

# FAUSTINO “PEPING” BACLIG

## PERSONAL BACKGROUND

BORN ON FEBRUARY 14, 1922  
AT CABUGAO, ILOCOS SUR, PHILIPPINES

### PARENTS:

IRENE IMPERIO BACLIG  
FERMIN GONZALES BACLIG

### BROTHERS:

ARISTON & HONESTO (DIED AT INFANT)  
SANTOS (DECEASED) – MECHANICAL ENGINEER

### WIFE:

FRANCISCA TANSINSIN ANTONIO FROM BULACAN, BULACAN

### CHILDREN:

FRECIE MARIA BACLIG- RAVAGO MARRIED TO ALBERT RAVAGO  
FILOMIN BACLIG MARRIED TO EDITH HERNANDEZ

### GRANDCHILDREN:

PIA FRANCESCA PENALOSA RADISICH MARRIED TO JEREMY RADISICH  
PERCIVAL PENALOSA  
OJ BACLIG

### GREAT GRANDCHILDREN:

ISLA FRANCESCA RADISICH

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

### LYCEUM UNIVERSITY:

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILLIPINES:

PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADE:

ILOCOS SUR HIGH SCHOOL:

CABUGAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

LAW

BS. POLITICAL SCIENCE

BS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

ELEMENTARY

### HONORS RECEIVED:

ACCELERATED TWO YEARS IN ELEMENTARY

GRADUATED WITH HIGHEST HONORS

FINISHED COLLEGE AT THE AGE OF 17

STARTED TEACHING CAREER AT AGE OF 18 AT SINAIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## MILITARY BACKGROUND

CADRE TRAINING – 1938 – 1940

INFANTRY OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL – CAMP JOHN HAY, BAGUIO CITY

CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE ON SEPT. 1, 1941 BY A MILITARY ORDER OF U.S. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT.

WWII FILIPINO-AMERICAN VETERAN – FOUGHT IN ACTION IN THE FOLLOWING FRONTS:

- BEACH DEFENSE OF LINGAYEN BAY
- TARLAC, TARLAC
- BETIS, GUAGUA
- GUITOL MOUNTAINS
- MT. SAMAT, BATAAN – UP TO THE SURRENDER OF BATAAN ON 4/9/1942
- SURVIVOR OF THE DEATH MARCH FROM MT. SAMAT, BATAAN TO SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

- INCARCERATED/SURVIVED THE P.O.W. CONCENTRATION AT CAMP O'DONNELL AT CAPAZ, TARLAC FOR 11 MONTHS (APRIL 1942 TO FEB. 1943)
- IMPRISONED IN THE PROVINCIAL JAIL OF ILOCOS SUR, VIGAN BY THE JAPANESE
- GUERRILLA FROM 1943 TO 1945
- HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MP BATTALION ON MAY 16, 1946.

## **SOCIAL/COMMUNITY BACKGROUND**

IN THE MANY YEARS OF BITTER STRUGGLES AND NOW SLOWER TO MAKE ANY MOVE, YET STILL WILLING AND DARING TO GO INTO A FIGHT FOR ANY ISSUE THAT IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR... FOR THE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS SO DESERVING TO ALL THOSE WHO FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE AMERICANS.... I DEVOTED THE LAST YEARS OF MY LIFE STILL FIGHTING FOR THESE...

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHERE MY AGING LIMBS HAVE TAKEN ME TO SPEND THE LAST YEARS OF MY LIFE, I CAME TO HELP AND DEDICATE MY SERVICES TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS:

- AS A COMMISSIONER FOR ADHCPC, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS
- FILIPINO-AMERICA SERVICE GROUP (FASGI) – OUT REACH WORKER AND VOLUNTEER
- CO-FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – GOLDEN AGERS OF LOS ANGELES (GALA)
- FOUNDER – CABUGAO SENIORS, LOS ANGELES, CA
- EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN – ALIANSA NG KABATAAN (AK)
- MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PEOPLES CORE
- 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE CHAIRMAN – PALAD
- MEMBER – PANA
- MEMBER – FIL-VOTE
- REGIONAL DIRECTOR ACFV

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

I DID NOT FIGHT WITH THE THOUGHT OF BECOMING A HERO – I JUST DID WHAT I WAS ORDERED TO DO BUT SUFFERING SUCH SACRIFICES AND EXPECTING DEATH AT ANY MOMENT GAVE ME THE STRENGTH AND THE COURAGE TO FIGHT. THROUGH THESE TRIALS IT MADE ME REALIZED THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE GREATER WHO ALWAYS WAS WITH ME.