



# US-PI RELATIONS



## A brief history

**1521**

Ferdinand Magellan claims islands for King Philip II of Spain, gives them the name Las Felipinas.

**19TH C.**

The Philippines become a major trading location in the Pacific.

**LATE 19TH C.**

Philippine Nationalist movement grows, demanding independence from Spain.

**1896**

The Philippine Revolution against Spain begins. It will last two years.

**JUNE 12, 1898**

Believing it would have US support, the Philippines declare themselves independent.

**MAY 1, 1898**

The Battle of Manila Bay. The Spanish fleet in the Philippines is defeated by the US Navy.

**APRIL 25, 1898**

America declares war on Spain, starting the Spanish-American War.

**DEC. 10, 1898**

The Spanish-American War ends. America gains control over the Philippines.

**JAN. 5, 1899**

The Philippines declares its independence from America.

**FEB. 5, 1899**

The Philippine-American War begins.

**1901**

The Philippine-American War ends. American occupation would last until 1946.

1916

The Jones Act is passed, stating the goal of Philippine independence and granting it more autonomy.

1934

The Tydings-McDuffie Act sets Philippine independence for July 4th, 1946.

1935

The Commonwealth of the Philippines is established.

DEC. 8, 1941

The Japanese Empire invades the Philippines. US-PI forces are pushed to the Bataan Peninsula.

APRIL 10-17, 1942

The Bataan Death March. Thousands of American and Filipino POWs die or are executed.

APRIL 9, 1942

American and Filipino forces on Bataan surrender after months of hunger, disease, and fighting.

FEB-MARCH 1942

Filipino and American leadership evacuate the Philippines. Gen. Douglas MacArthur declares "I Shall Return."

MAY 6, 1941

The Philippines surrender. Guerilla resistance continues to fight Japanese occupation.

OCT. 20, 1944

Allied forces return to liberate the Philippines, landing on the island of Leyte.

OCT. 23-26, 1944

The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in American history.

JAN. 30, 1945

US and Filipino forces liberate over 500 POWs from Cabanatuan Prison Camp.

JULY 4, 1946

The Philippines attain independence from the United States.

SEPT. 2, 1945

A formal surrender ceremony is held in Tokyo Bay. World War II is officially over.

AUG. 15, 1945

The Japanese Empire surrenders after two nuclear bombings and Russia's declaration of war.

FEB. 23, 1945

The Los Baños Raid. US and Filipino forces liberate over 2,000 civilians from Los Baños Internment Camp.

FEB-MARCH 1945

The Battle of Manila. Manila is one of the most heavily bombed cities of WWII.