
The seminar was attended by more than 80 members of the Association and the Filipino community in Connecticut. Deputy State Director Joanna Cannon of the Office of US Senator Chris Murphy discussed the Senator’s programs on immigration in Connecticut, including services provided by their Office to all Connecticut residents, regardless of immigration status. Ms. Cannon expressed the readiness of the Office of Sen. Murphy to extend assistance to the members of the Filipino community.

Atty. Licelle Cobrador, immigration lawyer and the current Executive Director of the Filipino American Legal Defense Education Fund (FALDEF) provided a briefing on important immigration information and immigration developments under the present U.S. leadership. Atty. Cobrador, who is also an active member of Post’s Warden Geographic System, discussed the major shifts in immigration policies of the Trump...
administration. She also provided tips on what to do when an individual is confronted by an Immigration Officer.

Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville C. Tate, the Acting Head of Post, provided a briefing on the current thrusts of the Philippine Consulate’s programs and activities particularly on the Consulate’s Assistance to Nationals’ (ATN) initiatives. DCG Tate also emphatically mentioned the Philippine Consulate’s determination to combat human trafficking and the continued effort by the Department to stamp out immigration scams that victimize Filipinos.

DCG Tate expressed his thanks to the officers and members of PACI for their willingness to be even more pro-active in working together to stop the victimization of Filipinos in Connecticut and in other parts of the East Coast. He requested further PACI members to help in the dissemination of the Philippine Consulate’s programs and activities.