



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

**FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL (CGM)**



WHAT IS THE FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL (CGM)?



The **Congressional Gold Medal** is an award bestowed by the U.S. Congress and is considered as one of the highest civilian awards in the United States. On November 30, 2016, the US Congress passed final legislation granting this award to Filipino Veterans of World War II.

Enacted as **Public Law 114-265**, the “Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015” awards a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to **Filipino** and **Filipino-American veterans**, in recognition of their service to the United States during World War II.

On October 25, 2017, the Filipino Veterans of WWII Congressional Gold Medal was officially presented in a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in the U.S. Capitol.



DOES THE (CGM) INCLUDE MONETARY OR OTHER BENEFITS?



No. This award is only an expression of gratitude for the wartime veteran services.

It **does not include** any form of **monetary compensation** or other **benefits**. It is not related to or may not be used in applying in any form of veterans' benefits, compensation, or immigration in any way.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD?



Filipino and Filipino-American veterans who served:

- Honorably at any time from **July 26, 1941, to December 31, 1946**
- In an active-duty status under the command of the U.S Army Forces in the Far East (USAFFE); and
- Within the Philippine Commonwealth Army, the Philippine Scouts, the Philippine Constabulary, Recognized Guerilla units, the New Philippine Scouts, the First Filipino Infantry Regiment, the Second Filipino Infantry Battalion (Separate), or the First Reconnaissance Battalion; or
- Commanding or serving in such a unit as a U.S military officer or enlisted soldier.



ARE FAMILIES OF DECEASED VETERANS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A BRONZE REPLICA OF THE CGM?



Yes, the closest surviving relative of the eligible deceased veteran **may receive** a bronze replica of the CGM **on behalf of the veteran**.

However, it is the **deceased veteran**, not the next-of-kin, who is **considered** the **awardee** of the CGM under Public Law 114-265.



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY FOR THE US CGM?



- **Filled out application form:** <http://bit.ly/cgmappform>
- **Military Service Record (MSR) of the veteran**
- **Form 23 (if available)** or may coordinate with the **Office of the Adjutant General (OTAG) - NRD**
- **Photo of the veteran** (preferably during the period of service or the Liberation period in military uniform or after the war)

These will be used by PVAO to determine whether the veteran qualifies under Public Law 114-265.



HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS AWARD?



You may go to the **Veterans Memorial and Historial Division (VMHD)**, **PVAO Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City** or **PVAO-FSEOs near your area**, bring the requirements and fill out the CGM application form or you may email at **pvaoresearch@gmail.com** or call them at **(02) 911-4296**.



HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION IS APPROVED?



You **will be contacted** by the **PVAO personnel** in your area, who will certify your documentation and/or eligibility.

You **will then be informed of the nearest possible date and venue** where you will be conferred the award.