

DUTY TO COUNTRY TALKING POINTS

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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The project includes a state of the art interactive, web-based educational program accessible to the public. It provides compelling historical accounts, oral histories and stories, primary sources, lesson plans and teaching activities, and artifacts depicting the legacy of the Filipinos and Americans who fought in World War II in the Philippines.

WHY DTC?

Duty to Country fills in the gap that's not taught in history books about the Filipino soldiers who served under the American flag during WWII. Core to FilVetREP's mission to not let these brave men and women's sacrifices be forgotten, *DTC* is a multimedia, culturally tailored and accessible education project that seeks to amplify these forgotten stories to our young people and beyond.

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 THE FILIPINO VETERANS RECOGNITION
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WHAT DOES DTC INCLUDE?

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- *Under One Flag* (visual story interactive)
- Oral Histories
- Educator Resources
- Graphic novel

Under One Flag: an in-depth visual story, hours of oral histories, and classroom teaching resources. 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 It showcases archival photographs, films, and historical documents.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. Clips range from 30 seconds to full interviews of 45 minutes.

Educator Resources: Online educational resources include:

- 10 detailed Lesson Plans
- 14 Explainer activities

Graphic Novel (Coming in Fall 2023): *In the Shadow of Giants* is an upcoming graphic novel commissioned by the *Duty To Country* project to engage the next generation of Americans in this rich history. This work of historical fiction tells the story of a young Filipino American who discovers that her grandmother lived a secret life as a Guerrilla during World War II. It recounts her life during the Japanese Occupation and the lasting impact of the war and its aftermath on Filipino Americans today. Written by *Duty to Country* producer Matthew Fisher and illustrated by *Under One Flag* artist Aria Villafranca, the story is inspired by the real-world experiences of veterans and their descendants as captured through the *Duty To Country* oral history project. *In the Shadow of Giants* is expected to be released in Fall of 2023.