

FASGI to Assist Veterans Compensation Fund

LOS ANGELES —The Filipino American Service Group Inc (FASGI) will assist Filipino World War II Veterans with their pre-qualification review for the Filipino Veterans Equity and Compensation Fund.

Teams from FASGI and Calamba-Walnut Sister City will provide assistance in filling out forms, making copies and preparing envelopes.

The Filipino Veterans are requested to bring the following requirements: Valid Passport, Cer-

tificate of Naturalization, Service Record, Honorable Discharge, VA ID, Marriage Certificate. Alberto Alpasan of the California Department of Veterans Affairs will be their special guest. The clinic will be held this Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 8am to 2pm at the Lemon Creek Park located at 130 Avenida Alipaz, Walnut, CA 91789.

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Pacquiao: Speed...

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"All Manny has to do is fight smart," added Neri. "Hatton is easy to hit."

For Team Pacquiao, there's a lot to be confident about. After an undefeated 2008 campaign that ended with the dismantling of The Golden Boy Oscar De La Hoya last December, Pacquiao is on top of the boxing world. He's arguably the pound-4-pound boxing king and now, fans of all type are flocking to him more than ever.

All that one has to do is to watch that fight against De La Hoya to see how quick, elusive and impressive Pacquiao was during that fight.

It's the same blueprint that Roach and Neri expect from Pacquiao come fight night against Hatton.

For the record, Hatton has said in a number of different interviews that he will be just as fast or even faster than

Pacquiao when the two meet on May 2 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hatton said that he would be faster, stronger and bigger than any man Pacquiao has ever fought.

But that's all talk, said Roach.

"Speed is a God-given gift," he said. "You can improve it if you relax, but talk is talk we'll see on the night."

Pacquiao told the *Asian Journal* that he's not underestimating Hatton like many of those around him.

But Pacquiao does believe that speed will be his advantage against Hatton.

"I think the speed will be the key to this fight," said Pacquiao to the *Asian Journal*. "I'm not underestimating the speed of Ricky Hatton, but I think I am faster than him."

Roach and Neri both agree that the key for Pacquiao is to

not stand in front and trade toe to toe with Hatton.

Neri said that all throughout training camp they have been working on Pacquiao's jab to neutralize Hatton's forward aggressive style. Neri, who admitted to watching all of Hatton's previous fights, said that Pacquiao has to prepare for any roughhouse tactic Hatton might do.

Hatton has a history of grabbing and then punching (during the clinch), pushing, and head butts, said Neri.

"That's why it's important when Hatton comes forward, Manny needs to throw that jab, then move to the side," said Neri.

"He has to land those combinations and go side to side. It's all about footwork," said Roach.

"The jab is very important in this fight," added Pacquiao. "Hatton is not too fast so the jab is very effective in this fight."

Pacquiao also added that

he is preparing for a possible dirty fight.

"We're preparing for that style that's what we're focusing on right now," he said.

Pacquiao wouldn't give a prediction on the outcome of the match but Roach and Neri are expecting an easy victory. "Probably early," said Neri. "Watch for Manny's left hook."

On De La Hoya's retirement

Pacquiao reiterated what he told De La Hoya after winning their December match.

"He's still my idol," said Pacquiao.

Pacquiao said that De La Hoya has been good for the sport of boxing but that it was also time for him to hang up his gloves.

"I think he made a good decision," said Pacquiao. "He's already made a lot in boxing and whatever happens, people won't forget him. He's a great fighter and he's still my idol." (Joseph Pimentel)

US to pay off World War II...

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Roldan Bugarin, a nurse who cared for US wounded during the battle of Bataan, at an awards ceremony at the Philippine embassy in Washington.

Bugarin, 80, was unable to show up at the embassy and her check was collected by her son.

Taguba said as of the first week of April some 26,000 appli-

cations for payments had been received in Washington and Manila, considerably more than the 18,000 veterans thought to be still alive.

Taguba said 16,143 applications were pending review, 776 claims had been completed and 195 checks have been delivered.

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