



## Clark Veterans Cemetery Update - February 2012

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# Honoring a Commitment in the Philippines

The Clark Veterans Cemetery, administered by VFW Post 2485, continues to operate over 110 years after the first United States soldiers arrived in the Luzon plain. Twenty years after closure of the last US bases in the Philippines, the former Clark Air Base Cemetery remains active.



Interments continue, with 34 Veterans of all services buried during 2011. Graveside Military Honors are provided by VFW Post 2485 and other Veterans organizations, including VFW Post 11447.

*VFW Post 2485 Bugler performing at a Graveside Service.*

Additionally, major Ceremonies are conducted on Memorial and Veterans Days, and other services and observances are supported for families and Veterans groups.

Angeles City Post 2485 continues to Honor our deceased comrades who were abandoned and forgotten by the United States Government.

## **HONORING AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN VETERANS!**

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### **CLARK VETERANS CEMETERY PROJECT UPDATE**

*The completion and dedication of the Clark Veterans Cemetery Memorial Plaza in November 2011 served as the start point for three follow-on projects in the continuing effort to upgrade the Cemetery to a level befitting the service and sacrifice of those interred here.*

- Electric power service is being established and will permit night lighting of the U.S. and Philippine Flags, as well as the Monument to the Unknowns near the center of the Cemetery.*
- Stainless steel chains and stanchions are being fabricated to surround the Memorial Plaza centerpiece Medallion, serving to highlight as well as protect this visible symbol.*
- The landscaping of the Main Gate and Memorial Plaza area is to be upgraded to improve the overall appearance and enhance Clark Veterans Cemetery visibility from the main entryway into the Clark Freeport Zone.*