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Filipino American Military Officers Association



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members and supporters of FAMOS,

The season of joy, happiness and celebration is here now and may the Lord grant us His continuing blessings with Merry Christmas, Happy and prosperous New Year, and good health throughout the year 2023 and years beyond.

This season also is a matter of filling our hearts with the sense of sharing, gifting and true acts of kindness most especially to the less fortunate. Remember "it is in working hard that we are compensated; it is in planting that we harvest an increasing return, and it is in giving that we receive (the more we give, the more we receive)."

December 4, 2022 was when we celebrated Christmas jointly with Samahan and UPI. The event was attended by 235 joyful, happy and contented attendees. Without question, a very

successful celebration, that I'll be remiss not to mention and acknowledge those who made the success possible.

My sincerest thanks and appreciation to the very busy, CDR Benny Valerio, Secretary of Samahan, VP of FAMOS and UPI; SAMAHAN President Eleanor Sober; Teddy Datuin, President of UPI and VP of FAMOS; Sonia Datuin; Nancy Valerio; Vida Dominguez; Ernie and Remy Liwag; SAMAHAN VP Romy Maraya and wife Josie Maraya who was by far, invited the most guests, a little more than that of CDR Joy Gacuya, Technological/ Media Officer of FAMOS. And of course to my wife Veronica Garcia, Treasurer of SAMAHAN, who spent a lot of time to make sure the financial issues of the event will be in order. Finally, my hats off to Eleanor Sober and Filipino American Samahan Heritage for spearheading the Joint Christmas Party!

For those who are worthy of recognition that I failed to recognize, please accept my apologies for not knowing the information.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all!

Oscar Sa. Garcia
FAMOS President

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**Filipino American Military Officers Association
(FAMOS HISTORY)**



FAMOS was established by 12 Commissioned Filipino American Naval Officers in San Diego, California, U.S.A. in May 1990. The goal of the founders is to harness the vision of the Filipino American Military Officers into a united front. The logo was designed by CWO4 Oscar Sanchez Garcia. The twelve stars represent the twelve founders. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the Republic of the Philippines represent the allegiance of the military officers and their Filipino heritage respectively. Striving for excellence inscribed on the shield upon which the American Eagle is perched is the ultimate aspiration of all the FAMOS officers, members and their families.

By: Capt. Elsa Ang, MC, USNR, Ret. 2014 FAMOS President

**FAMOS MEMBER
Highlight of the Quarter**



**CEFERINA "CEF" P. RUIZ, M.D.
COLONEL, USA, RETIRED
*A community Leader at Heart***

COL. Ceferina Ruiz was born on February 3, 1942 in Calauag, Quezon in the Philippines. She attended the Calauag Elementary School in Calauag, Quezon. She graduated as the Salutatorian from elementary and later on as high school Valedictorian from Calauag Central College.

With her ambition to be in the medical field, she moved to Manila to attend one of the best medical schools in the Philippines. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Santo Tomas, College of Medicine. She later went on to do her specialty training at Mount Vernon Hospital in New York as an intern and then did Family Practice residency at Camp Pendleton Naval Medical Center in California.

From 1984 to 2001, she held the Commanding Officer billet with 987th Medical Detachment Unit, U. S. Army Reserve, USARC, San Diego, CA. She was also the Chief of Professional Services of 4211th U. S. Army Hospital in San Diego, CA. She had completed active duty tours in Weisbaden, Germany;

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Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina; Seoul, Korea and Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska. Having rendered a total of 30 years of meritorious military service, she retired as Full COLONEL on March 1, 2007.

Her other military assignments include Balboa Naval Regional Medical Center, Miramar Naval Air Station, Naval Training Center, Anti-Submarine Warfare Center & Point Loma Submarine Base, all in San Diego, CA. She was deployed to Germany for the Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia. She spent time in Guatemala, Haiti, and El Salvador for the Humanitarian Medical Missions. She also served with the U. S. Public Health Services.

She applied her outstanding medical expertise through her affiliations with Balboa Regional Medical Center (San Diego, CA), Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital (Camp Pendleton, CA), Landstuhl Army Medical Center (Weisbaden, Germany), Moncrief Army Community Hospital (Columbia, South Carolina), Bassett Army Community Hospital (Fort Wainwright, AK), Paradise Valley Hospital (National City, CA), UCSD Hospital (San Diego, CA), Scripps Hospital & Sharp Hospital both in Chula Vista, CA, as well as owning a private practice in National City, CA for many years.

DR. RUIZ has been and still is, very active with numerous community service-oriented organizations. She had been President of the Philippine Medical Association of San Diego, CA where she is a Charter and Lifetime member. She also served as President of the San Diego Majestic Lions Club, District 4-L6 (San Diego & Imperial Counties), Lions Clubs International. She served as Board of Director of the American Diabetes Society, Philippine Medical Association, the Quezonians of San Diego, the Calauaguensians of San Diego, Fil-Am Community of San Diego, Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, Samahan Filipino American Heritage, all of which are in San Diego, CA. She was a core Team Member of One Vision – One Voice, a Filipino American movement in San Diego. She is a lifetime member of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America. She was an active member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Geriatrics Academy.

Significant military awards include five U. S. Army Commendation Medals, two U. S. Army Achievement

Medals, U. S. Public Health Service Unit Commendation Medal, and certificates of recognition from California State Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, U. S. Senator, Barbara Boxer, San Diego County Supervisor, Ron Roberts, San Diego City Council President, Tony Young and San Diego City Council member, Ben Hueso.

Her lifetime dedication to community service earned her accolades from various organizations. Foremost among those are two-time Physician of the Year Award by Paradise Valley Hospital, American Medical Association and Philippine Medical Association of San Diego County recognition awards, leadership award from the Lions Club International, a special recognition for Women’s Initiative and Development, thrice by the Filipino Chamber of Commerce for outstanding business of the year award, and she was recognized as Most Outstanding Graduate during the Seventy Year Anniversary and Alumni Homecoming of the Calauag Central College.

She was heralded for Outstanding Community Service as Medical Missions Director, missions to Africa, India, Mexico and the Philippines. DR. RUIZ was also lauded by her own Kababayans for her community services and medical missions in various cities and towns in the Philippines.

DR. RUIZ married her childhood sweetheart, Jay, a retired U. S. Navy. They have two children, JayJay and Cindy and have 8 grandchildren, Jeremy, Jayden, Jillian, JayVee, Jazmine, Jac, Lazaro & Yohan. JayJay served the U. S. Army for 16 years. Their family military services totaling 66 long years.

FAMOS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Saturday, January 7, 2023
9:00 A. M.**

1341 E. 8th Street Suite “A”

National City, CA 91950

Meeting Agenda to be announced separately

DECEMBER SURPRISES IN BAHRAIN

By CDR Joy Gacuya, USN, Ret.

The weather in Bahrain becomes pleasantly mild in December by Middle East standard. The temperature drops from the blistering 110-115 to about 75-85 degrees. In 2019 the Navy recalled me to active duty and shipped me off to Manama, Bahrain for my last mobilization before I retired from service. I reported for shore duty in the summer of that year and completed my tour of duty about twelve months later. I experienced the Christmas season in Bahrain during this deployment. I was on the other side of the globe in a Muslim country away from my family in California during the holiday season, and so I missed them ever so dearly. It is a feeling every service member identifies with especially veterans who experienced deployments away from home.

Bahrain is an island nation connected to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a 16-mile-long bridge—the King Fahd Causeway. I was in the first Gulf war in Saudi Arabia in 1990- 1991 and deployed in Kuwait in 2013. I have learned how these predominantly Muslim countries practice their faith strictly by the letters of the Quran. By extension, in my mind I expected Bahrain, being a Muslim country, to follow suite. So, I did not anticipate any local Christmas holiday celebrations in this foreign land, not out of town or off the US Naval Support Activity, Manama, Bahrain. I was wrong!

In early December I noticed one of the popular local coffee shops off base, Dome, put up Christmas lights in front of their store. I surmised that it could be because Bahrain celebrates National Day on the 16th of December; and that they were decorating with colorful lights because of this reason. But to my astonishment, the following evening I saw the same café added a giant Christmas tree outside the store adorned with colorful twinkling lights. It took me aback. I wondered how it was possible for a business in a Muslim country display a non-Muslim symbol of Christmas in front of a business establishment without repercussion from the mostly Sunni-led government. A couple of days later I strolled down in one of the popular local malls

frequented by many Bahrainis and Saudis. Again, I was pleasantly surprised to see a tall Christmas tree displayed in the central atrium of the mall. Then as I was shopping for masala spices in the grocery section, familiar Christmas carols played on the overhead speakers. A feeling of nostalgia and joy came over me. Then an epiphany--- Bahrain recognizes Christmas! How cool-- a Muslim country observes the Yuletide season. Wyndham Garden hotel, where I lived for nearly a year, had a Christmas party at the lobby. The staff sang beautiful renditions of Christmas melodies. There were fine foods, warm wine, hors d'oeuvre, sweet dates, and the aroma of chestnuts roasting was heavenly. Santa too came to town—a middle eastern man dressed up in St Nick's outfit. The atmosphere was absolutely Christmassy.

Bahrain hosts many foreign workers. They either do contract work or operate their own businesses on the island. They come from different countries in the region including from the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Shri Lanka, Indonesia, Nepal and other countries. They bring with them wide variety of traditions, culture, and religion. Bahrain recognizes and respects every one of them—including the Christmas tradition.



St. Nick and CDR Gacuya,
(USN, Retired) at Christmas
Party, Manama, Bahrain 2019



**ELEANOR SOBER
PRESIDENT
FILIPINO AMERICAN SAMAHAN
HERITAGE
(FASH)**



**CW04 OSCAR SA. GARCIA
PRESIDENT
FILIPINO AMERICAN MILITARY
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
(FAMOS)**



**CW5 TEDDY DATUIN
PRESIDENT
UNITED PILIPINO
INTERNATIONAL
(UPI)**

On December 4, 2022, the Filipino American Samahan Heritage (FASH), United Pilipino International (UPI) and Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS) held a successful joint Christmas celebration at the Scottish Rites Event Center in Mission Valley. The success of the event was due in large part to the exemplary cooperation between President Eleanor Sober of FASH, President CW04 Oscar Garcia of FAMOS, and President CW5 Teddy Datuin of UPI.

After a brief Christmas message from each of the three leaders, the fun began immediately as dancers filled the dance floor to the tune of the DJ's lively music. With the expert coordination of the master of ceremony, CDR Benny Valerio, the celebration went smoothly all night. There was a brief break from dancing as guests enjoyed the sumptuous buffet dinner of beef and fish and assorted salads and vegetables. Various dance groups and individual performers entertained the guests with beautiful rendition of intricate dance routines and vocal performances. It was indeed a night to remember.

🎄 **MERRY CHRISTMAS** 🎄



**FASH-FAMOS-UPI
CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022**

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Because Christmas is about the birth of God's Son - Jesus. It is about how he came to give us love , hope and joy.

Christmas is a celebration, a time for giving and not simply a day we exchange gifts. The spirit of Christmas is in the togetherness. It's in the thought to which you put into thinking about others. It's a selfless time, where we forgive, take stock of what's important and become better versions of ourselves.

Feds to Veterans: Beware of Scammers Charging You to File for Benefits

November 14, 2022

This article by Karen Jowers, with contributions from Leo Shane III, originally appeared on [Military Times](#), the nation's largest independent newsroom dedicated to covering the military and veteran community.

Consumer advocates are reminding veterans that you don't have to pay someone to file disability claims.

"Some dishonest businesses set their sights on the monetary benefits veterans get for their service, especially with the passing of the [PACT Act](#), which expands VA benefits and health care for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances," wrote the Federal Trade Commission in a recent consumer alert.

"Scammers also try to get in your good graces by emphasizing — maybe even stretching the truth about — their time in service," the alert stated.

That could mean a hefty financial burden for veterans, said Marty Callaghan, deputy director of benefits and claims services for the American Legion.

"I'm glad the FTC did that, because these folks are out for profits," Callaghan said. "They charge too much money for their services, especially when veteran service organizations like the American Legion, VFW and DAV and the others can provide these services for free."

For the last fiscal year, the American Legion alone helped veterans get \$16 billion in benefits, Callaghan said. "Multiply that by all the other veteran service organizations," he added.

The VA can help veterans [find a VA-recognized organization or a VA-accredited individual](#) to help them file a claim. The VA advises veterans to ask up front whether they will have to pay any money.

In some cases, predatory companies charge 500% to 600% of the monthly benefit the veteran receives. So if, for example, a veteran receives a monthly benefits increase of \$1,000, the veteran would owe the company \$5,000 to \$6,000 "right off the bat," he said. Veterans sign

a contract, but may not realize the cost.

"We're working with Congress and other veteran service organizations to try to get this problem taken care of. It's gotten worse since the pandemic started," Callahan said. "These companies are making millions of dollars off of our veterans."

"They've turned veterans' disability benefits into a for-profit venture," he said.

The [Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act](#), better known as the PACT Act, expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for veterans with toxic exposures and veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras. It adds more than 20 additional presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic exposures, and adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation.

Those include 12 types of cancer and 12 other respiratory illnesses linked to burn pit exposure in the Gulf War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS) for veterans who served in Vietnam; and radiation-related illnesses for veterans who served in several new locations in the 1960s and early 1970s.

With presumptive conditions, veterans don't have to prove that their service caused the condition. They just have to meet the service requirements for the condition.

Here's the Scoop on Disney Military Discounts for 2023

November 21, 2022

Editor's note: This article by Heather Sweeney originally appeared on [Military.com](#), a leading source of news for the military and veteran community.

Disney has announced the renewal of their popular Armed Forces Salute at Walt Disney Resorts for 2023. The special military offers include Military Salute Tickets as well as discounts on stays at select Disney Resort hotels.

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For the renewed [Walt Disney World](#) offer, purchase through December 11, 2023 and choose between 4-day or 5-day theme park tickets, with the Park Hopper option and the Park Hopper Plus option at the Orlando, Florida park. Those tickets must be used from January 1, 2023 through December 15, 2023.

The 2023 offer for [Disneyland](#) in Anaheim, California has yet to be announced. For the Disneyland 2022 offer, choose between a 3-day and 4-day Park Hopper Ticket when you purchase through December 12, 2022 and use by December 16, 2022.

Service members can also score big discounts on select rooms in 2023 at Disney Resort hotels at [Walt Disney World](#) and [Disneyland](#). Just keep in mind that the number of rooms allocated for this offer is limited, length of stay requirements may apply and advance reservations are required.

The Armed Forces Salute is available to active-duty and retired military, Reservists and members of the [National Guard](#). Military [spouses](#) qualify only if they present a valid and active military ID in the absence of the active or retired service member.

VA Merges White House Hotline With Main Call Center

By: René Campos

November 09, 2022

The VA merged the White House Hotline with the department's toll-free information line, 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411), on Nov. 3, providing veterans with a single access point for VA health care, benefits, and services, and for resolving their concerns.

The [White House Hotline](#) launched in 2017 to give veterans and their families a direct line to report VA complaints. In 2020, the VA announced plans to establish 1-800-MyVA411 as the lone access point to all VA contact centers. MyVA411 launched later that year and has remained VA's main call center for incoming calls, significantly outpacing hotline

since its launch.

The White House hotline was staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by live agents. Callers to 1-800-MyVA411 also can connect with a live agent at any time, any day, by pressing "9."

The consolidation will make it easier for veterans to access information and services, VA officials said, and it will not impact the level of services or the importance VA places on addressing veterans' concerns. The VA expects the integration to greatly increase awareness of services and allow callers to share their concerns or ask questions.

The VA briefed veterans service organizations on the MyVA411 contact center integration in October; preparations for the integration began after the [PACT Act](#) became law. The integration is intended to:

- Improve accessibility for veterans and their families to share concerns and recommendations with the VA through a single, easy to remember phone number.
- Increase awareness of the option to share concerns with VA services for those not previously aware of the separate hotline number.
- Continue to make it easier for veterans and their families to get information and access their earned VA benefits and care, especially related to the PACT Act.
- Eliminate confusion around the hotline name, as customers inaccurately assume it is located at or operated by the White House.

The VA continues to [add call center and support staff](#) to enhance service delivery and reduce wait times for veterans and their families. The department is encouraging MOAA members, servicemembers and veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors, along with other veteran service organizations, to promote MyVA411 and spread the word that 1-800-MyVA411 is the preferred contact option for information about all manner of VA issues: Homeless assistance, PACT Act or other veterans health care information, benefits information and services, and much more.

Veterans and loved ones in crisis can continue to dial 988 and press "1," text 838255, or visit www.veteranscrisis-line.net for immediate 24/7 support.

7 Money Moves to Make Before the End of the Year

By: Lila Quintiliani

November 30, 2022

The holiday season can be a busy one, with commitments to family and friends taking a front seat. Before you're buried in baked goods and wrapping paper, take a few moments to pause and assess your personal financial situation, because there are some personal finance actions that must be taken sooner rather than later.

Here are seven moves to consider before the end of the year. Want more? Visit MOAA.org/Finance for news updates and link to MOAA-exclusive financial resources.

1. Maximize Your Employee Benefits. Did you max out your contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan? If not, you may be able to adjust your contributions for the last few pay periods of the year.

This time of year is also typically open season for other employee benefits.

Does your company offer a [Flexible Spending Account \(FSA\)](#)? If you are already signed up, make sure you have used all your funds. If you haven't signed up, see if it makes sense to open an FSA – it allows you to use tax-free funds to pay for items you would need to pay for anyway.

2. Set up Your Contributions for 2023. Employee [contribution limits](#) for employee-sponsored retirement plans like the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) or a 401(k) are going up to \$22,500 in 2023 ... or \$30,000 if you're 50 or over. If you want to max out your contributions next year, you'll want to get those changes set in place in time for the first paycheck in January. Contribution limits for [Individual Retirement Arrangements \(IRAs\)](#) also have increased for next year to \$6,500 (\$7,500 for those 50 or older.)

3. Do a 'Backdoor Roth' Conversion. While contributions to IRAs can be made up until the tax filing deadline (April 18, 2023), if you were planning on making use of the popular "backdoor Roth IRA" tax strategy that was almost axed last year, you must complete your conversion by the end of the calendar year. MOAA outlined that process in [this article from early 2022](#).

4. Donate to Charity. The [temporary tax law changes](#) allowing taxpayers to claim a deduction for contributions to

charity even if they didn't itemize have now expired, but charitably minded folks can consider bunching several years' worth of donations together to increase potential itemized deductions. Those 70½ or older could consider making a [Qualified Charitable Distribution \(QCD\)](#) of their required minimum distribution (RMD) to reduce their income tax bill.

5. Take Your Required Minimum Distribution. Speaking of RMDs, if you are required to take one, don't forget to do it before the end of the year. If you fail to do so, you face a steep [50% tax penalty](#).

6. Use the Annual Gift Tax Exclusion. If you were planning on taking advantage of [this powerful estate planning tool](#), which allows you to give up to \$16,000 this year (\$17,000 in 2023) to as many people as you want without any tax implications, you must do it by Dec. 31.

7. Consider Tax Loss Harvesting. If you had money-losing investments this year, you might want to take advantage of [tax loss harvesting](#), which could help you reduce your tax liability by using losses to offset gains elsewhere. This is a complicated topic and there are strict rules governing how it's done, so you'll want to consult with your tax professional.

While the holidays can be hectic, your future self will thank you if you take care of these money moves before the new year.

Record pay increase for Veterans receiving VA compensation benefits

Veterans Benefits Administration

New COLA rates for compensation are largest increase in over 30 years

It's that time of year again. VA is increasing compensation payment rates based on the latest [cost-of-living adjustment \(COLA\) announcement](#). Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, Veterans and beneficiaries who receive VA compensation benefits will see an 8.7% increase in their monthly payments—the largest increase in over 30 years.

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The annual [COLA](#) increase is tied to the Social Security rate change and is based on the [consumer price index](#) (CPI). The CPI, provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, measures the average changes in cost for urban goods and services. The Department of Labor takes a snapshot of the costs of a select group of goods and services and compares those costs to the previous year. When there is an increase, those receiving benefits see a boost in their monthly payments for the upcoming year.

If you are receiving disability compensation benefits from VA, you can use VA disability compensation benefit rates tables to [find your current monthly payment amount](#).

Which VA benefits increase?

This increase affects [VA disability compensation](#), which provides monthly tax-free payments to Veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military or whose service made an existing condition worse. If you have a physical ailment or mental health condition that developed during or after service, you may be eligible for disability compensation.

Beneficiaries who receive [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation \(DIC\)](#) will also see an increase in their payment amounts. DIC provides a surviving spouse, child or parent of a service member who died in the line of duty, or the survivor of a Veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness, with a tax-free monetary benefit.

Recipients of [special benefit allowances](#), which include automobile allowance, clothing allowance and Medal of Honor pension, will also see an increase in benefit payments.

When to expect the increase?

You should see the increased compensation amount starting with your January 2023 payment. If you do not see a difference in the amount, contact the [VA regional office near you](#) or call 800-827-1000.

If you have questions about applying for disability benefits or need assistance filing a claim, [VA-accredited representatives](#) are available to assist you free-of-charge. To find VA-accredited attorneys, claims agents or Veterans Service Organizations representatives, visit www.va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp. *****

A REFRESHER FOR EVERYONE

Ever wonder why Veterans day is on the 11th and does not change? World War I ended on the 11th month on the 11th day on the 11th hour. Today I saw a man selling poppies stop a lady and asked if he could re-position her poppy. While doing so he told that lady she should wear the poppy on their right side; the red represents the blood of all those who gave their lives, the black represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home, and the green leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after the war destroyed so much. The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time that World War I formally ended. He was worried that younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation wouldn't be around for much longer to teach them. We must remember those from our current wars too!

For those that do not know, the eleventh day of the eleventh month is Veterans Day! I copied this from someone else. Please do the same to pass this knowledge on to those who don't know the meaning and who care enough to know.

WORDS OF WISDOM

“It’s the little things you do everyday that touches souls. Don’t ever stop being that amazing you.”

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, 15 APRIL 2023
FAMOS
GALA & 33RD ANNIVERSARY
(Awards & Recognition)



ATTIRE:
Civilian: Formal
Military:
 Service Dress Blue
 or Equivalent

BUFFET:
 Pot Roast & Braided
 Tilapia, Two Salads, and
 Other Sides
DJ By:
 Mabuhay DJ
 Celso Macaspac

A 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

"Celebrating Filipino Contribution to America"

LOCATION: FREE PARKING
 Scottish Rite Event Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South,
 San Diego, CA 92108
TIME: 10:30 am—4:00 pm
COST: \$65.00 per person
RSVP NO LATER THAN: 31 March 2023
PREPAY NO LATER THAN: 5 April 2023
POCs:
 Benny Valerio: 619-889-3420 or valeriobenny@gmail.com
 Ernie Liwag: 619-709-0763 or ernieliwag@gmail.com

<p style="text-align: center;">GALA & 33RD ANNIVERSARY (Awards and Recognition) SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2023 10:30 AM—4:00 PM</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">A 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">SCOTTISH RITE EVENT CENTER 1895 CAMINO DEL RIO SOUTH, SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 BUFFET DINING COST: \$65 PER PERSON POCs: valeriobenny@gmail.com, ernieliwag@gmail.com DJ By: Mabuhay DJ—Celso Macaspac FREE PARKING</p>
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"Celebrating Filipino Contribution to America"

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<p style="text-align: center;">Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS) GALA & 33RD ANNIVERSARY (Awards & Recognition)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">ATTIRE: Formal For Military: Service Dress Blue or Equivalent</p>
<p>DATE/TIME: Saturday, 15 April 2023 / 10:30 AM—4:00 PM LOCATION: Scottish Rite Event Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 COST PER PERSON: \$65.00 RSVP NO LATER THAN: 31 March 2023 PREPAY NO LATER THAN: 5 April 2023 MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: FAMOS MAIL CHECK TO: Ernesto Liwag 1056 Fuchsia Lane, San Diego, CA 92154</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POINTS OF CONTACT:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Benny Valerio: Tel # 619-889-3420 Email: valeriobenny@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ernie Liwag: Tel # 619-709-0763 Email: ernieliwag@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BUFFET Pot Roast & Braided Tilapia, Two Salads, and Other Sides</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DJ By: Mabuhay DJ Celso Macaspac FREE PARKING</p>

Ticket # _____

FAMOS GALA AND 33RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
APRIL 15, 2023
10:30 AM -4:00 PM

The Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS) is celebrating its 33rd Anniversary with a daytime gala event at the Scottish Rites Center on April 15, 2023. Everyone is invited to share with the celebration of the founding of FAMOS and awards ceremony. Buffet lunch of Pot Roast and Braided Tilapia with delicious side dishes will be served. This special occasion will be fun, with plenty of time for dancing and merriment. Music is provided by Mabuhay DJ. Attire is formal and Active or retired military are encouraged to wear service dress blue uniform.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Founded in May 1990
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Regular () Life () Associate () Honorary () Student ()

Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ (Month)

Rank & Military Branch: _____ **Commissioning Source:** _____

Address _____

Telephone: H: _____ **W:** _____ **C:** _____

E-mail: _____ **DOB:** _____ (Month)

Spouse: DOB: _____ (Month) **Anniversary** _____ (Month)

Designator/MOS: _____

Duty Station: _____

Educational Background (Optional) _____

Annual Membership Fee (\$25.00)

(Honorary & Student Members - Free) _____

Lifetime (\$250.00) _____

Regular _____ **Associate** _____ **GS11 or Higher** _____ **E-9** _____

Please mail your application with appropriate fees to:

FAMOS * 1232 Cima Del Rey * Chula Vista, CA 91910

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