacific, (81)6117-43-2036, TPAO.CSC@med.navy.mil

The Veterans Affairs:
http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel

RAO Bulletins:
http://sjcvets.zymichost.com/index.html
for PDF Format and/or
http://415vva.homestead.com/Home.html

(Word format)

http://www.veteransresources.org/rao-bulletin/

Veterans Legislation:
http://thomas.loc.gov

USAF Afterburner
http://www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/

1st Vice Commander

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Our monthly meeting is the first Friday after the fourth of the month.
Ask for the floating restaurant

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Yours in Service,

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The American Legion Post 125
COLONEL “PING” PARAAN
Luna, La Union, meets every 2d Saturday of the month at our American Legion Post Home in Darigayos, Luna, La Union.

Yours in Service,

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Sons of the American Legion (SAL)
Squadron 21
SAL Elected Officers
Philippine Detachment 2012- 2013

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Good News, Squadron 65 is now active!!!
Will send you a list of the Sq 65, Officers.

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