

DUTY TO COUNTRY

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A story of brave soldiers who served under the American flag during WWII, only to be forgotten by the U.S. government after the war.

Duty to Country is an interactive, web-based educational program free to the public that depicts the legacy of the Filipinos and Americans who fought in World War II in the Philippines and the decades long struggle for recognition that ensued.

It features free lesson plans, teaching activities, an online exhibition, oral history testimonies, profiles of key historical figures, animations, and illustrations that aid teachers and students interested in learning about the Filipino experience during World War II, American colonialism, and 20th Century social justice.



“We want the American public to know that there was another side to WWII.”

Major General (Ret) Tony Taguba
Chairman of the Filipino Veterans Recognition
and Education Project



THE FILIPINO VETERANS RECOGNITION
AND EDUCATION PROJECT

Duty to Country is a multimedia project for secondary school students and educators who want to teach an important, but little-known history of how Filipinos were enlisted to fight under the U.S. flag.

It shines a light on their service and sacrifice during World War II, and recounts how the U.S. government turned its back on Filipino veterans after the war, denying them benefits and recognition for their service.



TEACHER RESOURCES

Designed for teachers in the classroom, these online educational resources include:

- 10 Detailed Lesson Plans:** The lesson plans incorporate primary and secondary sources and contextualize media and content from the “Under One Flag” exhibition and oral histories.
- 14 Explainer Activities:** Explainer activities engage students directly with primary documents, archival photographs, oral histories, videos, profile cards and include maps and infographics. Lesson plans and activities are aligned with curriculum standards for ease-of-use.
- 30 Cards of key figures** from the colonial era to the present
- 10 Short animations** based on the stories of veterans and activists
- 19 Rich and detailed Illustrations** that depict key moments from the story

UNDER ONE FLAG

Under One Flag, the **online exhibition**, explores the untold story of two nations—the United States and the Philippines—fighting together under the U.S. Flag. Across a century of history, *Under One Flag* features first-hand accounts of living veterans, historians, and community advocates. It showcases archival photographs, films, and historical documents.

ORAL HISTORIES

With **20+ hours of video interviews**, *Duty to Country* showcases a rich archive of compelling first-hand stories. The archive provides access to topic-based short compilations, highlight clips, full interviews and searchable transcripts. This timely effort captures stories told by the last of the living veterans of WWII, their families, activists and historians. Videos range from minute long highlight clips to full archival interviews.



EDUCATOR TESTIMONIALS

“[Duty to Country] is engaging and relevant and makes the history come alive.”

“Duty to Country gives you a fresh way to teach a familiar topic like World War II.”

“This is a really important story of veterans and how their rights were denied, but also of how they fought to gain them back.”

“Illustrations and animations [are] great for students who learn best through art and creative expression.”

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The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project is a 501(c)(3), tax exempt, nonprofit, community based, all volunteer, charitable and educational organization. It is committed to educating and raising awareness of the national recognition of Filipino and American World War II soldiers across the United States and the Philippines for their wartime service to the US and the Philippines.