

# & EVENTS TIMELINE

**1943** Chinese immigrant exclusion acts repealed.

**1945** War Brides Act contributes substantially to the conversion of Filipino bachelor society to a family-based community.

**1946** Philippines declares independence. Annual quota of 100 Filipino immigrants to the U.S. imposed. Rescission Act ends citizenship offer to USAFFE veterans of the Philippines.

**1950** U.S. officially engages in the Korean "conflict."

**1952** McCarran-Walter Act allows aliens previously ineligible to apply for citizenship.

**1954** US begins military action in Viet Nam.

**1956** Alien Land Laws of California repealed.

**1964** Civil Rights Act.

**1965** Immigration Reform Act of 1965 abolishes "national origins" immigration quotas: 20,000 people per year allowed from each source nation, including the Philippines.

**Filipino population in the United States.**

The Filipino American community is the second-largest Asian American group in the U.S., with over 3.4 million people as of the 2010 Census. Only Chinese Americans have a larger population among Asian Americans.

**1972** Pres. Ferdinand Marcos declares martial law. Over 50,000 Filipino new permanent residents arrive annually.

**1975** US retreats from Viet Nam and reluctantly provides for resettlement of 130,000 Southeast Asian refugees out of the millions left behind. An era of economic recession, racially charged anti-immigrant and refugee movements.

**1990** The Immigration Act of 1990 passes as the first major overhaul of the U.S. legal immigration system in a quarter-century. Philippine military veterans of World War II again allowed to immigrate to the US.

**1994** Proposition 187, intended to restrict accessibility of government services to illegal immigrants, gains majority vote; later held unconstitutional.

**1996** Congressional Welfare Reform targets legal permanent residents and strips them of basic public benefits. Strong political protest prompts corrective legislation to restore some benefits.

**1996** Commemorations of the Philippine Centennial of the Revolution against Spain.

**1998** Commemorations of 100 Years of Philippine/U.S. Relations.

**1999** Postal worker Joseph Ileto murdered in a hate crime in Chatsworth, CA.

**2003** Philippine Republic Act No. 9225 allows natural-born Filipinos naturalized in the United States and their unmarried minor children to reclaim Filipino nationality and hold dual citizenship.

**2009** California recognizes Filipino American History Month.

**2013** California passes legislation requiring Filipino contributions to the state's history be included in the curriculum.

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