

# The Forgotten American Children - LEFT BY THE SHIP

Documentary about abandoned Filipino-Amerasians - mostly fathered by American servicemen when the US bases at Clark and Subic until 1992.

Estimates about their numbers vary ranging from 10,000 to as high as 300,000. The Pearl Buck Foundation has been using the 50,000 figure since the 1950's.

In the 1980's, the US congress passed a bill allowing Amerasians who can't present proper documentation to immigrate to the US. However, Filipino (as well as Japanese) Amerasians were excluded in the bill. The Congress reasoned that these areas were not "war zones" during the time covered by the bill despite the two countries being a staging point for the US Military in their involvement in their warfares in Asia.

The US Military has been in Asia since 1898 during the Spanish-American war. By 1918, it was been documented that about 18,000 Filipino-Amerasians have been abandoned by the American fathers in Manila alone.

Related links ([www.AboutPhilippines.ph](http://www.AboutPhilippines.ph) Has 2012-05-31 controlled the below link, but just now some don't work):

<http://leftbytheship.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Left-By-The-Ship-documentary/161245143887302>

<http://amerasianfamilyfinder.org>

<http://amerasianfoundation.org>

<http://amerasianlookingfortheirroots.bravehost.com>

<http://preda.org>

<http://pinoykids.org>

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,106430,00.html>

<http://secure.strangmagazines.com/index.php/component/content/article/248-peo...>

<http://www.wedprophils.org/updates/filam-youth-project>

[http://www.proyectos-saluda.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&am...](http://www.proyectos-saluda.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&am...)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/amerasians/>

<http://www.renewamerica.com/columns/fisher/070415>

<http://www.nytimes.com/1993/06/21/world/abandoned-filipinos-sue-us-over-child...>

[http://www.pmc.aut.ac.nz/postmortem/2008/080806\\_BCora.shtml](http://www.pmc.aut.ac.nz/postmortem/2008/080806_BCora.shtml)

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/mondawilliams/2009/07/08/children-of-the-vietnam...>

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[http://www.petitiononline.com/mod\\_perl/signed.cgi?Subic73&1](http://www.petitiononline.com/mod_perl/signed.cgi?Subic73&1)

