



Maywood Bataan Day 2012 70th Platinum Memorial Service



Sponsored Jointly by
The Maywood Bataan Day Organization
And
The Village of Maywood

Sunday, September 9, 2012

3:00 PM

Veterans Memorial

Maywood Park

(Corner of 1st Avenue & Oak Street)

Maywood, Illinois

Keynote Speaker

COLONEL RICHARD J. HAYES JR.

Director of the Joint Staff, Illinois National Guard



Colonel Richard J. Hayes Jr. assumed duties as the Director of the Joint Staff for the Illinois National Guard in August 2012. In this assignment, he is responsible for developing and coordinating all policies, programs, and plans in Joint Matters that affect Illinois' 13,000 Army and Air National Guard personnel. He is responsible for the integration and coordination of National Guard capabilities in support of Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) operations to include the operational control of 3,000 dedicated Army and Air personnel in

DSCA. He provides the communication and coordination channels with all State, Federal, and intergovernmental agencies in matters of domestic operations, domestic programs, Anti-terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) security operations, military support to civil authorities, international affairs, intergovernmental and interagency cooperation and strategic development to include 37 state agencies, 22 federal government agencies and organizations and 23 international government and international military commands.

Programme

Proviso East High School

Reginald A. Wright Jr, Director
2:30 PM

Bugle Call Assembly

3pm

Massing of Color Guards Posting of Military Colors

Welcome

Edwin H. Walker IV, Major, US Marine Corps,
Master of Ceremonies

Pledge of Allegiance

The Philippine National Anthem - *“Lupang Hinirang”* The National Anthem - *“The Star-Spangled Banner”*

Memorial Prayer

Rev. Jacques A. Conway
Pastor, Neighborhood United Methodist Church, Maywood

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Col. Richard A. McMahan, Jr., President
Maywood Bataan Day Organization

Welcome from the Philippine Community

Honorable Leo M. Herrera-Lim
Philippine Consul General In Chicago

Remarks

Henderson Yarbrough, Sr., Mayor
Village of Maywood

Programme, cont'd.

Maywood Bataan Day Keynote Speaker

Illinois National Guard Colonel Richard J. Hayes Jr.
Director of the Joint Staff, Illinois National Guard

Monument Ceremony

DuPage Chapter of VietNow Color Guard
Jeff Agonath, Chairman

Guest Speaker

James Opolony
Proviso East High School Commemorative Research Project

Rifle Squad Gun Salute

Howard H. Rohde American Legion Post #888, Northlake

Playing of Taps

Wreath Laying

Army—Colonel Robert F. Bracki
Navy—Commander Joseph E. Troiani
Air Force
Marine Corps—GySgt Leo Armwood, Cpl Marcus Davis
Coast Guard
American Legion Filipino Post #509 & Auxiliary
Philippine Campaign Survivors
Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago
Merchant Marine Veterans Association Chicago
Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County
Daughters of the American Revolution
George Rogers Clark Chapter, River Forest
Village of Maywood
Maywood Bataan Day Organization

“God Bless America”

Benediction

Chaplain Vitas Paskauskas
The American Legion, Department of Illinois

Release of Rifle Squad and Color Guards

IN MEMORIAM

Andrew J. Aquila, 192nd Tank Battalion, Co. B

Andrew J. Aquila, Co. B, 192nd Tank Battalion, passed away on the 28th of November, 2011, age 93. Andrew Aquila was a Death March and Hell Ship survivor. We join his family and friends in honoring his service and his life.

Albert DuBois, 192nd Tank Battalion, Co. A

Albert DuBois, the last surviving member of CO. A, passed away on the 3rd of August, 2012. He was a tank driver and survived the Death March, Cabanatuan imprisonment, hell ships and slave labor. He was 94 years old. We join his family and friends in honoring his service and his life. We Will Never Forget.

Morgan French, 192nd Tank Battalion, Co. D

Morgan French passed away in Texas on the 24th of February, 2012. He was 92. Morgan was a survivor of Cabanatuan and the hell ship Nagato Maru, as well as a Korean War vet. We join his family and friends in mourning his loss and honoring his heroism.

Richard E. Francies, US Army

Mr. Francies was a Bataan Defender and Death March survivor, who had attended the Maywood Bataan Day ceremonies in previous years. He died at age 94 in Ohio on the 13th of October, 2011. We join his friends and family in mourning the loss and honoring his service.

Neil Iovino, Fourth Marines

Mr. Iovino was a Bataan Defender, Death March Survivor, who was rescued by the Sixth Rangers of the US Army in what came to be known as The Great Raid. Mr Iovino was a regular participant in Maywood Bataan Days. He died on the 4th of October, 2008. We mourn the loss and honor his service.

Col. Samuel Quiwa, USAFFE

Col. Quiwa fought in Bataan and in Corregidor. When Bataan fell on April 9, 1942, he slipped out of the Death March. Crawling from the mountains to the coast, he persuaded three boatmen to give him a ride to Corregidor where he fought until Corregidor surrendered. Released from Tarlac in Aug. 28, 1941, sick with malaria, He joined guerrillas that fought the Japanese occupation. He resumed military service in 1945 and retired in 1969. We honor his service and join his family and friends in mourning the loss.

Guest Speaker— James Opolony

James Opolony is a teacher at Proviso East High School, Maywood, Illinois and the Project Coordinator for the Proviso East High School Bataan Commemorative Research Project. His work on that project has made him the expert on the 192nd and now the 194th Tank Battalions, as well as the stories of the men who made up those battalions. The resulting website has won awards from the Illinois State Board of Education and is part of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Besides his career as a high school teacher, Jim regularly makes presentations at groups around the US, informing others of the great history of the regular citizens, who became the heroes of Bataan. He has worked with the Illinois National Guard to preserve the stories and artifacts he has collected during his work on this project.



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