



FACT SHEET



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Manila Regional Office and Outpatient Clinic (VA) is the only VA office located outside United States or its territories. VA has had a presence in the Philippines since 1922, marking its 90th anniversary in the Philippines next year.
- Earlier this year VA Manila relocated to a new state-of-the-art facility on U.S. Embassy grounds, providing a modern, more accessible VA for Veterans needing services.
- VA Manila employs 231 staff. All but ten are Filipino citizens working side by side with their American counterparts to serve Veterans of both countries.
- VA has a sizable economic impact on the Philippines and a significant positive impact on the thousands of Veterans and beneficiaries it serves in the Philippines.



VA Manila pays out over \$16 million per month in disability compensation to approximately 15,000 beneficiaries, over half of which are Filipino WW II Veterans or their family members. These monthly payments are in addition to the one-time lump sum payments made to Filipino WW II Veterans and their survivors as part of the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Program.

The table below illustrates the total economic impact the VA Manila office has in the Philippines for fiscal year 2010.

VA Benefits & Services Provided by VA Manila - FY 2010	
Compensation and Pension Payments	\$186,628,848.45
Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Payments (FVEC)	\$112,841,204.00
Medical Services for Veterans	\$ 7,853,939.00
Education and Vocational Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	\$2,098,722.00
TOTAL	\$ 309,476,713.45

- 18,521 eligible Filipino WW II Veterans or their survivors have received a total of \$221 million in one-time FVEC payments since 2009. This exceeds the 18,000 Veterans estimated prior to the FVEC benefit becoming law.
- In 2010 VA Manila's Outpatient Clinic accomplished over 20,000 patient visits and provided world-class health care to thousands of Veterans.



United States Ambassador Harry K. Thomas, Jr. was the guest of honor during the dedication ceremony of a new \$1.3 million MRI Machine donated by the USDVA to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) in Quezon City on June 29.

- VA Manila provides foreign aid to the Philippines' only Veterans hospital, the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, in the form of equipment grants. Since 2003 VA has provided \$6.5 million in equipment grants.

The table below illustrates some of the equipment VA has provided since 2003

VA MANILA GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM TO THE VMMC		
YEAR	GRANT AMOUNT	EQUIPMENTS / UPGRADES
2003	\$1 million	13 Ventilators, Dialysis Center with 10 Dialysis Machines, 9 Cardiac Monitors
2004	\$1million	Gamma X-Ray Camera, Ultrasound Machine 2D Echocardiogram
2005	\$1 million	Fluoroscopy Machine, 20 Patient Monitors 2 portable X-Ray machines, Boiler Plant upgrade
2006	\$500,000	6 Galileo Ventilators, Mortuary Rehabilitation
2007 & 2008	\$1million	CT-SCAN Machine
2009 & 2010	\$1.5 million	MRI Machine
2011	\$500,000	TBD

For more information., visit the U.S. Embassy Manila website at <http://philippines.usembassy.gov> or <http://www.va.gov>