

## Filipino American History

The first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States occurred on October 18, 1587, when some “Luzones Indios” came ashore from a Spanish galleon at what is now Morro Bay, California.

In 1763 Filipino seamen established a settlement in what is now known as Louisiana.

The Spanish-American War made American “nationals” of Filipinos and from the early 1900’s through 1935 they were free to enter the United States as long as they had the price of a boat ticket.

Waiting to be told are the stories of the descendants of those “Spanish colonial” seamen, early workers in sugar plantations of Hawaii, men who served in the U.S. Navy since World War One, women who came in the 1920s and 1930s, ambitious and aspiring college students, eager young workers – who toiled in Alaska canneries, farms in California, Arizona, Washington and Montana, the railroads, kitchens and restaurants, as postal workers or houseboys, the American-born second generation of pre-World War Two days, war brides, and countless others who constitute the subsequent groups of immigrants from the Philippines.

Stories of Depression, riots and discrimination, vignettes of dance halls, gambling and the other “leisure time” activities, the lodges, churches and organized Filipino communities, the process of acculturation, and the value of family are some of the information FANHS will collect and share.



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**Mission Statement**

“The mission of the Filipino American National Historical Society shall be to promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation, and enrichment through the identification, gathering, preservation and dissemination of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States.”

**FANHS National History**

- Organized Nov. 26, 1982 in Seattle
- Chartered Jan. 7, 1985 by State of Washington
- Election Nov. 1, 1986 of the first Board of Trustees with 27 Members from 12 states in the United States.

**Greater Seattle Chapter  
of FANHS History**

- Organized and Chartered as a Chapter on June 27, 1990
- Reconstituted as an Institute with National Office special assignments
- Chapter name changed February 27, 2013 with new officers elected May 25, 2013

