

96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
Division Flag Presentation at the MacArthur Memorial  
Norfolk, Virginia    October 19, 2002

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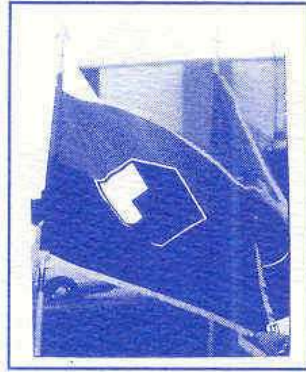
*General Douglas MacArthur*



**FLAG PRESENTATION**  
**October 19, 2002 11:00 AM**

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**DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEMORIAL**  
**MACARTHUR SQUARE**  
**Norfolk, Virginia**



## 96th Infantry Division Flag of World War II

### A-Day October 20, 1944

The 96th Infantry Division was one of four U.S. Army Divisions that led the return to the Philippines by landing on the Leyte Island Blue and Orange Beaches at 10AM, October 20, 1944. After landing, the 96th Division seized the beaches, Hill 120 and Catmon Hill. Moving inland, the Division defeated major Japanese resistance at Tabontabon and pressed forward on Leyte to crush the remaining elements of the Japanese 16th Infantry Division in the hills west of Dagami. On December 7-9 the Division was instrumental in crushing the attack of the Japanese 2nd Parachute Brigade on Central Leyte Valley airfields. The Division then completed the Leyte mop-up and started to prepare for the Okinawa, Japan landing which took place on April 1, 1945.

For its combat effort on Leyte the 96th Infantry Division was awarded the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.



**LEYTE**  
**1944**

**OKINAWA**  
**1945**

# **96th Infantry Division FLAG PRESENTATION**

## **Program**

### **Welcome**

James Zobel  
Archivist, MacArthur Memorial

### **Program Introduction**

Donald Dencker  
Historian, 96th Infantry Division Association  
Co. L, 382nd Infantry

### **Post the Colors**

Filipino World War II Color Guard

### **National Anthem**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

James Causey  
Past President, 96th Infantry Division Association  
Co. C, 381st Infantry

### **Flag Presentation Address**

Robert Cronshey  
President, 96th Infantry Division Association  
Co. E, 381st Infantry

### **Introduction of MacArthur Foundation Member**

Mr. James Zobel

### **MacArthur Foundation Member**

Richard Gresham,  
Gresham Construction

### **Presentation of 96th Infantry Division Flag**

Ernest Malkewitz  
Past President, 96th Infantry Division Association  
Co. M, 381st Infantry

### **Retire the Colors**

### **Concluding Remarks**

Mr. Donald Dencker

### **Refreshments**

### **Tours**



**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES:**

I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God our forces stand again on Philippine soil - soil consecrated in the blood of our two peoples. We have come, dedicated and committed, to the task of destroying every vestige of enemy control over your daily lives, and of restoring, upon a foundation of indestructible strength, the liberties of your people.

At my side is your President, Sergio Osmena, worthy successor of that great patriot, Manuel Quezon, with members of his cabinet. The seat of your government is now therefore firmly re-established on Philippine soil.

The hour of your redemption is here. Your patriots have demonstrated an unswerving and resolute devotion to the principles of freedom that challenges the best that is written on the pages of human history. I now call upon your supreme effort that the enemy may know from the temper of an aroused and outraged people within that he has a force there to contend with no less violent than is the force committed from without.

Rally to me. Let the indomitable spirit of Bataan and Corregidor lead on. As the lines of battle roll forward to bring you within the zone of operations, rise and strike. Strike at every favorable opportunity. For your homes and hearths, strike! For future generations of your sons and daughters, strike! In the name of your sacred dead, strike! Let no heart be faint. Let every arm be steeled. The guidance of divine God points the way. Follow in His Name to the Holy Grail of righteous victory!

  
DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

**General MacArthur Proclamation to the Filipino People  
October 20, 1944**



**Our 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Flag  
held by Deadeye and Filipino American Color Guard  
with Leyte, Okinawa and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Streamers Showing**



**Deadeyes with Filipino American Color Guard in front of Division  
And South Korean Flags**