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SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES

SUBIC BAY: ITS HISTORY

Subic Bay is located on the west coast of the island of Luzon, Republic of the Philippines, approximately 35 miles north of the entrance to Manila Bay. On its shores are Olongapo and Subic. Near the entrance is the small Grande Island.

Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese navigator in the service of Spain, landed in the Philippines on 16 March 1521, just 29 years after Columbus discovered America. When the Spanish came, contrary to popular belief, a comparatively advanced culture already existed in the Philippines. The majority of the people lived in independent settlements or "Barangays" which were united to form a federation. The laws under which they lived were largely traditional but as early as 1433, or 88 years previous to the arrival of Magellan, there existed a penal code.

Colonization was not begun by the Spanish until 1565 when Miguel Lopez de Legaspi took possession of the islands. He was the first civil governor of the Philippines, named in honor of Philip II of Spain. The Spanish occupation greatly changed the spiritual life of the Philippines. Under Spanish rule, the Catholic Church converted a relatively large portion of the population to Christianity, although many old superstitions and much native culture continued to exist under a thin veneer of Western civilization.

War and uprisings, in which the perennial struggle for power between the church and the state was often involved, characterized the history of

the islands from the beginning of Spanish rule to the American occupation. A revolution had broken out just prior to Admiral Dewey's capture of Manila on 18 August 1898. In the Treaty of Paris in 1898, Spain ceded the islands to the United States. The revolutionary Philippine government, headed by Emilio Aquinaldo, protested that Spain had no right to cede the islands because their control had passed from her hands to the insurgents. Then war began between the United States and the insurgents. Resistance ended with the capture of Aquinaldo.

In November 1935 the Commonwealth Government was established with Manuel L. Quezon and Sergio Osmena as president and vice president. The capture of Manila by the Japanese on 2 January 1942 forced the government into exile in America where Quezon died of tuberculosis. Three years later, with the liberation of Manila by the Allied Forces under General Douglas MacArthur aided by thousands of Filipino guerrillas, the Commonwealth Government was restored on 27 February 1945. Although Manila had been declared an open city by United States forces, its liberation was bitterly contested by the Japanese and the resultant damage was extremely severe. During the Japanese occupation, thousands of Filipino non-combatants were murdered; agriculture and other industries were devastated; and public and private buildings were wantonly destroyed.

On 4 July 1946, in accordance with an agreement made with the United States, the Philippines proclaimed their independence as a republic.

In the years since 1946, the Philippine Republic has struggled against an organization known as the "Huks" or the "HMB." The organization was started in March 1942 under the name of "Hukbalahaps" (The People's Army to Fight Japan). During the war, the Huks were active against the Japanese and to a lesser extent, against other Filipino guerrilla units. Following the liberation of the Philippines, the Huks did not completely disband or turn in their arms. At the end of 1949, the name of the Huks was changed to "Hukbong Mapagpalang Bayan" (People's Liberation Army), from which comes the

common abbreviation HMB. Since that time, the Huks, in tune with world Communism, have advocated the overthrow of the Philippine government and the assumption of power by popular elements. However, during the recent years an understanding government has undertaken the rehabilitation of many ex-dissidents who have indicated their desire to return to peaceful and useful lives. The Huk situation is definitely improving, but the danger of ambush and harassing action still exists in the outlying areas of Central Luzon.

TRANSPORTATION

Jeepney service (5¢) is available in the Naval Station and Naval Supply Depot areas.

In Olongapo, jeepney service is used exclusively and costs 10 centavos to any part of the town. Personnel are advised to ride in jeepneys with other Americans (not alone) when travelling late at night in Olongapo, and to stay in the main street.

Commercial bus service to Manila is available at the main gate for personnel holding written permission to leave the military reservation.

Regularly scheduled bus runs are as follows:

To Clark Air Force Base: From Administration Building, Naval Base, Subic, at 0730, and Naval Station Receiving Barracks at 0800 daily. From American Embassy, Manila at 1300 Tuesday and Thursday.

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To Manila (Limited passenger capacity): From Administration Building, Naval Base, Subic, at 0500, Tuesday and Thursday. From American Embassy, Manila, at 1300 Tuesday and Thursday.

Driving instructions: Drive on the right side

of the road. Basic rules are the same as those in the United States.

RESTAURANTS, FOODS AND BEVERAGES

Numerous restaurants and clubs are operated on the Naval Base and personnel are strongly advised to patronize these activities rather than those in Olongapo. A station restaurant is open daily from 0600 - 2000. Various Navy Exchange snack bars are also available from 0600 - 2300 daily. The new Officers', CPO, and Enlisted Men's Clubs are highly recommended. Catered parties may be arranged through the Navy Exchange (telephone 44-2240).

Personnel are not advised to eat in Olongapo due to a general lack of sanitary facilities. However, four restaurants are sometimes patronized: The Admiral Restaurant for American and Philippine food, El Papagayos for Mexican food, Kong's Restaurant and the Pagoda for Chinese food. Numerous bars are available and all employ hostesses except the American Legion Hall and a few of the smaller bars.

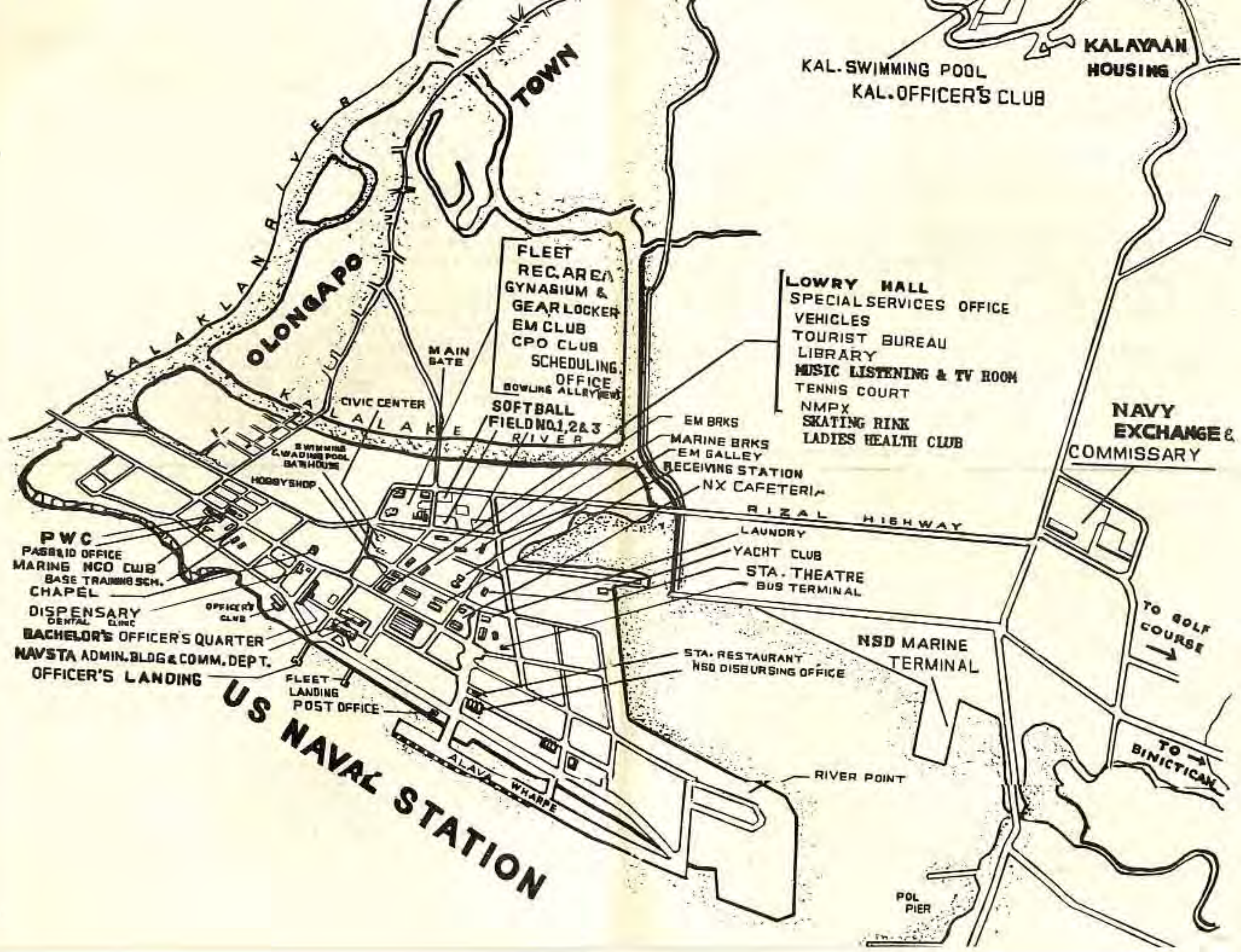
SERVICE CLUBS

Enlisted Men's Club: Uniform of the day or appropriate civilian clothing. Call 44-2595. Hours of operation are from 1100 - 2400 daily.

CPO Club: Uniform of the day or appropriate civilian clothing. Call 44-2412. Hours of operation are 1100 - 2300 Monday through Friday, and 1000 - 0100 on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Officers' Club: Uniform of the day or appropriate civilian clothing. Call 44-3635. Hours of operation are from 0900 - 2300 Monday through Friday, 0900 - 0100 on Saturday, and 0900 - 2400 on Sunday.

All three clubs are completely air conditioned and are beautifully decorated. They have cocktail lounges and serve full-course meals at reasonable prices. Entertainment varies and floor shows are presented every week. Each club has a band several nights weekly for listening and dancing pleasure.



KALAYAAN HOUSING

**KAL. SWIMMING POOL
KAL. OFFICER'S CLUB**

TOWN

OLONGAPO

**FLEET REC. AREA
GYNASIUM &
GEAR LOCKER
EM CLUB
CPO CLUB
SCHEDULING OFFICE
BOWLING ALLEY**

**LOWRY HALL
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE
VEHICLES
TOURIST BUREAU
LIBRARY
MUSIC LISTENING & TV ROOM
TENNIS COURT
NMPX
SKATING RINK
LADIES HEALTH CLUB**

NAVY EXCHANGE & COMMISSARY

MAIN GATE

CIVIC CENTER

**SOFTBALL FIELD NO. 1, 2 & 3
RIVER**

EM BRKS

MARINE BRKS

EM GALLEY

RECEIVING STATION

NX CAFETERIA

RIZAL HIGHWAY

LAUNDRY

YACHT CLUB

STA. THEATRE

BUS TERMINAL

TO GOLF COURSE

NSD MARINE TERMINAL

**STA. RESTAURANT
NSD DISBURSING OFFICE**

TO BINICTAN

RIVER POINT

POL PIER

**PWC
PASS&ID OFFICE
MARINE NCO CLUB
BASE TRAINING SCH.
CHAPEL**

**DISPENSARY
DENTAL CLINIC**

BACHELOR'S OFFICER'S QUARTER

NAVSTA ADMIN. BLDG & COMM. DEPT.

OFFICER'S LANDING

OFFICER'S CLUB

FLEET LANDING POST OFFICE

US NAVAL STATION

ALAVA WHARFE

The Subic Civic Center, located on Raymundo Street, opposite the Enlisted Men's Club, is operated by the Navy Exchange. The Civic Center is reserved solely for the use of organized groups or private parties. It will not be open to the general public at any time.

The Civic Center is available for use upon written request between 0900 and 0100. Request forms are available at the EM Club office.

Parties may be catered by the Navy Exchange at agreed upon, predetermined costs. In the event catering is provided by individuals concerned, a charge of \$10.00 will be made to cover expenses of cleaning the Civic Center in advance of, and following, the use of the building.

Appropriate uniform to be worn in the Civic Center may be designated by the host or organization reserving the use of the Center.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The following religious services are held at the Subic Base Chapel:

Catholic:

Masses

Sundays 0700, 0830, 1630
 Daily 1630
 Saturdays 1200

Confessions

Daily 1600
 Saturdays 1130, 1930

Novena

Wednesdays 1630, 1930

Protestant (Morning Worship Service):

Sunday 0945, 1100

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 1030, 1200

Christian Science (Room 218, Building 255):

Sunday 1115

Episcopal Communion (2nd Sunday - NAS Cubi Chapel):

Sunday 0730

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Facilities available at the Naval Base:

- Kalayaan swimming pool (Officers and dependents)
- Station swimming pool (Enlisted and dependents)
- Athletic gear locker (Gymnasium)
- Station hobby shop
- Station athletic fields (Tennis, softball, volleyball, handball, and basketball)
- Station gymnasium (Fleet Recreation Center)
- Binictican Valley Golf Club (Snack bar with beer and mixed drinks)
- Station skeet range (Open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Call scheduling office - 44-2547 or 2128)
- Station bowling alley
- Organized hunting and fishing trips
- Subic Bay Yacht Club (Snack bar with beer and mixed drinks)

There are two air conditioned bowling alleys on the base. Alleys 1-10 are located in the Fleet Recreation Center and alleys 11-16 are in the Station Bowling Alley. Bowling shoes must be worn while bowling, and may be checked out at the alleys at a cost of 10¢. A charge of 15¢ per line will be paid by each bowler. Fleet league reservations may be made at the Special Services scheduling office. Phone 44-2547 or 2128. Hours of operation are 0800 - 2400 at the Fleet Recreation Center and 1000 - 2400 at the Station Bowling Alley.

The Binictican Valley Golf Course, located in the Binictican Valley, is an 18-hole course. Clubhouse facilities, club rentals, caddies, and professional lessons are available at all times. The fee per 18 holes is \$1.00 on weekdays and \$1.50 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The cost of a bucket of balls on the driving range is 25¢. Golf lessons are \$1.00 per half hour. Food service is also available at the clubhouse. Call 44-3737.

Facilities available at NAS, Cubi Point:

- Cubi swimming pools
- Bowling (Recreation Building)
- Deep sea fishing (Cubi Point Special Services telephone 55-3402)

NAS Gymnasium (Basketball, trampolining, weight lifting)
Boxing, volleyball (Located in the Recreation Building)
NAS Hobby Shop
Outdoor sports (Tennis, basketball, handball, volleyball, softball and baseball diamonds, boats and equipment for skiing, skindiving, and fishing - telephone 55-3402)

Facilities available at Grande Island:

Ball diamond
Playground equipment
Beach house (Dressing rooms, showers)
Swimming beach
Rental cottages and hotel
Snack bar and fountain (Including assorted picnic items)
Skindiving and fishing areas
Bar with beer and mixed drinks
Locker club
Picnic area
Theater

Grande Island is the best beach in the area. It is located at the entrance to Subic Bay. Picnic areas with tables, barbecue pits, shelters and supplies are available. Lifeguard services are available at all times. Boats run on a regular schedule from Fleet Landing to the island.

There are facilities for softball, basketball, tennis, volleyball, and a place for horseshoes. Athletic gear may be checked out at the gear locker next to the cafeteria. Hotel, bar and snacks are also available. All organized parties may be arranged through the Navy Exchange office. Phone 44-374.

A 9-hole pitch & putt golf course is available for U. S. military and U. S. civilian personnel and their dependents. The fee is 25¢ per round. Two balls and the required golf clubs are provided at no charge. Golfers will pay for lost balls and damaged clubs. Starting times will be on the first come, first served basis. The course is open from 1000.- 1730 dai

SHOPPING INFORMATION

The most popular items of Philippine merchandise are rattan furniture, carved wood, linen and embroidery, and special fabrics such as pineapple and coconut fibre cloth. Monkeypod and red narra woods are especially recommended. The barong-tagalog formal shirt is available and worn throughout the Philippines at formal occasions. Few of these products are sold in Olongapo and prices are generally high and quality low. The Navy Exchange, Subic Bay, is the best source for such items and will also furnish names of approved shops in Manila where shopping is much better. Carved Philippine carabao horns cannot be taken to the United States.

The Republic of the Philippines unit of currency is the peso, which has been decontrolled. The current rate is about 3.90 pesos to 1 U. S. dollar. Since peso rates may change, oversupply must be avoided. U. S. dollars may be used in the Philippines.