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## ***US Army 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment (Philippine Scouts) Ceremonial Mounted Unit At the Tournament of Roses 2014 Equestfest***

Los Angeles, CA, December 29, 2014: The Los Angeles based US Army 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment (Philippine Scouts) Ceremonial Mounted Unit participated in a day-long event at the LA Equestrian Center for the Tournament of Roses Equestfest in Burbank CA. on Monday, December 29th. The event is part of the Tournament of Roses where Equestrian Groups participating in the January 1<sup>st</sup> Rose Parade gather for a pre-parade display of their talents by performing drills, dances and demonstrate trick riding, roping as well as ongoing equestrian performances, demonstrations and exhibits. Although not riding in the Rose Parade this year, the Philippine Scouts Unit was invited to exhibit at the Equestfest. This was the first year of participation for the Philippine Scouts 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Ceremonial Mounted Unit.

With the theme of this year's Tournament of Roses being "Inspiring Stories", the US Army Philippine Scouts fit right in. The story of the Philippine Scouts reverberate through slogans coined by men who experienced those times, "*Remember Bataan*", "*I Shall Return*", "*Strong To Endure*", "*Anywhere, Anytime*", "*Our Strength is in Loyalty*" and "*Nobody Gives A Damn*". *The Philippine Scouts were a Military Unit composed of Filipino enlisted men commanded by American Officer. General Douglas MacArthur was their Supreme Commander and they were often called "MacArthur's Soldiers"*.

The Philippine Scouts 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment exhibits featured period uniformed Living History Philippine Scouts 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Troopers and 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry soldiers, period artifacts of field equipment, medals, uniforms, memorabilia weaponry, posters, pictures and books on the subject of the US Army's Philippine Scouts. As a special feature, two descendants of Filipino 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Troopers were there to present first hand experiences of their relatives who were on the front lines in the battles in Bataan, Philippines and survived. The exhibit also featured books from various writers about the 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry with several books giving an account of the "last organized charge of a US Cavalry unit against an enemy" which was led by Lt. Edwin Ramsey, a decorated War Hero who lived in Los Angeles, CA.

As this was an equestrian event and being featured was the 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, the exhibit also featured equestrian equipment and field gear of a Philippine Scout Cavalryman and period horse's dress. During the day, a fully dressed Cavalryman was mounted on a fully outfitted horse for presentation to the public. The group was formed to honor a gallant Group of Filipino soldiers and their American officers who seriously affected and delayed Japanese Imperial Army plans on conquering the Pacific Far East and in invading Australia. *(Pictures courtesy of Rudy Cabigas).*



The 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry CMU



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