

The San Francisco Veterans Equity Center honors the valuable contribution of Filipino American World War II Veterans to freedom and democracy, provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services and advocates for justice and equity.

BAYANIHAN EQUITY CENTER NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

This year, April 9th marks the 76th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March. During WWII, As Japanese Imperial forces sought control of the Pacific front, the U.S anticipated its imminent involvement. In response, the United States Armed Forces in the Far East (USAFEF) was formed in 1941, as the merger of the Philippine Commonwealth Army and the U.S Armed Forces, which were stationed in the Philippines. General Douglas MacArthur was made commander of the USAFFE, which consisted of 120,000 Filipino troops and 30,000 American troops. Aiming for U.S bases, Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor in



APRIL REMINDERS

CMC COMMUNITY CHOIR

Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (1:30-3:00 PM)

Learn vocal techniques, and songs in both English and Tagalog. Choir lessons are provided by the San Francisco Community Music Center, led by Choir Director Leon Palad, and accompanied by Pianist Ed Corzo.

LEGAL CLINIC

Fridays, April 6, 20 (2-4 PM)

Free legal immigration consultation. Priority is given to Filipino veterans, their families, and low-income VEC consumers. Now also available every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

SENIOR HOUSING

Wednesday, April 18 (10-12 PM)

Join us at GFRC every third Wednesday of the month for free workshops on preparation for applications, tenants rights, etc., and upcoming housing opportunities.

BIRTHDAY BINGO BASH

Friday, April 27 (2-4 PM)

Join us for FREE merienda and bingo to celebrate our April birthdays. Party with us even if it isn't your birth month!

EXTRA!

JAPS OPEN WAR ON U.S. HAWAII, MANILA BOMBED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The White House announced at 2:25 p.m. today that an enemy transport carrying lumber rather than troops had been torpedoed 1,200 miles west of San Francisco. Another American vessel believed to be a cargo ship, was sailing for help 70 miles west of San Francisco.

Japan attacked the United States today, striking by air at the great Pearl Harbor naval base at Honolulu and Manila, and other points, indicated that the United States had now been hit in the new world war.

"The enemy and the navy, it appears, now have the air and sea under control," said an N.B.C. broadcast from Honolulu, a few hours after the Japanese opened the attack.

President Roosevelt ordered the army and navy to carry out an unusual order prepared for the defense of the United States.

Announcing the president's action for the protection of American territory, President Franklin D. Roosevelt today declared that "when both nations were at agreement were different with us in the war of the time that the Japanese submarines had gone to the state department to head to the secretary of state. Japan's reply to the secretary's communication of this. It is promptly carry off and that long prepared counter move to the enemy. Japanese submarine attacks had been ordered to report and any 'sinking' mission."

The combined US-Filipino forces continued to fight for 3 months, but due to disease and starvation, General Edward King Jr., surrendered his approximately 75,000 troops in April 1942. Troops were forced to march 65 miles from Mariveles, on the southern end of the Bataan Peninsula, to San Fernando.

BATAAN FALLS! 36,800 IN TRAP

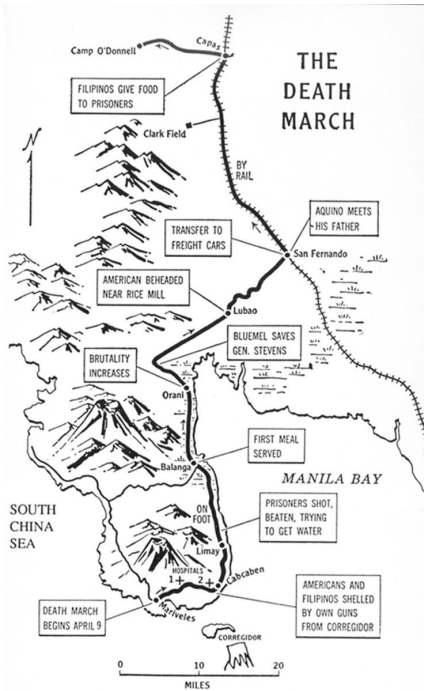
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Bataan fell today to numerically superior Japanese forces, entrapping 36,800 heroic American-Filipino troops, who were physically exhausted from five days of terrible bombardment.

The fall of Bataan, the last major American stronghold in the Philippines, marked the end of the Bataan Campaign.

The captured defenders in our hands, although they appear to be in good health, are being held in a camp.

Today's action on the Bataan Peninsula was the last of the Bataan Campaign.

Commentary: War Diary told Bataan's Fall.



Thousands of troops died because of the brutality of their captors, who starved and beat the marchers, and bayoneted those too weak to walk. Survivors were taken by rail from San Fernando to prisoner-of-war camps, such as Camp O'Donnell, where thousands more died from

disease, mistreatment and starvation. In February 1945, General Douglas MacArthur returned and led U.S.-Filipino forces to recapture the Bataan Peninsula, and Manila was liberated from Japanese occupation.

**Join us for our
Bataan Commemoration Vigil
Friday, April 13th
2:00-4:00 PM
Bayanihan Community Center**



KARAOKE HOUR

Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 2:00-4:00pm.

March 14
March 28



Filipino World War II Veterans Roster

The Veterans Equity Center is working in collaboration with the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetRep) to ensure that the Filipino veterans in California are recognized for their service under the Congressional Gold Medal.

If you or your family member is a Filipino veteran of World War II, and is interested in receiving the Congressional Gold Medal, please refer to our website for eligibility, or call our office.

<http://www.vetsequitycenter.org/cgm/>

Phone: (415) 255-2347

EQUIFAX DATA BREACH



What does it mean?

Leaked sensitive information:

- Social Security Number
- Birthdates
- Addresses
- Credit Card Numbers

How do I check if my information was stolen?

Use free online resources to check your credit:

- Annual Credit Report: Initial Fraud Alert
- Extended Fraud Alert

We have computers and we can help you run a credit check. Make an appointment with our Community Service Workers.



The Bill Sorro Housing Program (BiSHoP) is a community based program of the Bayanihan Equity Center (VEC), committed to addressing housing related issues for low to moderate income families, individuals and families.

HOUSING DROP IN CLINIC*

Every Tuesday

**10:00 am-12:00 pm and
1:30 pm-4:00 pm**

*Assistance is available on a first come, first served basis. Bring your income information to determine what kind of housing you qualify for.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

1335 Folsom Street

- SRO (7 total units)
- Maximum 2 people

Income requirement:
\$2,083/month

Monthly Rent: \$833

Application Deadline: April 12

125 Mason. Unit 805

- 1 Bedroom
- Maximum 3 people

Income requirement:
\$3,323/ month

Monthly Rent: \$1,329

Application Deadline: April 16

750 Harrison Street

- SRO (9 total units)
- Maximum 3 people

Income requirement:
\$2,083/ month

Monthly Rent: \$833

Application Deadline: April 20

TECH LAB



- Use our laptops & iPads
- Set up email, Facebook
- Apply for housing online

**WHEN: Mondays
April 9, 16, 23, 30
11:00 am- 12:00 pm**

We're hiring!

We are looking for dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team.

- 1 Full Time Housing Case Worker
- 1 Full Time Outreach Coordinator
- 1 Full Time Senior Housing Community Service Worker

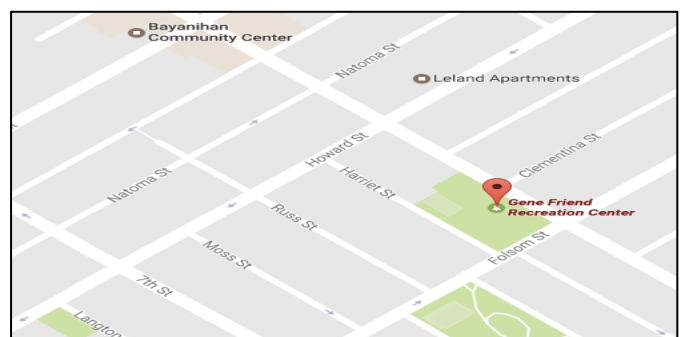
For more information and to see job descriptions, please visit our website:
<http://www.vetsequitycenter.org/category/employment/>

Gene Friend Recreation Center

Senior Housing Workshop

Wednesday, 3/14

11:00am-1:00pm



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	2 Community Choir 1:30-3:00 pm (BH) Tech Lab 2:00-4:00 pm (AR)	3 Housing Clinic 10-12pm & 1:30-4pm (AR) Drop-In Housing Clinic 9:30-2:00pm (GFRC)	4 Drop-In Housing Clinic 9:30-2:00pm (GFRC) Karaoke Hour 2:00-4:00 pm (BH)	5 Food Distribution 1:00-3:00 pm (BH)	6 Exercise Class 10:00-11:00 am (BH) Legal Clinic 2-4:00 pm (AR)	7
8	9 <i>76th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March</i> Community Choir 1:30-3:00 pm (BH) Tech Class 11:00-12:00 pm (AR)	10 Housing Clinic 10-12pm & 1:30-4pm (AR) Drop-In Housing Clinic 9:30-2:00pm (GFRC)	11 Drop-In Housing Clinic 9:30-2:00pm (GFRC) Karaoke Hour 2:00-4:00 pm (BH)	12 Food Distribution 1:00-3:00 pm (BH)	13 Exercise Class 10:00-11:00 am (BH) Bataan Commemoration Vigil 2-4:00 pm (BH)	14
15	16 Community Choir 1:30-3:00 pm (BH) Tech Lab 2:00-4:00 pm (AR)	17 Housing Clinic 10-12pm & 1:30-4pm (AR) Drop-In Housing Clinic 9:30-2:00pm (GFRC)	18 Senior Housing Workshop 10:00am-12:00pm (GFRC) Karaoke Hour 2:00-4:00 pm (BH)	19 Food Distribution 1:00-3:00 pm (BH)	20 Exercise Class 10:00-11:00 am (BH) Legal Clinic 2-4:00 pm (BH)	21
22	23 Community Choir 1:30-3:00 pm (BH) Tech Class 11:00-12:00 pm (AR)	24 Housing Clinic 10-12pm & 1:30-4pm (AR) Drop-In Housing Clinic 9:30-2:00pm (GFRC)	25 Drop-In Housing Clinic 9:30-2:00pm (GFRC) Karaoke Hour 2:00-4:00 pm (BH)	26 Food Distribution 1:00-3:00 pm (BH)	27 Exercise Class 10:00-11:00 am (BH) Birthday Bingo Bash 2:00 pm-4:00 pm (BH)	28
29	30 Community Choir 1:30-3:00 pm (BH) Tech Lab 2:00-4:00 pm (AR)					

KEY (AR) – Anihan Room (BH) – Barangay Hall (CR) – Computer Room (GFRC) – Gene Friend Rec. Center	Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00 AM- 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon-1 PM CLOSED	1010 Mission Street, Suite C San Francisco, CA. 94103 Tel: (415) 255-2347 Fax: (415) 255-2358 Email: veteransequitycenter@gmail.com
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