

**RAO CLOSURE- 17 FEB, PRESIDENTS DAY****FAKE NEWS-MYTH BUSTER**

US Embassy: No change in visa policy in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines — The United States Embassy in Manila clarified that its visa policy in the Philippines remains the same.

The embassy issued this statement following fraudulent advisories claiming the cancellation or revocation of tourist visas and the suspension of visa applications. "These claims are not true," the US Embassy said in a statement Monday.

Misinformation on the US Embassy's visa policies supposedly come from impostors claiming to be an official US source. The embassy stressed that its only official channels are its website and social media accounts. "The official US Embassy website at <https://ph.usembassy.gov> and our official social media platforms are the best sources for accurate and current information," the US Embassy said.



U.S. Navy Recruiter Visit

RAO SUBIC BAY 19-20 FEBRUARY 0900-1500

For Officers:

Must be a US Citizen

Must have a bachelor's degree (accredited by the United States)

Must be between 19-32 years old (some officer program authorization age limit is 54)

For Enlisted:

Must be a US Citizen or green card holder

Must be High School graduate with a diploma
Must be between 17-39 years old

ACTIVITIES: Interview, basic eligibility requirements check and EST (ASVAB practice exam).

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

ENLISTED

1. Age Limit: 17-39
2. US Citizen or green card holder
3. High School Diploma
4. Birth Certificate
5. US Social Security Card

OFFICER

1. Must be a US Citizen (bring proof of US citizenship)
2. Age Limit: 19-29 (52 for some officer program)
3. Bachelors degree from US accredited college and university (bring official transcript with your degree)
4. Birth Certificate
5. US Social Security Card

If interested please the RAO office on the dates indicated. Bring with you your basic eligibility requirement papers and see US Navy Recruiter, Santa Rita Pampanga native EMC (SW/AW) Benjie Cuevas Ronquillo.

"GLO" IS GLOWING!

RAO Subic has been given the honor to nominate staff member Gloria Deguzman to participate in the IVLP International Visitor Leadership Program offered by the U S Embassy Manila.

The nominee is normally a government official or individual who has been helping veterans to integrate into society as they retire. Here's a brief background on IVLP:

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) provides participants with an all-expense-paid, three-week exchange program in the United States. During the program, participants examine key bilateral, regional, and global issues through meetings with American professional counterparts and with fellow IVLP participants. Typically, IVLP participants visit 4-5 cities across the United States.

Through the program, IVLP participants:

- Obtain an accurate, first-hand perception of life in the United States;**
- Develop strong professional and personal ties with Americans and American institutions; and**
- Provide Americans interlocutors with a better understanding of Philippine society and culture.**

Veterans Advocacy and Support Programs (July 6-24, 2020)

This project will examine programs to assist the two hundred thousand Americans who leave the military every year, joining more than 20 million veterans across the United States, with reintegration into civil society, health care, education, employment opportunities, and connections with government and non-profit programs that help veterans' families. Participants will learn about the responsibilities of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, explore the functions of state veterans' affairs offices, and learn how advocacy organizations represent veterans' interests. Participants will examine disability compensation, entitlements, and mental and medical health care; discuss post-military education and career opportunities; and explore female veterans' special considerations. Participants will also learn about programs that enable veterans to serve their communities through volunteer service projects.

We got our fingers and toes crossed in hopes that she will be selected.

FREE EYE EXAM AND PRESCRIPTION

Last issue we announced that we would have a optometrist coming on 17 Feb to provide for the free exam and script. They also offer glasses and contacts on a installment basis. It appears that our members don't like free things, so if we don't see a quick increase in interest, looks like we will have to cancel the event. If interested you can call the office and make a reservation.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020 ARE DUE

It's that time of year again, when membership dues need to be taken care of. As the RAO has been experiencing rapid growth, we are quickly running out of FPO boxes. In fairness to members who have already renewed their boxes effective 18 Feb. renewal will be P3500, and on 16 March, any FPO boxes not renewed will be closed and mail returned to FPO Manila. The boxes will then be issued to new members.

DATES IN HISTORY THIS MONTH

19 Feb. Battle of IWO JIMA begins

22 Feb. Washington's birthday

24 Feb. Operation Desert Storm Ground War Begins

26 Feb. Ash Wednesday

28 Feb. Operation Desert Storm Ground War ends, after 100 hours.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU SAY HUH???????

LTFRB allows pets in public vehicles

The Philippine Star) - February 11, 2020 - 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — The Land Transportation, Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) has allowed passengers to bring their pets in public utility vehicles (PUVs). In a memorandum issued on Jan. 27, the LTFRB amended the terms and conditions of Certificate of Public Convenience, allowing pets in PUVs provided that the animals are seated beside the owners and the seats are paid for. The new guidelines, which take effect yesterday, stated that pets may be allowed to be carried by the owner as long as they are free from foul odor and wearing diapers. QUESTION- do they mean the pets or the owners?

HAVE A GREAT WEEK AND STAY SAFE!