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*Bolinao 52* Documentary to Examine Plight of Vietnam's Boat People,  
April 4

**Friday, April 4**

**Folino Theatre, Marion Knott Studios**

**Orange County Movie Premiere**

***Bolinao 52: A Documentary of Vietnamese Boat People***

**5:30 p.m.**

Chapman University School of Laws Orange County premiere of *Bolinao 52: A Documentary of Vietnamese Boat People* is coordinated by the Vietnamese American Law Student Association (VALSA). The screening is free and open to the public, and features a reception with the director and a discussion with distinguished guest speakers, including former refugee and Orange County Superior Court Judge Nho Trong Nguyen. The *Bolinao 52* documentary is the story of a Vietnamese refugees quest for a closure to a haunting past when she escaped Vietnam in 1988. It is a voice that speaks to the world about the saga of the Vietnamese Boat Peoples exodus out of Vietnam after the American withdrawal in 1975. The documentary reconstructs a horrifying event using eyewitness accounts of a *Bolinao 52* survivor and a crew member on the USS *Dubuque* an event which made international headlines in 1988 when the survivors had to resort to cannibalism to survive after a U.S. Navy ship refused to rescue them. *Bolinao 52* has received accolades at numerous film festivals, and will debut on public television stations in San Jose on April 30 and San Diego on May 4. This event, approved and sponsored by Chapman University School of Law, brings awareness to issues in refugee and criminal law and legal ethics. It also reflects the adversity faced by many Vietnamese Americans in their escape from communist oppression in pursuit of freedom. For more information about the movie, please visit [www.bolinao52.com](http://www.bolinao52.com). **For questions regarding the event, please contact Hien Vu, VALSA President, at [vu105@chapman.edu](mailto:vu105@chapman.edu).**