

# Nomination for "City of Chula Vista Veteran of the Year (VOY)"

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Date: 9/11/23

Submitting Organization/Corporation Information			
Organization Name:			
Organization Point of Contact:		First Marie	Last Zhivago
Organization Mailing Address:			
Street Address [REDACTED]			
City Chula Vista		State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Organization Contact Info		Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
Organization Website (if applicable):			
Veteran of the Year (VOY) Nominee Information			
Selection of your Veteran of the Year (VOY) is to be determined by your organization or agency. Request only one submitted nominee from each organization or agency.			
Nominee Name:		First Andrew	Middle Initial L.
		Last Dolopo	
U.S. Military Branch of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Corps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard			
Rank/Rate: SH1 First Class		Period(s) of Service:	
Petty Officer		From (Month Year) 3/1964	To (Month Year) 11/1983
		From (Month Year)	To (Month Year)
Nominee Mailing Address:			
Street Address [REDACTED]			
City Chula Vista		State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Nominee Contact Info		Phone (Home) [REDACTED]	Phone (Cell) [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]			
Personal information of all entrants is important to the VOY selection process. All personal information will remain private and safeguarded from unauthorized disclosure beyond the purpose of the board.			
Nomination Eligibility/Submission Criteria			
Why Should Your Veteran of the Year Be Selected?			
<p><b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> For consideration as the City of Chula Vista Veteran of the Year, your nominee must be a veteran honorably discharged from U.S. Military Service, employed within or a resident of the City of Chula Vista, and a citizen who has made significant contributions to the community since military service. Emphasis should be placed on nominee's accomplishments that support your organization's service to the community, individual contributions to the local community and support of the Veterans community of San Diego.</p> <p><b>Supporting Documentation:</b> Remember, whether the judges know your veteran or not, the nomination submission package should provide all information necessary for the judges to make their decision without seeking further information. Each nomination package should include two photographs (one in uniform from military service; one of nominee present day) and a narrative highlighting the nominee's contributions. Highlight special characteristics of the nominee that makes him/her an asset to the Veterans Community of Chula Vista (i.e. leadership, professionalism, fairness, integrity, ethics, respect, and trustworthiness). If your nominee is employed, please provide a current job description. Describe contributions to co-workers and/or other organization members, involvement in the organization activities and special contributions to the organization. Describe community service (i.e. participation in church, youth, school, civic activities and other volunteer efforts).</p> <p>Please provide a completed copy of this application/form to your Veteran of the Year.</p> <p>Submit completed package (including all items addressed above) by September 11<sup>th</sup> (of the year of submission) to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>City of Chula Vista</b>  <b>c/o Fire Department</b>  <b>Attn: Veterans Advisory Commission</b>  <b>276 Fourth Avenue</b>  <b>Chula Vista, CA 91910</b> </p> <p>Staff POC: Alyssa Moreno / Phone: (619) 409-5839 / Email: CVVeterans@ChulaVistaCA.gov</p>			

For Veteran of the Year City of Chula Vista

Meet Andrew Dolopo,

a remarkable individual with a rich and diverse history of service and community involvement.

As a Vietnam War Veteran, Andrew holds the distinguished rank of SH1 First Class Petty Officer in the US Navy.

His service was marked by outstanding achievements, including being a Bronze Star Awardee and earning the Vietnam Ribbon. During his time in the Navy, he was an integral part of Aircraft VAP 61 and Squadron 21, where he played a pivotal role in heavy photographic missions in Vietnam.

Andrew's contributions were invaluable as he provided crucial support to ground crews in Vietnam. Beyond his military service, Andrew has continued to make a positive impact on his community.


He served as the past President of the Subic Association of San Diego, an organization dedicated to supporting underprivileged children in his hometown of Subic, Philippines, ensuring they have access to education.

In his final leg of service in the US Navy, Andrew served as Shore Patrol, assisting the police forces in Chula Vista, National City, San Diego, and more. His dedication to maintaining order and safety in his community is a testament to his commitment to service.

Andrew's legacy extends beyond his military and community involvement. In 2023-2024, he is honored in the "Filipino of South Bay Exhibit" at the Chula Vista Heritage Museum, recognizing his significant contributions to the Filipino-American community. Remarkably, Andrew is also the son of the First Filipino to Enlist in the United States Navy back in 1903. His family's history of service is truly inspirational and reflects a deep-rooted commitment to both the United States Navy and the betterment of communities.


Andrew enjoys his retirement life with his wife Aurora, in West Chula Vista.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
NAVAL AIR FORCE

HEAVY PHOTOGRAPHIC SQUADRON SIXTY-ONE VAP-61  
U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION, BOX 67  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96637

From: Commanding Officer, Heavy Photographic Squadron SIXTY-ONE

To: TN Andrew Laban DOLOPO, [REDACTED]

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

Encl: (1) CO NSD ltr ser 1321 of 23 Oct 1970

(2) Commander Landing Ship Squadron THREE ltr of 27 Nov 1970

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) give high praise to the Photographic Department of this Command for the outstanding photographic support rendered to the Naval Supply Depot and Landing Ship Squadron THREE.

2. As a member of the Photographic Department who contributed to the support of these commands, you are congratulated for the outstanding quality of your work. Your personal efforts played a major role in meriting the commendatory remarks of these commands, and I add my appreciation and thanks for a job well done.

3. A copy of this letter with enclosures will be made a permanent part of your service record.

[REDACTED]  
R. L. SKILLEN

Copy to:  
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U. S. NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96630

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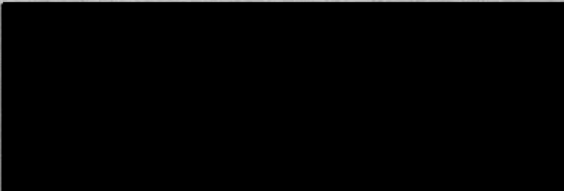
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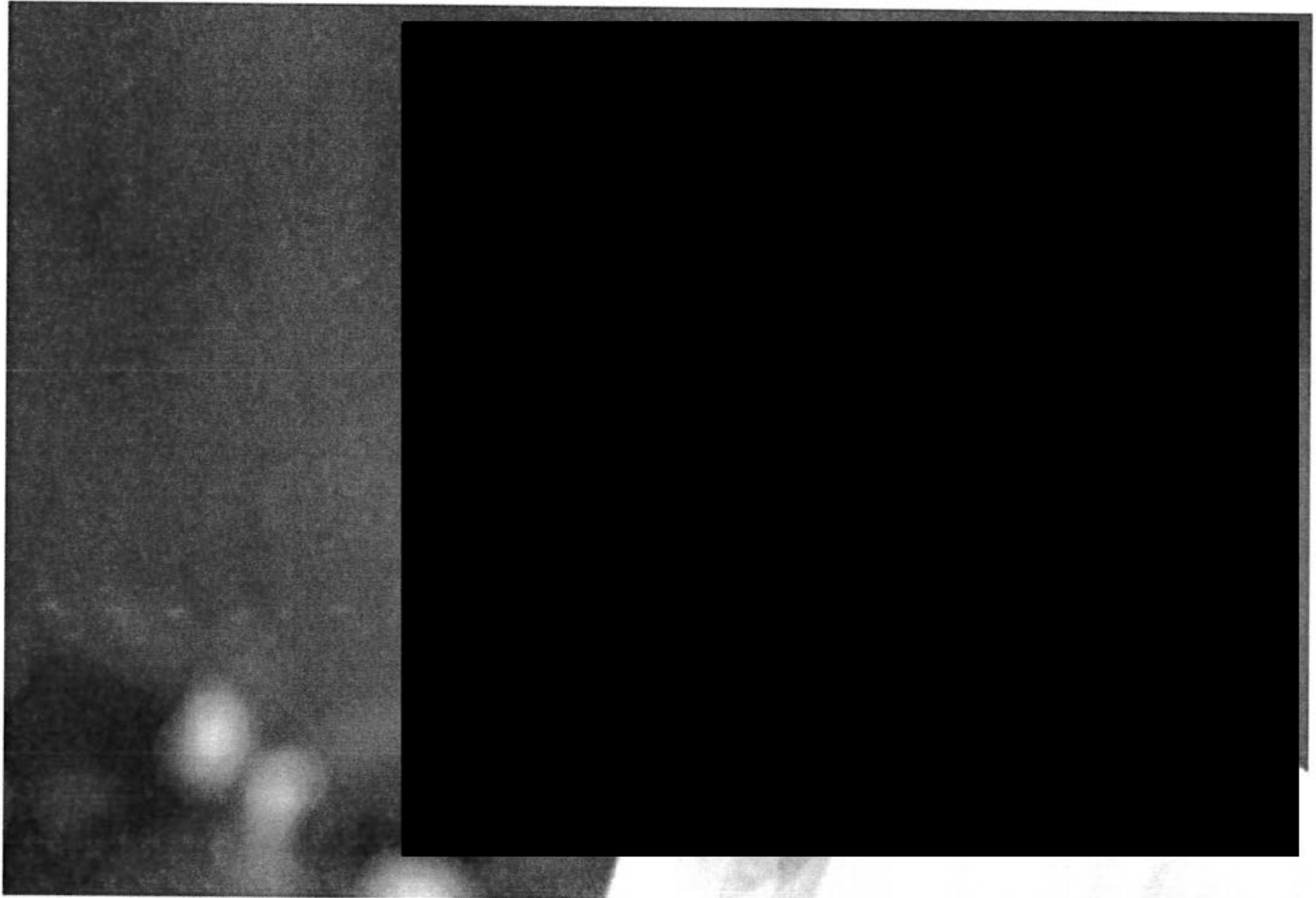
From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Guam, M. I.  
To: Commanding Officer, Heavy Photographic Squadron Sixty-One VAP-61  
Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. Over the past several years, this command has availed itself of the services of the VAP-61 Photographic laboratory for the processing of photographic slides. In all cases this service has been excellent. Of special note, however, is the service performed during the past two months. During this time a number of projects with unusually short lead-times arose. For the most part, these projects related to briefings of official visitors at NSD. In each case, the presentation of the most up-to-date statistics on depot operations was mandatory. This necessitated waiting as long as possible before updating the statistical charts.
2. The service rendered by the men of your command on these projects was outstanding and in all cases, the material was completed in time to include in the briefing. The cooperation of all concerned at your command is greatly appreciated.

  
H. C. DUNCAN







Navy veteran Andrew L. Dolopo, [REDACTED] is a descendant of the first Filipino to enlist in the Navy. Dolopo's father [REDACTED] who joined in 1903, fought in WWI and was taken prisoner by the Japanese during the occupation of the Philippines in WWII.