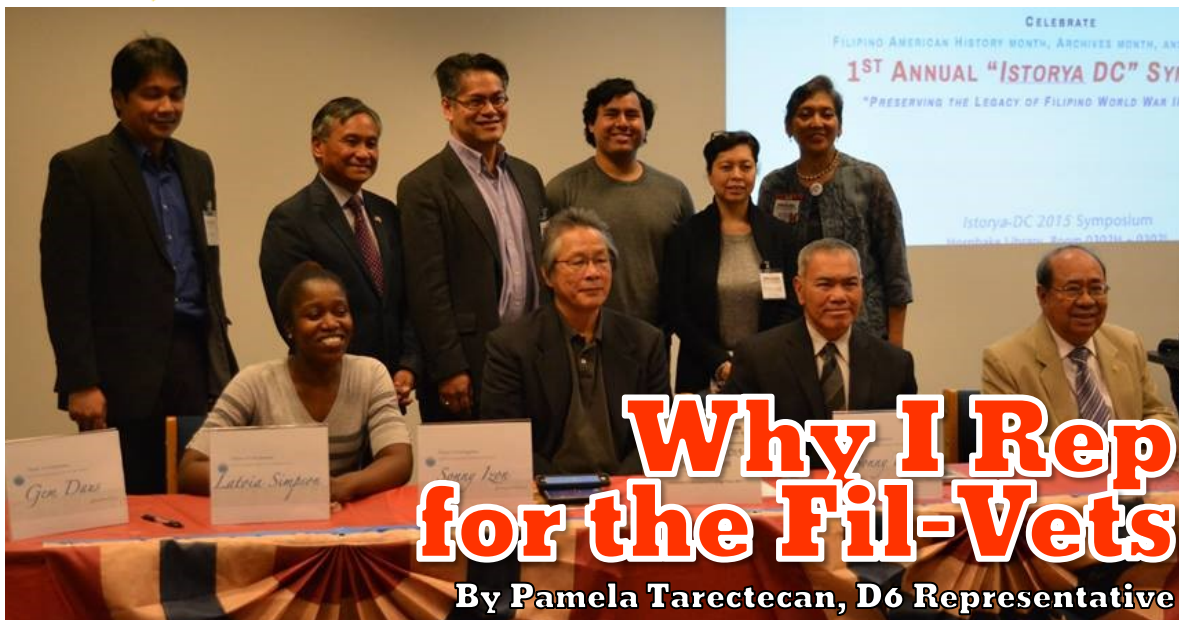




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Why I Rep for the Fil-Vets

By Pamela Tarectecan, D6 Representative

I never really knew anything about Filipino Veterans besides the fact that my grandfather was one. Otherwise, it wasn't until I took FAST class with Gem Daus did I know a whole history that had been buried under years of textbooks about the United States. My research paper in that class was about Filipino Veterans and, little did I know, my other grandfather was a veteran also. My grandfathers, along with 120,000 other Filipino men, had to fight against Japan's attacks ill-trained and ill-equipped for six months, occupied for 2 years, and marched 62 miles to concentration camps. Yet the Filipino soldiers weren't given the full US citizenship and veteran benefits they were promised when liberated. In fact, they were taken away. It wasn't until 45 years later were they even recognized as veterans, and even then, no benefits. And that hurt me to find out. When I heard about the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project, I jumped at the opportunity to help them get a Congressional Gold Medal for our forefathers. So many Filipino-Americans around the United States are involved; so many other minorities and participants in the war received a medal. Why can't ours?

If you are interested in how you can get involved and help with this cause, then feel free to contact me or my D6 rep partner, Rafael Baino. We are both spearheading D6's efforts to raise awareness on this issue and getting our Filipino forefathers the justice they deserve.

Debut 2016 Treasures

Treasures is a traditional part of debut where the elders give the debutante a "treasure," usually a birthday present along with a piece of advice, to help her on her journey to adulthood. However, instead of giving treasures to our debutantes, we will be giving gifts to those in Saint Ann's Infant and Maternity Home. Saint Ann's is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families, especially infants and mothers, who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. At Debut, we will be collecting toiletries to donate. These include toothbrushes, toothpastes, bar soaps, deodorants, shampoos, and more. Once one of the levels on this Treasures meter is reached, all respective Eboard members will be pied in the face at our next GBM. So please bring as many toiletries as you can so we can pie ALL Eboard members in the face!



Upcoming Events

Cultural Community

Crew Meeting

Thursdays, 6-7pm
@ JMZ 1120

Street Team Meeting

Every other Tuesdays, 8pm
@ SYM 3300

DEBUT 2016

Sat. 3/5, 5:00pm
@ Stamp Colony Ballroom

Happy Spring Break!

3/13 - 3/20

Next GBM

Thurs. 3/31, 7pm
@ Art-Soc 2203

Why You Should Take FAST

FAST stands for Filipino-American Studies. It is a class offered in the Fall where you can learn pertinent events from the US and Philippine history, but it's more than just that! Here's what some of our own members who took the class have to say about it:

"FAST felt less a class, but more a gathering; personal recollections of knowledge, experience, culture and history mixed together to form a journey. Mista-professa-teach Gem brought an engaging and unorthodox curriculum, and the class encouraged one another toward dialogue regarding social politics and identity, among many a significant topic. To be honest, it was this course and a prior encounter that brought me to the ongoing experience I know as FCA."

-Andrew Jonathan Rivera

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(FAST continued...) "I took FAST class, AAST398D, in the Fall of 2014, mainly out of my freshman curiosity of a class about Filipinos. However, that curiosity led to one of my favorite classes I have taken at the University of Maryland. In the class, I found out about the hidden history of Filipino-American relations and Fil-Am immigrants, Gem Daus, who is one of the coolest instructors I know, mainly because Dinuguan, and the FCA, both as a study for Filipino culture awareness and as the organization that led me here today."

-Josh Geronimo

Just Ask Josh! Advice Column

Submit your own questions through Twitter using #JustAskJosh!

Hey Josh! As you know, there are a lot of important topics within the Filipino-American community that need discussion and attention. How did you learn about these issues?

I personally did not know much about the Filipino-American community before college. I wasn't really a part of the community because I was literally one of like three Filipino-Americans back in my home town. However, I quickly got involved when I arrived in college. My main ways of participating in the Filipino-American community is through FCA and D6, which have been my sources of learning about these issues.

In particular, what is one issue that you feel passionately about within the Fili-Am community and why?

Well one issue that I feel passionately about would be the lack of attention towards mental health within our community. This is why I got really in-

involved in FIND Conference: Lakas Loob, as well as why I worked on the Mental health workshop during Terapinoy Day.

What are some steps, going forward, that people can take in order to become more involved with these issues? If anything, what do you think we should all do in the future?

First of all, you should become more educated with the issues and topics. In order for there to be a solution, you need to understand the problem. Second thing you should do is find a group that advocates for this cause. In my previous example with Mental Health, FIND and FCA were the groups that were interested in advocating for it. Once in this group, come up with feasible actions that your group can do to help out the cause.

Question from anonymous: What is the best compliment you've ever received?

"You aight."

Come out to Eboard Meetings!

Ever wonder what happens behind-the-scenes within FCA? Want to know and get involved with the work that your Executive Board does for you?! Then feel free to come on down to our Eboard meetings! Not only is it a good way of learning what topics we discuss (i.e. future programming, performance decisions, etc.), but it's also just a good way of expressing your opinion of what you think Eboard should do or focus on! They're every other Thursdays in Art-Sociology 3219 at 7PM, so don't be afraid to stop by!



Member Spotlights!

Get to know your Eboard and General Body Members!

Rafael Baino
D6 Representative

Year: Junior

Major: Government and Politics with a minor in Technology Entrepreneurship

How do you take care of your mental health? Whenever I am feeling overwhelmed or stressed, I like to have "Raffi" days where I play video games, watch Netflix, and chill. Overall, I think having time to yourself is extremely important for your mental health.

What are your plans for spring break? For the first half of spring break, I will be at home with my parents. While at home, I hope to work on getting an internship and most importantly, spend time with my Lola in Baltimore. For the second half I will be frolicking in Myrtle Beach with most of the Junior class.

If you had to be stuck on a deserted island with someone in FCA, who would it

be and why? (or not in FCA) If I was stuck on a deserted island, I would be with Josh Tan... Sikeeeee, I would probably try to swim away from his bad jokes. Honestly, I would want to be with Josh Geronimo. He is very crafty, always prepared, and swole.

Katie Medina

Year: Freshman

Major: Accounting

What's your favorite part of Philippine culture?

Awkward "manong-ing" at family get-togethers

What do you look forward to in the coming years of college? I look forward to travelling with study abroad, forging life-long friendships, and getting a job offer.

What is the most valuable thing you have learned since coming to college? I've learned that leggings are pants and that Amazon is great for study breaks.

What's your favorite childhood memory? My favorite childhood memory would be when I visited the Philippines and played street games with my cousins and neighbors.

If you could spend a day in any time period of any country, what would it be and why? Roaring 20's in America. I'm drawn to the fashion, life-style, and mostly the music.

What's your ideal superpower?

My ideal superpower would be the ability to learn extremely fast.

