

Guam – together with the Philippines and Puerto Rico – became occupied territories of the United States as a result of the Spanish-American War of 1898. As a Spanish colony, it was ruled by the Spanish governor general based in Manila, Philippines. About 27% of the people of Guam are of Filipino descent. One can read more of Guam in this link [CIA - The World Factbook -- Guam](#)

Bernie Schumann advised us today of his group's website, which features a film documentary on Camp Roxas in Agat, Guam. The URL is: <http://www.camproxas.com>

The "Return to Camp Roxas: The Film" (working title) project recounts a little-known chapter of American history. It is the story of skilled and unskilled laborers and professionals recruited from the Philippines' Iloilo Province by the United States military to rebuild Guam. The island was then devastated by years of Japanese occupation and the war.

The efforts of Bernie Schumann and Company are commendable. But there is more to be done even in the category of documentary films. When this writer worked in Guam in 1972, he tried to do research on the Filipino revolutionary leaders exiled by the United States to that island after the Christian Filipino-American War of 1899 to 1902. Among those exiled to Guam was a Bicolano hero, Julian Gerona, of Bulan, Sorsogon. Some of the Filipino exiles died in Guam and their remains were buried there. This writer has proposed identifying (through DNA testing) the remains of these Filipino revolutionary heroes that were buried in Guam and also in another former Spanish colony, the Island of Fernando Po (spelled also as "Poo"). Please read a related article, [Correcting Bicol History and Remembering the Bicolano \(and Filipino\) Heroes Exiled to Africa](#)

Then there is a need for Guam (and the United States) to join the Philippines, Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Italy and some 15 other countries (as the crew supposedly came from 18 different countries) in commemorating the 500th anniversary of the voyage of an Spanish expedition led by Fernando de Magallanes (Ferdinand Magellan). The Magellan-led voyage started in Seville, Spain, in September 1519. It will only be, therefore, a matter of 11 years before the Magellan-led expedition's 500th year. Magellan and his crew "discovered" (for the Old World) the islands of Guam, Samar, Leyte and Cebu in March-April 1521. More details in the proposed international celebration of the Magellan-led Spanish expedition from 2019-2022 will be published in our sister website, www.magellan2021.com, which is still a section of the www.mabuhayradio.com

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