



## THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY BE CLOSED BUT **SENATOR MANNY PACQUIAO'S** TRAINING CAMP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

**Boxing's Only Eight-Division World Champion is  
Tearing Up His First U.S. Training Camp Since 2016  
As He Prepares For Adrien Broner Title Defense**

**HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. (December 27, 2018)** – The U.S. government may be shut down but for **SENATOR MANNY “Pacman” PACQUIAO**, boxing's Commander in Chief, it has been full steam ahead, in his first U.S. training camp since 2016, at world-famous Freddie Roach's Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood, Calif.

“Training camp has been no day at Palm Beach for Manny or his sparring partners,” said Roach. “You can tell that the word is leaking out on how strong Manny is looking in camp by the reaction on Wall Street yesterday. Even the market is bullish on Manny. I rate Manny as a strong buy at the MGM Grand's Race & Sports book.”

Boxer laureate Manny Pacquiao is back! Hailed as a national treasure by his fellow Filipinos, Pacquiao (60-7-2, 39 KOs), boxing's only eight-division world champion and the BWAA's reigning Fighter of the Decade, is in his most intense phase of training as he prepares for his WBA welterweight world title defense against four-division world champion **Adrien “The Problem” Broner** (33-3-1, 24 KOs), of Cincinnati. Pacquiao vs. Broner takes place on **Saturday, January 19**, at the **MGM Grand Garden Arena**. It will be produced and distributed live by **SHOWTIME PPV®** and presented by Premier Boxing Champions beginning at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT.

After arriving to a throng of media at LAX's Tom Bradley International Terminal Saturday evening and attending church services with his family on Sunday, it was back to business on Monday morning where Manny greeted the sunrise with a five-mile run up the hills to the Hollywood sign immediately followed by a rigorous session of strength and conditioning with Justin Fortune. The afternoon saw Buboy Fernandez put Manny through his paces for close to three hours at Wild Card.

On Christmas, after another long run and strength and conditioning in the morning, Manny sparred eight rounds with three different partners, followed by another hour of mitt work with Roach before he tore into the heavy bag. Following his Wednesday run, Manny was greeted by a representative from VADA for a random drug test. After his blood was taken, Manny cheerily predicted he would test positive for excellence. Fernandez, sensing that jetlag was finally settling in, gave Manny the afternoon off to rest.

Today, Manny is scheduled for a full day of training, including eight to ten rounds of sparring, plus more interviews with media.

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A three-time Fighter of the Year, Pacquiao, who hails from Sarangani Province in the Philippines, is the only sitting Congressman *and* Senator to win a world title. After serving two terms as Congressman, Pacquiao was elected to a Philippine Senate seat in May 2016, capturing over 16 million votes nationally. Pacquiao's boxing resume features victories over at least seven current and future Hall of Famers, including Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton, Marco Antonio Barrera, Erik Morales, Miguel Cotto, Shane Mosley, and Juan Manuel Marquez. In his last fight, with Philippine President Rodrigo R. Duterte and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad in attendance (the first time two heads of state attended a championship boxing event), Pacquiao regained the welterweight title for a fourth time with a vintage performance on July 15 at Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, by knocking out defending WBA champion Lucas Matthissee in the seventh round.

Promoted by MP Promotions, Mayweather Promotions and TGB Promotions in association with About Billions Promotions, remaining tickets to the Pacquiao vs. Broner welterweight world championship event are priced from at \$100, not including applicable service charges, and can be purchased online through [AXS.com](http://AXS.com), charge by phone at 866-740-7711 or in person at any MGM Resorts International box office.

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