

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

(Please Print – Information contained will be used for publication and press related materials)

Date: Sep. 8, 2023

Submitting Organization/Corporation Information			
Organization Name:	Filipino American Military Officers Association		
Organization Point of Contact:	First Ernesto	Last Liwag	
Organization Mailing Address:	Street Address [REDACTED]		
	City San Diego	State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]
Organization Contact Info	Phone [REDACTED]	Phone [REDACTED]	Email [REDACTED]
Organization Website (if applicable):	www.famosusa.org		
Veteran of the Year (VOY) Nominee Information			
Selection of your Veteran of the Year (VOY) is to be determined by your organization or agency. <i>Request only one submitted nominee from each organization or agency.</i>			
Nominee Name:	First Oscar	Middle Initial Sa.	Last Garcia
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: CWO4	Period(s) of Service:	From (Month/Year) October 21, 1966	To (Month/Year) February 31, 1995
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]
<i>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.</i>			
Nomination Eligibility/Submission Criteria			
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From: **Reginaldo Cagampan** 
Subject: Nomination Packet for Oscar Garcia for Chula Vista VOY
Date: September 11, 2023 at 1:23 PM
To: CVVeterans@chulavistaca.gov CVVeterans@ChulaVistaCA.gov
Cc: oscar garcia 



Good afternoon,

I am submitting my nomination for the Chula Vista Veteran of the Year. Please see all attached documents.

Respectfully,

CDR (Ret) Reggie Cagampan, NC, USN



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Enclosure A.pdf



Enclosure B.pdf



Enclosure C.pdf



Enclosure D.pdf

10 SEP 2023

From: CDR (Ret) Reginaldo F. Cagampan, NC, USN
Member, Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS)

To: Veterans Advisory Commission
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910

SUBJ: NOMINATION OF CWO4 (RET) OSCAR SA. GARCIA, USN FOR CHULA VISTA VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Enc: a) Copy of DD214 – Honorable discharged
b) Photograph in Military Uniform
c) Current Photo in a civilian outfit
d) Biography

As a retired Naval Officer and as a member of the Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS), it is with great pride that I nominate CWO4 (Ret) Oscar Sa. Garcia for the Chula Vista Veteran of the Year (VOY). CWO4 (Ret) Garcia served the U S Navy for 28 years. He Enlisted in the U S Navy in 1966 as a Stewardman Recruit and worked his way up to a Senior Chief Petty Officer. In 1983, he was commissioned as a Chief Warrant Officer and retired with the rank of CWO4. His spectacular Naval career, from enlisted recruit to the highest grade of a Warrant Officer, is a testimony of his leadership, integrity, and professionalism. After retirement, CWO4 Garcia continued to serve the community, especially the city of Chula Vista where he lives in. Currently he is serving as the President of FAMOS. His leadership, trustworthiness, and commitment to community service made a positive impact not only to the City of Chula Vista but throughout the San Diego County as well as the Philippines. With his extensive leadership experience and proven integrity, he is the best candidate and well deserved as the Veteran of the Year in Chula Vista.

Highlights of his accomplishments and contributions with positive impact to the City of Chula Vista and the community are as follows:

1. President of the Filipino American Military Officers Association (FAMOS) - 1994 to 1996 & 2018 to date. FAMOS is an organization dedicated to providing scholarship assistance to JROTC cadets, supporting veterans organizations, and contributing to various charitable and civic institutions. As FAMOS President, he is currently spearheading and collaborating with the Mayor and City Councils of Chula Vista in naming a park after the Filipino American Veteran. The park will serve as a central hub for Filipino community in promoting its culture and will strengthen the relationship with the community. This advocacy will entice more residents from the Filipino American heritage to bring business to Chula Vista. In addition, the establishment of a Filipino American Park in will bring more visibility of the city of Chula Vista in the Nation.
2. Held various vital leadership positions in the Council of Philippine American Organization (COPAO). In 1997 to 1998, he served as the Speaker of the House of COPAO. In 1998 to 2000, he served as the Vice President of COPAO and then in 2001 to 2002, he became the President of COPAO. Under his leadership as the Speaker of the House of Delegates of

- COPAO, CWO4 Garcia spearheaded the purchased of COPAO Building and lot, which led to generating income for the organization and increased funding. As a result, the organization was able to provide more assistances and services to the community, locally and globally.
3. President, Military Officers of America Association (MOAA), Sweetwater Chapter from 2009 to 2011. Under his leadership as President of MOAA, the chapter was awarded "Five Star Level of Excellence" for three consecutive years, (2009, 2010, and 2011).
 4. Founder and CEO of the Oscar Sa. Garcia Foundation. His foundation granted full-college scholarship opportunities to underprivileged but deserving students in the Philippines. His foundation provided monetary and material support to victims of natural disasters in southern Philippines.
 5. Commissioner of the Chula Vista International Friendship Commission. As an International Friendship Commission member, Garcia spearheaded the sister city relationship between the City of Chula Vista, California and the City of Cebu, Philippines. As a result, it strengthened the relationship between the two cities and enticed more Filipino American to reside in Chula Vista community. He was awarded the medal for "Circle of Distinguished Volunteer" during the 50th Sister Cities International Celebration in Washington DC in 2006.
 6. Vital member of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce. In 1997, he represented the association in the Advisory Board for the Strategic Plan for Water Supply for the City of San Diego.
 7. Chair of the Board for the United Pilipino International (UPI). As the Board of Director Chair, he led and oversaw the creation and establishments of the organization's policy and procedure, including all projects locally and internationally. UPI provided scholarship and assistance to those affected with calamities in the Philippines.
 8. Active leader of the Masonic Fraternity. CWO4 (Ret) Garcia held the position of Commander, Council of Kadosh, Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew, member of the Child- hood Language Center Board in the Valley of San Diego, Orient of California. In 2009, he was awarded the title of the Honorable Oscar Sanchez Garcia, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, duly Invested by the Grand Secretary General and the Sovereign Grand Commander.
 9. President of the Filipino American Republican Club. Under his leadership, the association played a major role in having Councilman Soto elected to the National City Council.
 10. Lastly but not the least, CWO4 (Ret) Garcia is currently serving as the adviser of the Samahan Filipino American Heritage Association and Concerned Filipino American Club in Chula Vista.

CWO4 (Ret) Garcia's accomplishments and contributions to the community of Chula Vista are invaluable and great asset to the city of Chula Vista. He is a proven leader that personified the true spirit of professionalism, fairness, integrity, respectful, and trustworthiness. He has the strongest recommendation to be selected for Chula Vista Veteran of the Year.

Respectfully,


Reginaldo F. Cagampan

CWO4 (Ret) Oscar Sa. Garcia, USN

Chula Vista California

Email: Tel #



Oscar Sanchez Garcia was born in Iligan City, Philippines of proud parents, Severo Pingol Garcia from Minalin, Pampanga and Lucila Maglasang Sanchez from Consolacion, Cebu. He graduated in the top six percent of his class at Iligan City High School at the age of 14. At age 17, he was elected President of Tambo Younger Set Organization where he first gained experience as a community leader.

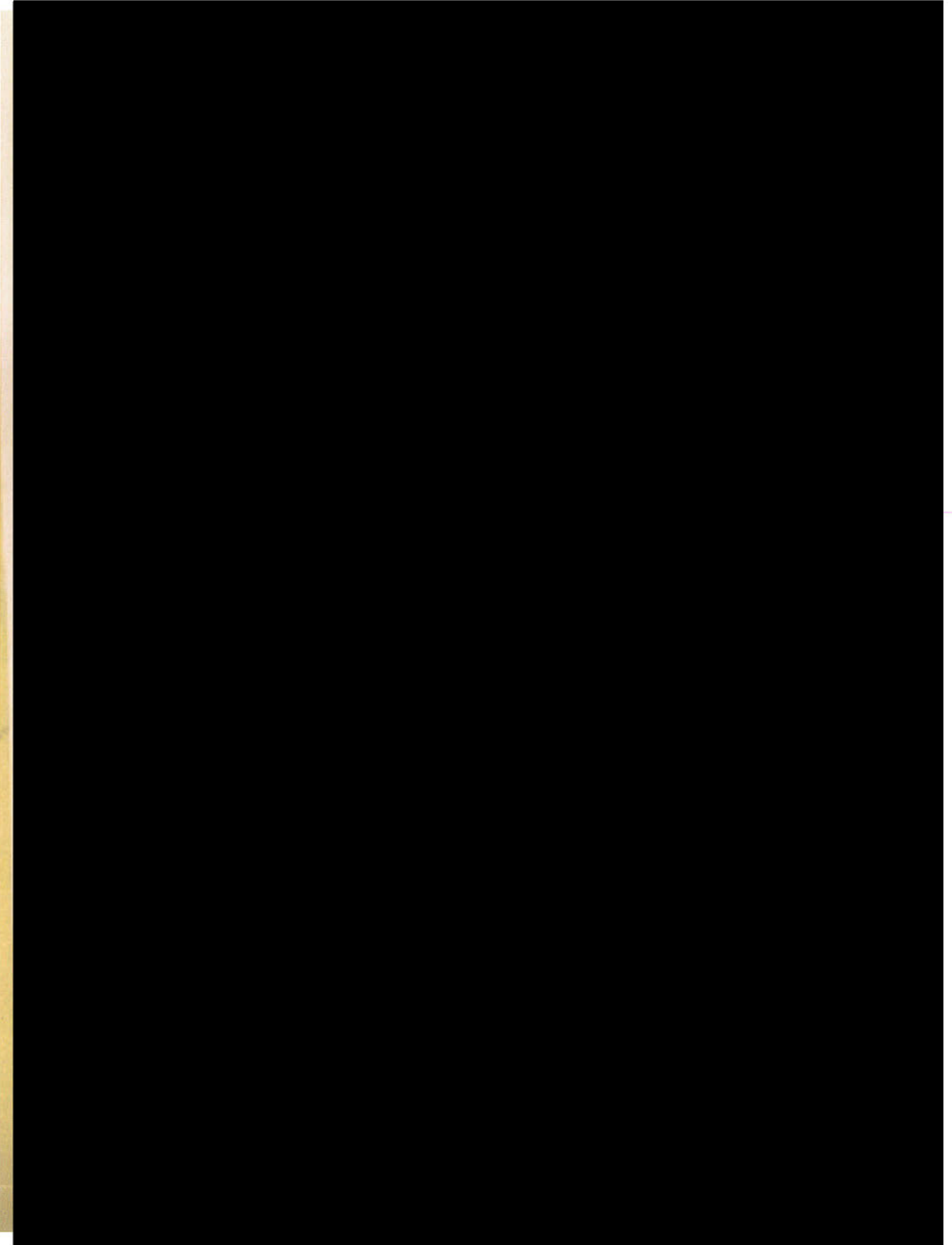
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In 1967, he joined the U. S. Navy as a steward recruit and completed boot camp at the Recruit Training Command in San Diego, California. Early in his navy career, he changes his rating to fireman and subsequently became an Electrician's Mate. While stationed aboard USS Tulare (LKA-112), he was promoted to First Class Petty Officer and was assigned as acting Electrical Division Officer. He likewise held the same position as Chief Petty Officer aboard the USS Hermitage (LSD - 36) while on Mediterranean deployment. He was later promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer and was appointed Senior Chief of the Command and President of CPO Advisory Board.

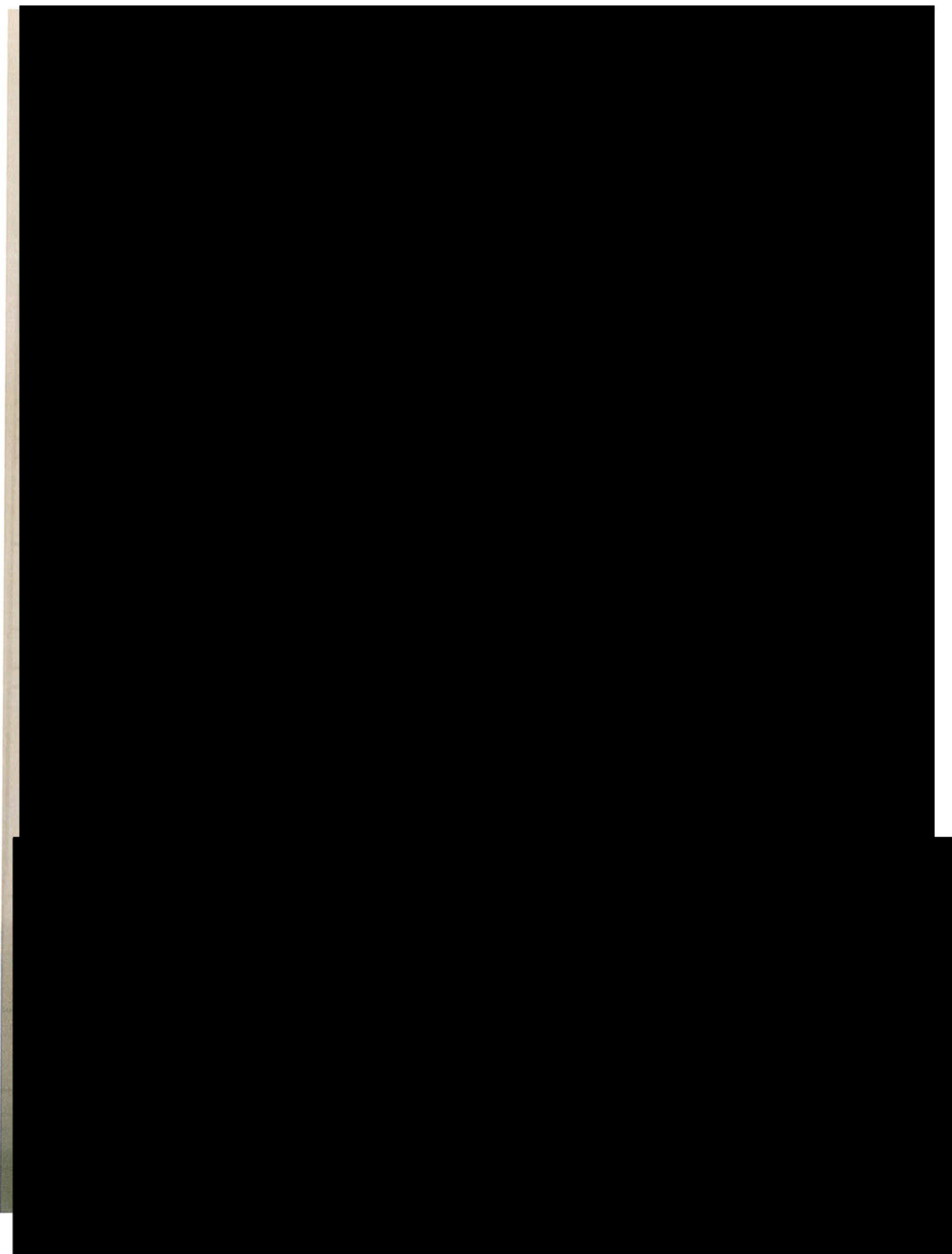
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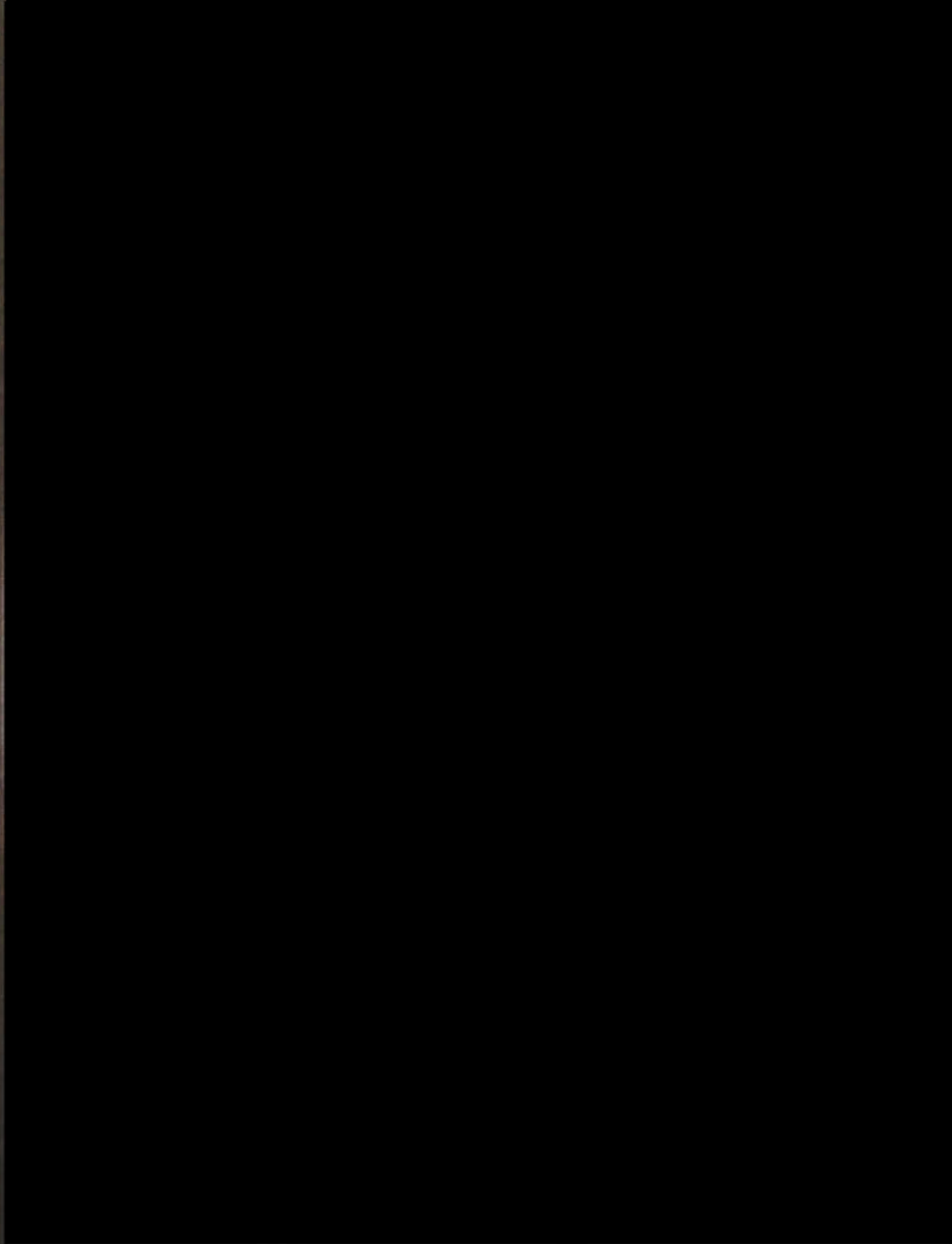
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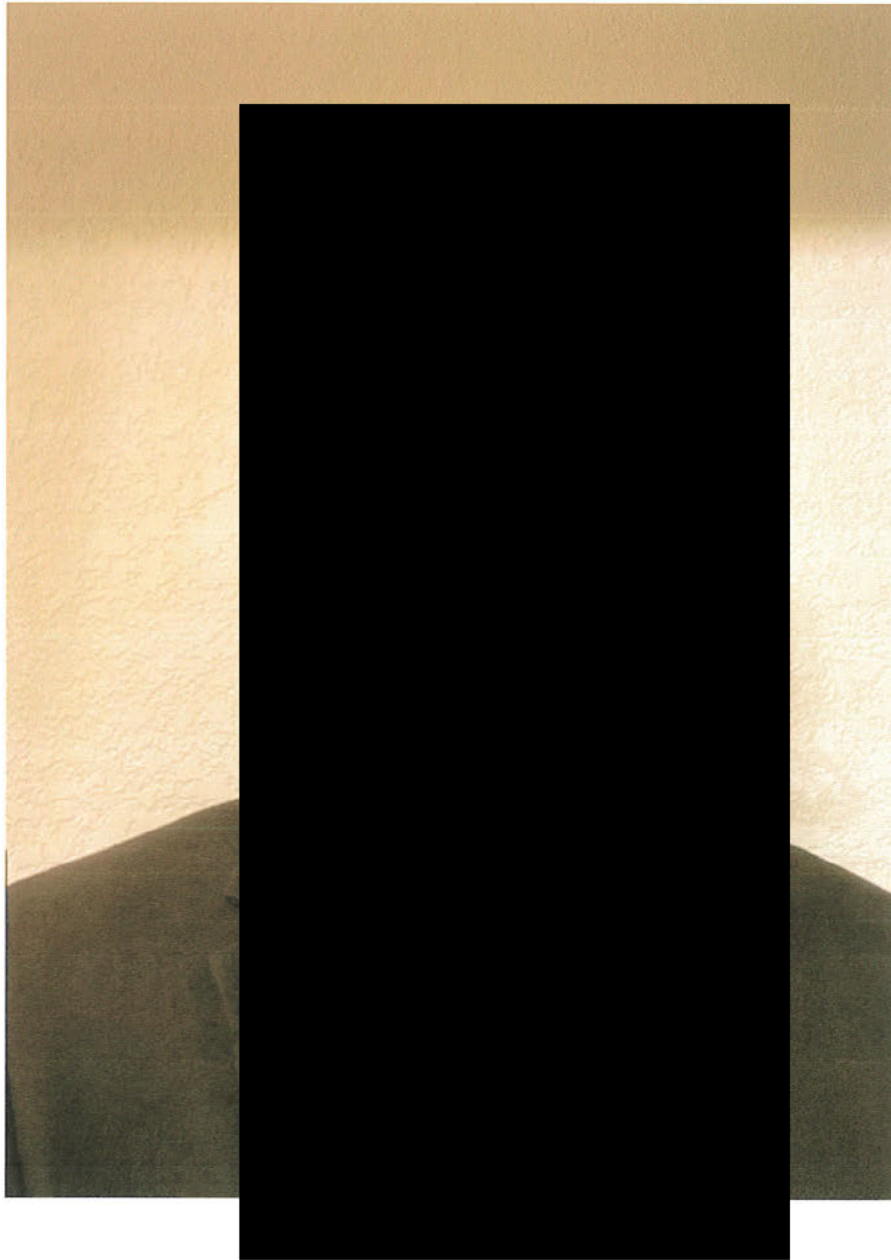


Enclosure B: Military Photo



OSCAR Sa. GARCIA
CWO4 USN

Enclosure C: Recent Photo



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As a member of the Masonic Fraternity, he served as the Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrews and Chairman of the Retention Committee leading up to his appointment as Commander of the Council of Kadosh. In 2019, he was awarded the title of Honorable Oscar Sa. Garcia, Knight Commander Court of Honour, 32°.

Oscar Sa. Garcia's retirement from Naval Service in 1995 and California State Employment in 2007 marked the end of his professional career, and started the beginning of a life of service to the community, an endeavor that touched the lives of the people he served.

CWO4 Oscar Sa. Garcia, USN, Ret.

I - PRESIDENT

- 1. Filipino American Military Officers Association - 1994 to 1996 & 2018 to date.**
2. Filipino American Republican Club, San Diego County 1995 to 2003 & 2026 to 2011
3. Council Of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO)
 - a. President - 2001 and 2002
 - b. Vice Chairman - 1998 and 2000
 - c. Speaker of the House of Delegates - 1997 and 1998
4. South Bay Filipino American Community Association - 2000 and 2001
5. Friends of Cebu 1998 and 2006
6. The Alliance "To empower Filipinos" - 1998 to 2002.
7. Military Officers of America Association, Sweetwater Chapter - 2009 to 20110
- 8. Concerned Filipino American Club - 2014 to date.**
- 9. Samahan Filipino American Heritage Association - 2016 to 2018 (Advisor to date.)**

II - BOARD OF DIRECTOR

1. Filipino American Military Professionals (Founder and Chairman of the Board) 1995
2. Filipino American Chamber of Commerce (member) - 1996 -1998.
- 3. United Pilipino International - 2022 to date**

III - HIGHLIGHTS

1. MILITARY

- a. From Stewardsman Recruit to Chief Warrant Officer Four, 7131/Engineering
- b. Medals & Ribbons - 17 to include Navy Commendation w/ bronze star and Navy Achievement w/bronze star Medals.
- c. Participation in Vietnam War, Desert Storm and Desert Shield.
- d. As President of the Sweetwater Chapter of Military Officers Association of America, the Chapter was awarded the "Five Star Level Of Excellence" in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

2. COMMUNITY

- a. As President of the Filipino American Republican Club, the association played a major role in having Councilman Soto elected to the National City Council.
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