

# OUR VETS NEED YOUR HELP!

Contact Your Member of Congress **Today** to Vote YES on S.1315

***Urgent – Bill May Be Up For Vote On September 2008!***



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## VETERANS' EQUITY BILL S.1315

The Filipino-American community would like to request the support of our Congress for the veterans' equity bill. We were informed that the House Leadership is supportive of the bill and are hoping to have it passed before the Congress adjourns in September.

After over sixty years, the Filipino-American community is overjoyed that the U.S. Senate has voted to pass Senate Bill 1315, the Veterans' Benefit Enhancement Act.

There is broad bipartisan support for S.1315 which, in addition to providing recognition and benefits to deserving Filipino World War II veterans, includes over \$550 million in benefits for servicemen and women coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan.

We understand there are concerns about the budgetary implications of the Philippine veterans' benefits. However, benefits provided to Filipino veterans in S. 1315 is significantly less than the benefits in the original Filipino Veterans Equity Act (H.R. 760) and represents a minute fraction of the original cost had all 260,000 veterans received their benefits after World War II.

*There is not much time left.* Out of the 260,000 listed by the U.S. army after the war, only 18,000 are left, whose average age is 83. They would no longer be a long term fiscal burden to the United States. It's really time for America to pay them back before it's too late.

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