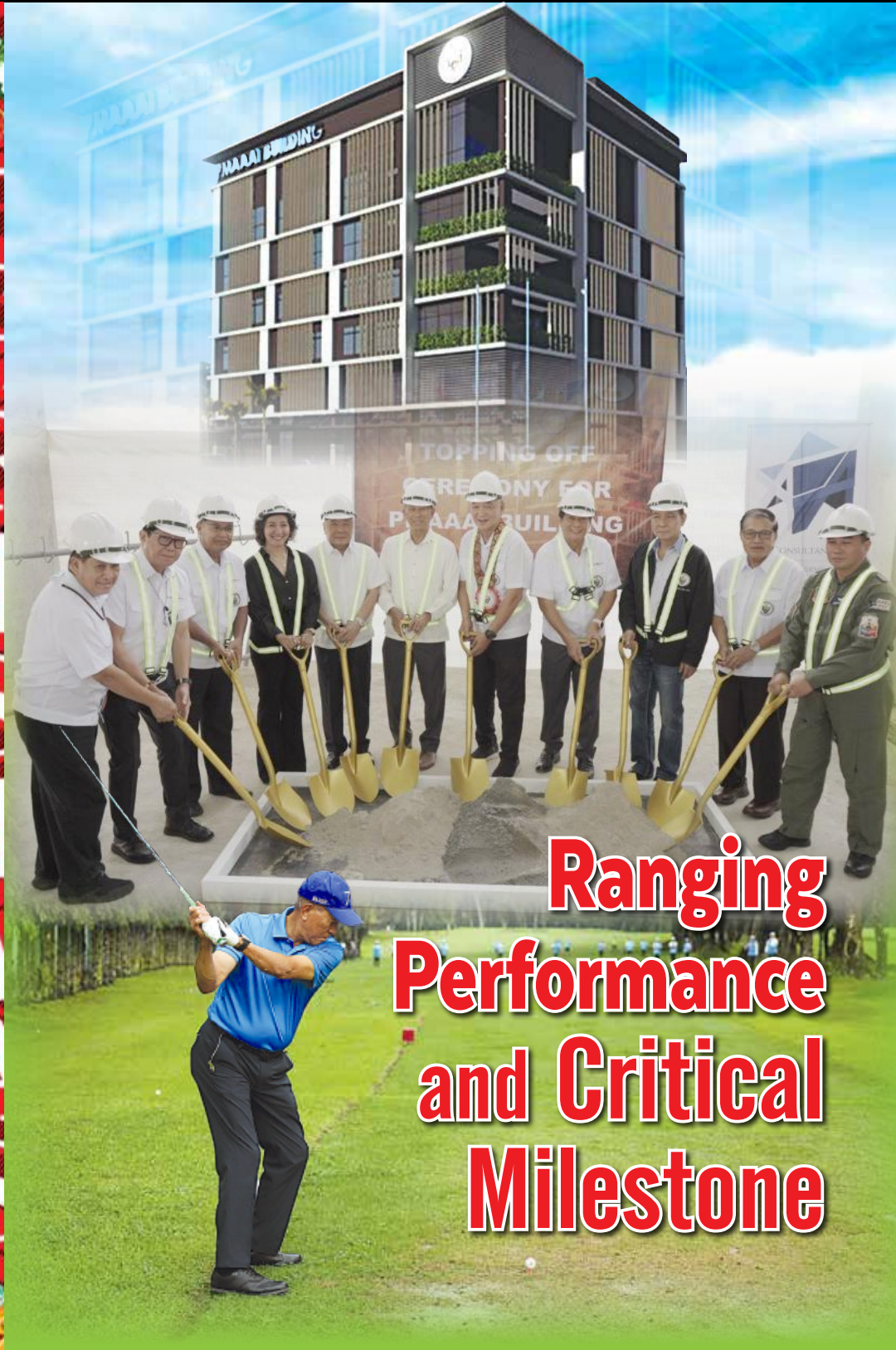




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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV DANILO A ABINOJA '74

PMAAAI Thrives on Unity and Unwavering Support for Each Other

As I sat down with my family to enjoy a movie, I couldn't help but find resonance between its profound message and the essence of our Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association (PMAAAI). The film revolved around a heartwarming narrative about the meaning of Christmas. In its closing moments, the actress, in a moment of clarity, discovered that the genuine meaning of this season wasn't about giving presents to each other, but, most importantly, it was about being present for each other.

Let me relate this beautiful message to the PMAAAI, the illustrious family to which we all proudly belong. Our association, like a close-knit family, thrives on its members' unity and unwavering support. Yet, it's more than just an alumni organization; it's a network of individuals who share a special bond and a common purpose.

In the true spirit of the season, we come together to celebrate the holiday's joy and the importance of giving. But what makes our alumni association extraordinary is the embodiment of being present for each other. It's not merely about the material presents we exchange; it's about the presence we offer when one of our own needs it the most.

The past year has been a testament to our dedication to this concept. We've stood together, extending a helping hand to those affected by natural calamities and challenges. We've supported our cadets in their sporting endeavors, and we've shared the gift of music through our YuleStar Concert Series. Through these actions, we've shown that being present for our fellow cavaliers goes beyond the ordinary.

This Christmas, as we celebrate with our families and friends, let us take a moment to reflect on the deeper significance of the season. It's a time to cherish our bonds, nurture our camaraderie, and reaffirm our commitment to

being there for each other, no matter the circumstances. Just as the movie's heroine discovered the profound meaning of Christmas in being present, we, too, find the true value of any member/cavalier in our association by being there when we are needed most.

Our family, PMAAAI, is bound not only by shared memories of the past but also by our vision for the future. The strength of our organization comes from the collective presence and unwavering support of each member. It's a testament to our commitment to serve the Alumni, to support our Alma Mater, and to participate in National Development.

In this season of giving, may we all find joy in our presence, unity, and camaraderie. And as we gather with our loved ones, may we remember that the essence of the Yuletide season is about the warmth of being there for each other.

May your Christmas be filled with love, laughter, and the knowledge that you are part of a unique family, where presence is the most precious gift of all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, my fellow cavaliers!





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV ADRIANO SJ DUADICO '94

One Team, One Flight, One Destination

The key to a successful flight is the efficient Crew Resource Management (CRM). A sound flight plan and a clear flight briefing are also essentials in order to fly safely and maximize the utilization of all available resources. As the Pilot in Command (President), guided by the Flight Mission Commander (Chairperson), it is my responsibility to fly our aircraft to its right direction, with members of the flight crew (Directors/Trustees), each must know by heart his/her duties and responsibilities prior to take off and after landing. Through CRM, efficiency and stress free flight will be ensured reaching our destination with flying colors. Now at the third leg of our flight, we have to make a proper instruments check to make sure that everything are on the "GREEN."

With you dear Cavaliers in this flight let us be one and be guided with our vision, "To be recognized as the most respected, responsive and efficient alumni association." In this leg, to fulfill our mission i.e. "To promote the general welfare of all alumni, support our alma mater and to contribute to national development", let me present again the major waypoint and sub-waypoints of our flight.

As a major waypoint, the **construction of the PMAAAI Building** cannot be hampered by any obstacles, bad weather and other discrepancies, as of 06 November it is now 55% completed. This building is a symbol of our commitment to serve our fellow Cavaliers with comfort and efficiency. Again, let me recognized the Ad hoc Committee, piloted by Cavalier Banji Ramos '84 and his co-pilot Cav Dan Estrañero '94 and Flight Engineer Cav Patricio '94. The target of turn-over remains to be on February of 2024.



With the theme, "Strengthening the Bonds" the **Game of Cavaliers 2023 (GOC 2023)** was able to tee-off successfully. The first leg started at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course (CAGC) on 21st of October to accommodate players in the active service that will be affected by the alert conditions prior to the Barangay Election last 30 October. The games at CAGC ended on 29 October. The second leg started on 04 November at Philippine Navy Golf Course (PNGC) and ended on 08 November. The GOC 2023 will culminate on 12 November 2023 with the Championship Games at Villamor Golf Course. As a whole, it was participated in by 620 players from among the participating classes together with some of their sons and wives to include fraternal and associate members. With this we would like to thank all the sponsors and all those who organized the tournament piloted by Cavalier Jojo Llorca '83 and his co-pilot Cavalier Joel Pagdilao '84.

In order to promote our Filipino artists, the **Yule Stars Concert Series** was conceptualized with the objective of raising





funds in order to support Cavaliers who are in need of medical assistance, memorial support, scholarships and legal help. A first of its kind, the 3-day concert on its first day on 30 November with Joey Generoso, Angeline Quinto and Ice Seguerra, on the second day with Jose Mari Chan, Roselle Nava and Christian Bautista and on the third day will be Ogie Alcasid, Nina and Ice Seguerra. These concerts were also supported by the Armed forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Air Force Ladies Club together with affiliate organizations of the PMAAAI. Compared to raffle tickets as fund raising, this concert series will bring entertainment to us Cavaliers and celebrate the spirit of Christmas with music. This event was piloted by Cavalier Tiu '95 and his co-pilot Mr. Yuri Mercado.

The above waypoints are valuable in order to accomplish the mission of our flight. It is mandatory to reach all of them in order to fuel and boost our aircraft to reach our final destination faster and safer. What is important is that you are on board in this journey our dear Cavaliers. Let us continue putting our trust to the pilots and crew with the Flight Mission Commander and always praying for fair winds and clear skies ahead.

So my dear CAVALIERS, SIT BACK, FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS AND RELAX FOR THE REST OF OUR FLIGHT!!!



PMAAAI Building Construction

Site Updates (03 Nov 2023)



EXTERIOR



**GROUND FLOOR
AND FRONT**



OTHER PHOTOS





CAVALIER NEWSLINE

Cav Gavan appointed new Commandant, PCG

Cav Ronnie Gil L Gavan '93 was appointed as the 30th Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard following the retirement of Cav Artermio M Abu '92 who served the PCG for over 35 years.

Before taking the helm of the humanitarian armed service, Cav Gavan served as the PCG's Deputy Commandant for Administration.



Gavan

Cav Gonzales designated Western Mindanao Command Chief

Cav William N Gonzales '89 has been designated as the new Commander of the Western Mindanao Command. He replaced Cav Steve D Crespillo '90 who was promoted as AFP Inspector General. Cav Gonzales previously headed the Joint Task Force Sulu and 11th Infantry Division in a concurrent capacity.



Gonzales



Crespillo

Cav Viray designated as 1ID Commander

Cav Gabriel G Viray III '90 has been designated as commander of the 1st Infantry Division. Cav Viray has been replaced as Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil-Military Operations by Cav Arvin R Lagamon '92, commander of the Civil Relations Service AFP.



Viray



Lagamon

Cav Peralta designated as new Chief, ISAFP; Cav Morales, PSG Chief

Cav Edmundo G Peralta '92 has also been designated as the new chief, ISAFP. Meanwhile, former Presidential Security Group chief, BGen Ramon Zagala was replaced by Cav Jesus Nelson B Morales '93, former deputy commander of Air Logistics Command. Zagala was installed as the new commander of the AFP Civil Relations Service.



Peralta



Morales

Cav Aldrin S Annani '94 assumed a new post as Deputy Commander of PAF's Air Logistics Command, replacing Cav Morales who was appointed as new PSG chief. Cav Annani was replaced by Cav Loreto B Pasamonte '93 who served as the deputy wing commander of 300th Air Intelligence and Security Wing.

In Memoriam

The PMAAAI Board of Directors conveys its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the following alumni who have passed away on dates indicated:

PMGEN HONESTO P BUMAGLAG '63	15 Sept 2023
COL EDUARDO L COLLADO '84	05 Oct
COL JOSE F GAMOS '76	08 Oct
2LT ROMEO R TROPICALES '75	09 Oct
PBGEN BIENVENIDO G LATAG '81	12 Oct
LTGEN EMMANUEL R TEODOSIO '72	23 Oct
COL RUPERTO C MOLATO JR '67	26 Oct
COL ERNESTO T TAN '61	07 Nov
BGEN MAXIMINO M BEJAR, JR '58	08 Nov
MGEN ARIEL B BERNARDO '80	08 Nov
COL ROMEO A SOLINA '55	21 Nov
PGEN CAMILO PANCRATIUS P CASCOLAN '86	24 Nov

The PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI) offers scholarship to help in the education of qualified children of married deceased and disabled alumni and younger siblings of those unmarried. To qualify, their alumnus-parent/brother must have been a regular member of PETFI and regular member of PMAAAI with good standing at the time of death or disability.

The qualified children or the widows and parents concerned may get in touch with Jane Lucente at PETFI office, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. or at her cellphone no. 0968 854-5593 or by email at petfi@yahoo.com.



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting

27 January 2024, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City

Attire: Men - Coat and Tie
Ladies - As appropriate

PART I (0745H) – Registration and Giving of Door Prizes

- Entry of Colors (PMA cadets)
- National Anthem (PMAAAI AVP)
- Cavalier's Prayer

CAV RAMON T PUNZALAN '76

Director, PMAAAI

- Welcome Remarks

CAV PRUDENCIO C PATRICIO, JR '94

Chairman, Convention & Homecoming Committee

- Acknowledgement of Departed Cavaliers

CAV NORSAL DIMAPORO '94

Chairman, Membership and Welfare Committee

- Acknowledgement of Classes

CAV AVELINO I RAZON '74

Chairman, CPCP

PART II (0915) – Annual General Membership Meeting Proper

- Proof of Notice of Meeting
- Proof of Presence of a Quorum
- Call to Order

CAV DOMINGO M PEQUIRAS '77

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CAV DANILO A ABINOJA '74

Chairman and CEO, PMAAAI

- Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Membership Meeting
- Matters Arising from the Minutes
- Report of the PMA Superintendent

CAV ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89

Superintendent, PMA

- President's Report

CAV ADRIANO SJ DUADICO '94

President and COO, PMAAAI

- Ratification of Resolutions and Acts of the Board and Management

- Election of Directors

CAV MANUEL C KALANG-AD '04

Chairman, Election Committee

- Other Matters

- Adjournment (1015H)

- IF – Fellowship Snack while the Cavalier's Band performs

PART III (1030H) – Arrival of Guest of Honor

- Presentation of the Association Awards
- Introduction of Guest of Honor and Speaker

SEC GILBERTO EDUARDO GERARDO C. TEODORO JR

CAV DANILO A ABINOJA '74

Chairman and CEO, PMAAAI

- Speech of Guest of Honor and Speaker

GOHAS (SND)

- Alma Mater Song

- Exit of Colors

- Recessional

- Lunch

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING

17 February 2024, Saturday

PROGRAM

PART I Arrival Honors

0830H - Arrival Honors for the Guest of Honor

IF - Photo Opportunity (Sundial Area)

IF - Guest Book Signing

IF - Reception at Maharlika Lounge

IF - Proceed to Longayban Hall

PART II Alumni Parade (Fajardo Grandstand)

0930H - Alumni Parade

- Entry and Formation of Troops and Colors

- Welcome Remarks LTGEN ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89
Superintendent, PMA

- Awarding Ceremonies Lifetime Achievement Awardees
Cavalier Awardees
Diamond Jubilarians, Class '64; Golden Jubilarians, Class '74;
and Silver Jubilarians, Class '99

- Oath-taking of the new PMAAAI Board of Directors to be
administered by the Guest of Honor

- Remarks and Introduction of the Guest of Honor by:
CAV DANILO A ABINOJA '74, Chairman,
PMAAAI AY 2023-2024

- Message of the Guest of Honor

IF - Presentation of Memento to the GOHAS
by: CAV DANILO A ABINOJA '74 Chairman,
PMAAAI AY 2023-2024

IF - Singing of Alma Mater Song

IF - Pass-in-Review

PART III LUNCH

Game of the CAVALIERS 2023

The Game of the Cavaliers (GOC) is an annual golf tournament and fellowship among Cavaliers, honorary, associate and fraternal members; their dependents; alumni friends; and invited guests. It is both a fellowship and fund-raising activity, in a competition setting, sponsored by the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc (PMAAAI) and the PMA Retirees Association, Inc. (PMARAI).

For the 2023 GOC, the tournament was held in three military golf courses in Metro Manila. The Divisions, Individual, and Special Categories, 1st Leg was played at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course (CAGC) in October 25, 26 and 27 for retired Cavaliers and alumni friends; October 28 and 29 for active Cavaliers and the 2nd Leg at Philippine Navy Golf Course (PNGC) in November 4 and 5 for active Cavaliers; November 6, 7 and 8 for retired Cavaliers and alumni friends.

The Team Championship match that determined the Overall Team Champion and Overall Team Runner-Up was held at Villamor Air Base Golf Course (VABGC) on the last day of the competition, November 12. The awarding ceremony and raffle of the major and minor prizes were also held on the same day at the VABGC where tokens of appreciation were presented to past PMAAAI chairmen and presidents present, to include most senior cavaliers present.

Game of the Cavaliers 2023 Results

2023 GAME OF THE CAVALIERS SPECIAL AWARDS			
BEST DRESSED CLASS	Class 88	Class 05	Class 74
ALUMNI FRIENDS LADIES DIVISION CHAMPION (System 36)	Marienne Sales		
ALUMNI FRIENDS DIVISION CHAMPION (System 36)	Gary Sales '05		
FRATERNAL MEMBERS CHAMPION (System 36)	Eugene Regio '88		
ASSOCIATE and HONORARY CHAMPION (System 36)	Mar Mejia '83		
FATHER and CHILD CHAMPION (System 36)	Rene Samonte '81 and Renward Samonte -CHAMPION	Sonny Razon '74 and Jeric Razon -RUNNER-UP	
PARENT and CHILD CHAMPION (System 36)	Rene Samote '81 and Ryan Samonte'06-CHAMPION	Rene Samote '81 and Renmar Samonte'12-CHAMPION	
HUSBAND and WIFE CHAMPION (System 36)	Rene Samonte and Marilou Samonte '81		
CADET COMPANY CHAMPION (Molave)	BRAVO Company -CHAMPION		
PMA CLASS 56 SPECIAL AWARDS			
BEST CLASS TM ACTIVE CHAMPION and RUNNER-UP	1990	1992	
BEST CLASS TM RETIRED CHAMPION and RUNNER-UP	1984	1983	

YOUNG ONCE CHAMPION and RUNNER-UP	1969	1968	
BEST CLASS TM OVERALL CHAMPION and RUNNER-UP	1990	1992	
2023 GAME OF THE CAVALIERS INDIVIDUAL AWARDS			
DIVISION INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS and RUNNER UPS (Molave)			
Cavalier Ladies Division	Charo Espanola '06-CHAMPION	Loreilyn Casem '03- RUNNER-UP	
Plebes Division Class 14-23	Orbase '14-CHAMPION	Urbina '14- RUNNER-UP	
Yearlings Division Class 06-13	Samonte '06-CHAMPION	Pauig '10- RUNNER-UP	
Cows Division Class 98-05	Pascua '03-CHAMPION	Riva '03- RUNNER-UP	
Firties Division Class 91-97	Jun Bautista '91-CHAMPION	Jake Gallenero '92- RUNNER-UP	
Tac-Os Division Class 84-90	Tello '90-CHAMPION	Beleran '90- RUNNER-UP	
Sr Tac-Os Division Class 78-83	Bumanglag '79-CHAMPION	Regis '80- RUNNER-UP	
Commandant's Division Class 60-77	Esperon '74 -CHAMPION	Gonzalez '75- RUNNER-UP	
Most Senior Cavalier Award	Madayag '68 -CHAMPION	Rosales '68 - RUNNER-UP	
2023 GAME OF THE CAVALIERS OVERALL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION and RUNNER-UP			
	Jun Bautista '91-CHAMPION	Jake Gallenero '92- RUNNER-UP	
2023 GAME OF THE CAVALIERS TEAM AWARDS			
DIVISION TEAM CHAMPIONS AND RUNNER-UPS (Molave)			
Plebes Division Class 14-23	Class 2014 -CHAMPION	Class 2015- RUNNER-UP	
Yearlings Division Class 06-13	Class 2006-CHAMPION	Class 2007- RUNNER-UP	
Cows Division Class 98-05	Class 2003 -CHAMPION	Class 2005 - RUNNER-UP	
Firties Division Class 91-97	Class 1992-CHAMPION	Class 1991- RUNNER-UP	
Tac-Os Division Class 84-90	Class 1990 -CHAMPION	Class 1984 - RUNNER-UP	
Sr Tac-Os Division Class 78-83	Class 1983 -CHAMPION	Class 1981- RUNNER-UP	
Commandant's Division Class 60-77	Class 1974 -CHAMPION	Class 1975- RUNNER-UP	
2023 GAME OF THE CAVALIERS OVERALL TEAM CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP			
OVERALL TEAM CHAMPION-CLASS 1990		OVERALL TEAM RUNNER-UP CLASS 2005	



PMAAAI Chairman Cav Danilo A Abinoja '74



L-R: Class President Cav Gabriel B Habacon '73; PMARAI Chairman Cav Raul S Gonzales '75; PMAAAI Chairman Danilo A Abinoja '74; Former SND Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73; CPCP Chairman Cav Avelino I Razon Jr '74; and PMAAAI President Cav Adriano SJ Duadico '94.



The PMAAAI formally organized the Cavaliers Band headed by Cav Edmund Tan '80 on 12 November 2023. Its members are former members of CCAFP Cadets Combo. They first performed in public during the Awarding Ceremony of Game of the Cavaliers held on the same day at Villamor Golf Course Clubhouse.



Cavalier's Family Sportsfest a SUCCESS

The annual Cavalier's Family Sportsfest this year, dubbed as "**Palarong Pinoy**," participated in by PMAAAI members and their dependents was successfully conducted at the GHQ Grandstand, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. on 18 November 2023. The event started with the Fun Bike of PMARAI, where biker enthusiasts hurdled the 4.8km route/lap twice to complete the circuit. The route started in front of the grandstand and traversed the major streets of Camp Aguinaldo with the GHQ Grandstand as the finish line.

During the opening ceremony of the sportsfest, Cav Matthew P Baccay '92, Chairman, Sports and Fellowship Committee, welcomed the participants while Cav Adriano SJ Duadico '94, President, PMAAAI introduced Cav Charleton Sean M Gaerlan '89, The Deputy Chief of Staff, AFP, who

represented the GOHAS, Cav Romeo S Brawner, Jr '89, AFP Chief of Staff.

Games for the Cavaliers included: Patintero (*Block the Runner*); Agawan Base (*Capturing Base*); Shatong (*Stick Game*); Batuhan ng Bola (*Dodge Ball*); Hilahang Lubid (*Tug of War*); Kadang Kadang (*Stilt Race*); Karera ng Sako (*Sack Race*); Burger Eating Relay; and Tire Roll Relay.

Cav Danilo A Abinoja '74, PMAAAI Chairman and CEO, led the awarding of Uncle Bobo Perpetual Trophy to Golf Company, this year's overall champion. The Cavaliers Family Sportsfest was formally closed after the raffle draw of major prizes.

The sports competition is among the annual athletic events being conducted by the PMAAAI to encourage cavaliers and their dependents to continue and sustain their passion for sports.





YuleStars

A Christmas Concert Series



The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) presented an event dubbed as “YuleStars: A Christmas Concert Series”, featuring some of the well-loved Original Pilipino Music artists, to highlight the Christmas celebration filled with good old memories of the Christmas Season.

The three-night concert series from November 30 to December 2, 2023, took place at the Samsung Performing Arts Theater, Ayala Malls Circuit in Makati City and featured the following artists:

November 30 – Joey Generoso (former lead vocalist of Side A) and Angeline Quinto with Ice Seguerra as special guest.

December 01 – Jose Mari Chan, Christian Bautista and Roselle Nava.

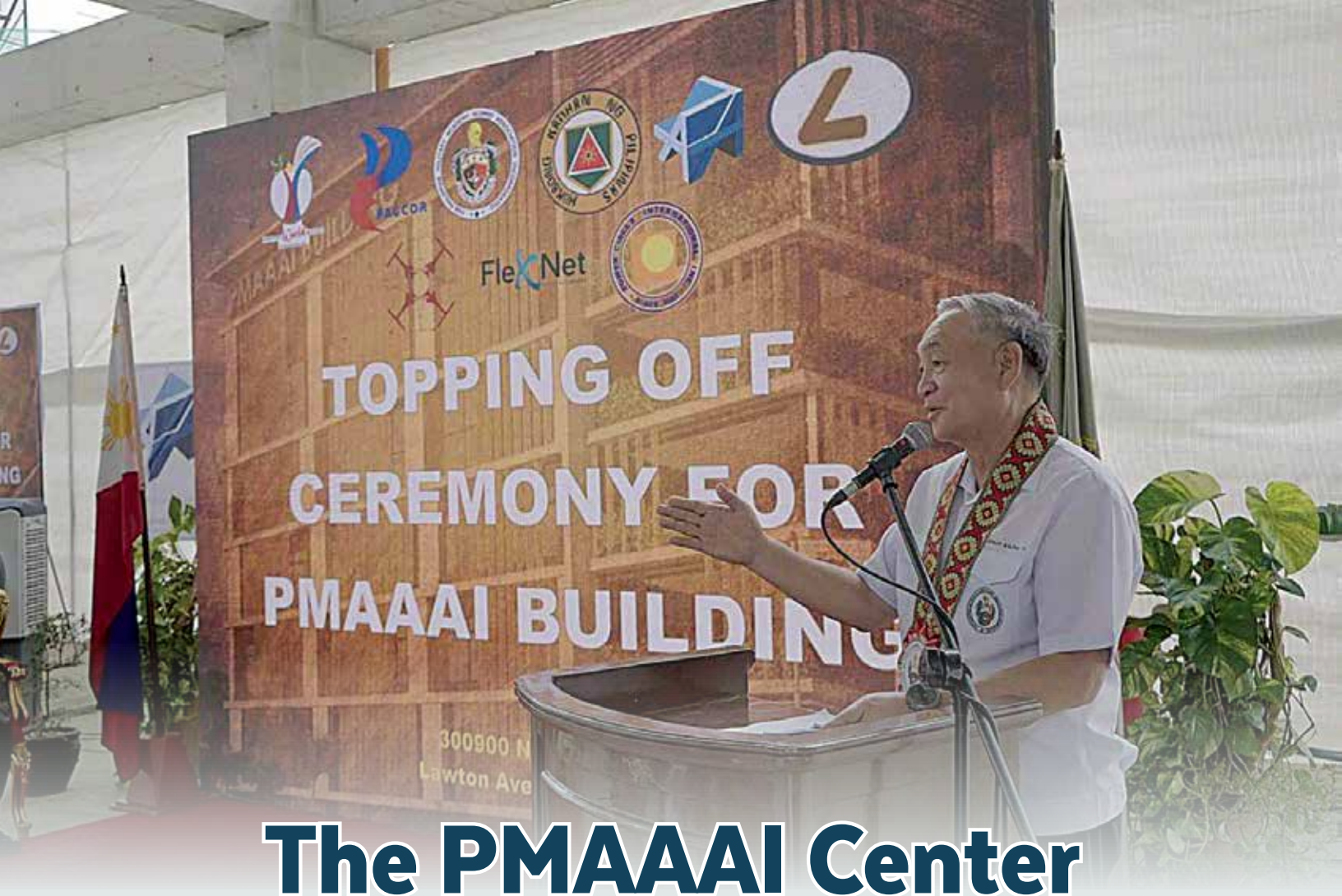
December 02 – Ogie Alcasid and Nina with Ice Seguerra as special guest.

As fund raising project, this concert series brought entertainment to Cavaliers and their dependents and celebrated the spirit of Christmas with music. All shows started at 8:30 in the evening. The *YuleStars: A Christmas Concert Series* delivered 3-nights of entertainment.

With the generous support of PMAAAI members and stakeholders, this noble undertaking served as a fund-raising activity to generate resources for the PMAAAI needed to fulfill its mission to help the less fortunate members of the organization including their dependents in areas of death benefits, hospitalization, and educational assistance.







The PMAAAI Center

Towards Building the Bedrock of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty

• CAV EDGAR B AGLIPAY '71, former Chairman, PMAAAI

Editor's Note: Cav Edgar B Aglipay '71 was the guest of honor and speaker during the Topping Off Ceremony for the ongoing construction of the PMAAAI Building on 30 November 2023 at Lawton Avenue, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Topping Off, as searched in Google means it is a construction tradition held when the last beam (or its equivalent) is placed atop a structure during its construction, completing the building's frame. While the fulfillmen of having a home of its own underwent several setbacks in the past, the project is now in full swing. In a matter of days, the Center for Excellence is ready for occupancy.

As the speech of Cav Aglipay concludes: "PMA values of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty lives on to be the bedrock of PMayers' next generation."

It was Thomas Stearns Eliot, more popularly known as T. S. Eliot, poet, essayist, dramatist, literary critic, editor and publisher, who once said and I quote:

"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

This is indubitably the evolution, of the PMAAAI Center, an envisioned edifice towards building the bedrock of the Core

Values of Courage, Integrity, Loyalty of our beloved Alma Mater, the Philippine Military Academy.

Antecedent

It was during my incumbency as Member of the Board of the PMAAAI when it received a letter from the then CSAFP giving notice to the PMAAAI to find another office space outside of Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo.

Having no other recourse, then Chairman Melchor Rosales requested the Board Members to look for possible Donors for a suitable alternative office.

Descendent

This notice to vacate, albeit fortuitous, started a series of cascading events for which the invaluable contributions of the respective involved PMA Alumni cannot but be unwaveringly acknowledged with sincerest gratefulness, to wit:

1. At the outset, Chairman Rosales accompanied me in a pivotal meeting with the Founder and President of Megaworld Corporation (MC), Mr. Andrew Tan, who committed to donate Php300 Million for the construction of the Center, and introduced us to Mr.

Canuto, President of the Megaworld Foundation, Inc. (MFI) with whom to coordinate for the firming up, signing and implementation of the prerequisite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between the PMAAAI and the MFI signed on behalf of Mr. Andrew Tan by his son, Mr. Kevin Tan, as well as in other signing ceremonies. This project is not only an outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on the part of the MC and the MFI but also an enduring and wise investment in National Security.

2. Cav Jaime Delos Santos fitted well to the work at hand since Mr. Canuto was his student at the Ateneo MBA School. He spearheaded the meticulous search for the desirable lot on which to erect the Center, as well as the eventual signing of the MOA. He and I met at the office of my son, former Cong. Michael Y Aglipay who was then representing the DIWA Party-List, with the then President of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) for an allocation of a fitting BCDA lot for the Center which was presented subsequently to Mr. Tan. However, the latter deemed it prudent for the PMAAAI to look for another lot since putting up the Center on the said BCDA lot would result only in its being dwarfed by the adjacent towering East West Bank Building. So, Cav Delos Santos further coordinated with the Headquarters, Philippine Army (HPA) to provide the needed lot.

Two (2) former CG, PAs, Cav Alberto and Cav Gapay, both members of PMAA Class '86, provided the Command guidance to identify the PA usufruct area and extend the support services of all units within the HPA for the project.

3. Unfortunately, the persevering work of the succeeding PMAAAI Boards of Cav Rufo de Veyra, myself, Cav Amado Espino and Cav Vidal Querol were hampered and stymied by the COVID-19 pandemic and could only undertake courses of actions that the situation permitted at that time.
4. Eventually, Cav De Veyra coordinated the finalization of and signed the Usufruct MOA (UMOA) with the BCDA and the PA.
5. The initial implementation of the UMOA was expedited by the enabling measures initiated during my incumbency as the Chairman of the succeeding PMAAAI Board, to wit:
 - a. Assisting the HPA in winning the formidable cases against the Informal Settlers (IS) swarming over the assigned PA lot;
 - b. Supporting the MFI in securing the approval of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to source the required funding from the



Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund of the Megaworld Resort and Casino (MRC); and

- c. Negotiating for and locating the exact size and place of the assigned PA lot for the Center.
6. The Boards under Cav Espino and Cav Querol started and attained three (3) crucial steps to get going the construction of the Center, arguably the most challenging aspects of the project, to wit:
 - a. Removing and relocating the IS wherein Cav Efrén Fernandez and Cav Boy Peralta, then Director, Southern Police District (SPD), employed all the resources within their respective Command that drove away and caused the re-settling of the perennial IS who have had illegally occupied the area for over forty (40) years;
 - b. Negotiating with the HPA for the lot and the utilization of the Center; and
 - c. Hammering out with the MFI the final PMAAAI Center Building Plan.
7. This Board, the Cav Danny Abinoja-led Board, toiled for the finishing touches to be completed on the lot for the edifice where we are now standing.
8. It is worth noting, that from the Board of Cav Rosales all the way to the Board of Cav Abinoja, without the indefatigable and persevering efforts of Cav Delfin Lorenzana, Cav Delos Santos, and Executive Director Pequiras who have always heeded my requests and

that of the succeeding Boards for this project to move forward, this sacred ground on which the Center will rise where we are now gathered could still have been still a squalid area.

9. There are countless other PMAYers, with especial mention to those in government instrumentalities such as the BCDA, the PAGCOR, the AFP – the HPA in particular, and in Malacañang Palace, who have marched lockstep with the Boards in order to transform this project into reality.

Lessons Learned

Thus, the evolution of the PMAAAI Center is the sterling showcase of the best practices and good governance by the sequential concerned Boards, to wit:

1. The successful succession of management arrangements of leadership in the PMAAAI wherein the Chairmanship is handed over to the next Golden Anniversary Celebrant Class;
2. The persistence and resilience of the PMAAAI organization; and
3. The willingness, most of all, of the PMAYers to sacrifice their personal interests to the supremacy and fulfillment of the PMA Core Values of Courage, Integrity, Loyalty.

With the PMAAI having risked going too far but having found out how far it can reach where no one has gone before, it is therefore my hope and prayer that these Core Values will live on to be the BEDROCK of all PMAYers to come after us.





PMAFI Getting Stronger

The PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) conducted its first Strategic Planning on 01 August 2023, with **MS LEA QUISOBEN-MAGUILAO**, an HR personnel from John Hay Management Corporation, as facilitator.

With a shared sense of pride and high spirit, PMAFI celebrated its 35th Founding Anniversary on 28 September 2023 at the Four Seasons Hotpot and Restaurant, Araneta City, Quezon City. Its esteemed guests, the PMAAAI **CHAIRMAN, CAV ABINOJA** and the **PMA SUPERINTENDENT, LTGEN TOLENTINO** delivered their respective remarks that underscored the Foundation's pivotal role in raising the standard of academic excellence of our Alma Mater, the Philippine Military Academy. Both speakers updated the PMAFI Board and other guests on the innovations and significant activities and projects undertaken by PMAFI in PMA for the benefit of current and future leaders of the country.

Part of the program during the celebration of the 35th PMAFI Founding Anniversary was to give plaques of recognition for invaluable services rendered by previous NOMELEC and former Trustees of PMAFI. The following were present to receive their awards: **COMMO RENE LEANDRO P EBRO PN (Ret)** and **PMGEN FERDINAD B DAWAY PNP (Ret)**; and **MS LEA-GRACE B SALCEDO PhD**.





NOTICE OF PMAFI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

To: All Regular Members
PMA Foundation, Inc.

Reference: PMAFI Manual of Operations, Third Edition, 2017,
Chapter 3.5, Election of Trustees.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Membership Meeting of the PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) will be held on Friday, 1 March 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Board Room, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of 2023 Annual Membership Meeting;
2. To consider and act upon the annual report of the President;
3. To confirm and ratify all acts and resolutions of the Board of Trustees and the Management;
4. To elect eight (8) members of the Board of Trustees; and
5. To take up such other matters as may be properly brought before the meeting.

On the election of Trustees, the Nomination and Election Committee or the Secretariat will accept written nominations from 2 to 16 January 2024 at the PMAFI Office, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Nominators and nominees, who must all be PMAFI regular members as of 31 December 2023, shall sign the nomination and acceptance form or letter that may be used. It is understood that by signing, nominees accept their nominations and signify their commitment that, if elected, they will attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and other activities of the Foundation. Election ballots with the names of not more than 16 candidates will be distributed personally to members

from 01 February 2024 to 27 February 2024. Sealed accomplished ballots shall be submitted/transmitted to the PMAFI office personally, or individually sent by mail or any DICT-accredited courier service, or by personal email account to PMAFI_PMA@yahoo.com to be received on or before 5:00 pm of 27 February 2024. The submission/transmittal of sealed accomplished ballots in bulk is not allowed and shall be ground for invalidation by the NOMELEC. This notwithstanding, the voters who have not yet cast their votes may attend the PMAFI Annual Membership Meeting and Election and cast their ballots thereat not later than 10:00 a.m. Members who claim to have not received or to have lost or misplaced their ballots may request for a replacement ballot at the Board Room, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. not later than 9:00 a.m. on 1 March 2024 (Friday). The conduct of PMAFI Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Trustees will be done in a blended manner (a combination of In-person and Virtual via Zoom).

Members may also join via zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 893 9811 0846
Passcode: Election

For any inquiry, you may contact Ms. Maribel B Galano\ Rhodelyn B Gantuangco who can be reached at Tel. No. (02)8421-2807 and (02)8911-7642 or Cellphone No. 0917-8081456/0927-7558595, respectively or you may also email at PMAFI_PMA@yahoo.com.

Your presence at the meeting is important and will significantly contribute to the attainment of the primary objective of PMAFI of assisting PMA in enhancing its quality of education. Be counted!


PMGEN GIL C MENESES PNP (Ret)
Corporate Secretary 

PMAAA

Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI)



PFTJI Recent Activity:

The PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI) was organized in 2004 to support the objectives of the PMAAAI in providing legal assistance and services to deserving regular members of the PMAAAI who are facing criminal, civil and/or administrative charges before any courts, administrative bodies or any other tribunals for acts done in connection with or arising from the lawful performance of official duty, or who are victims of injustice, by providing them funds, material aid of any kind, technical assistance, organizational support and other suitable forms of assistance.

The Board of Trustees will to be more pro-active in providing legal assistance and financial support to needy cavaliers, and to intensify its campaign for membership among graduates of the PMA.

In order to attain these ends, the Board of Trustees has updated the Foundation's Guidelines on Legal Assistance which provides policies and procedures governing the availment of its legal services and financial assistance. The former financial assistance of P30,000, was recently been increased to P50,000. In appropriate circumstances, PFTJI may provide legal service assistance to PMAAAI, the other Affiliate Foundations, and the PMAAA Regular Chapters.

The PFTJI has so far provided financial assistance to support court litigations of at least 20 members, and numerous legal service assistance, as requested, since 2004.

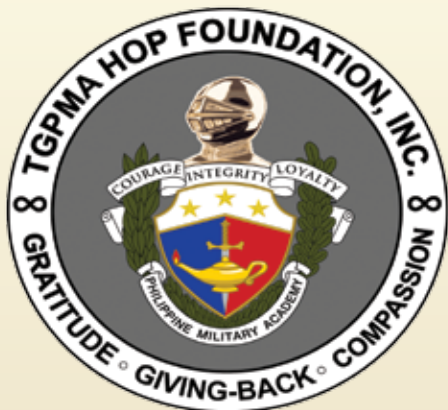


Cav Gil C Meneses '80, PFTJI President and Cav Efren O Yebra '80, PFTJI Treasurer at the PMA, Fort del Pilar Baguio during the dialogue with the cadets. They discussed and introduced the PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc (PFTJI) to the first class cadet the purpose of foundation and invited them to join and be members of the PFTJI.



The Graduates of PMA Helping Out Project (TGPMA HOP) Foundation, Inc.

UPDATES



Our Logo

The PMA Seal. Its dominance signifies that this is an initiative of Philippine Military Academy graduates.

TGPMA HOP FOUNDATION, INC. This is the official name/ acronym of the Foundation. HOP stands for Helping Out Project.

The Gray Color. A representation of the Long Gray Line to which they all belong: the men and women of TGPMA HOP Foundation, Inc.

Gratitude, Giving-Back, Compassion. The core values of the Foundation.

Gratitude for being former *“mga iskolars ng bayan sa PMA”*, and owing a lasting debt of it to the people.

Giving-back to them by way of projects for those in need.

Compassion, the overriding driving force and motivation sustaining these projects. A reflection of a wish in the PMA Cadet's Prayer that says, *“Endow our hearts with kindness, that we may sympathize with those who sorrow and suffer”*.

The Infinity Symbols. Denote the Foundation's realization of the continuing human suffering in the country, necessitating that its desire and effort to help must be unlimited, endless, and boundless.

MOA Signing between PMAAAI and TGPMA HOP

The pictures capture significant moment of collaboration and partnership between the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) and The Graduates of PMA Helping Out Project (TGPMA-HOP) Foundation, Inc., as they signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).



The signing ceremony symbolizes a new chapter of cooperation and shared efforts in working towards common objectives.

The atmosphere in the room is one of positivity, optimism, and mutual respect. The attendees fully acknowledge the significance of this collaborative partnership, as it will undoubtedly bring forth impactful outcomes and benefits for both the PMAAAI and TGPMA HOP Foundation, Inc.

Overall, the pictures capture a moment of unity, trust, and synergy between these two esteemed organizations, as they embark on a promising journey together.

Our gratitude and thanks to PMAAAI Board led by its Chairman Cav Danilo A Abinoja and the TGPMA HOP led by its Chairman Cav Generoso Senga.

Summary of Projects, Dec 2021 - Oct 2023

1. Meals on Wheels – NCR (Malabon, QC, Manila)- Five (5) times
2. Typhoon “Odette” - Regions 6,7,8 (Negros Occidental, Cebu, Leyte)
3. TD “Agaton” - Region 6 (Iloilo, Capiz)
4. TS “Paeng” - BARMM (Maguindanao)
5. Mayon Eruption - Region 5 (Albay)
6. Typhoon “Egay” - Region 2 (Cagayan), Region 3 (Zambales) and CAR (Baguio City)
7. Earthquake in Calayan - Region 2 (Cagayan)

Of the above projects, five (5) were conducted in cooperation with Cavalier-Mayors:

1. Mayor Benjamin Magalong '82 - Baguio City
2. Mayor Jon Aying '84 - Sara, Iloilo
3. Mayor Elmer Soria '82 - San Marcelino, Zambales
4. Mayor Rodrigo de Gracia '82 - Sta Teresita, Cagayan; and
5. Mayor Jong Llopis '92 - Calayan, Cagayan.



The Wonder Years

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RETIREES SECTION

• **CAV RAUL S GONZALES '75**
Chairman, PMARAI

• **CAV JOEL D PAGDILAO '84**
Director for Public Relations

PMARAI BOARD MEETING

The PMARAI held its **Board Meeting** presided over by **CHAIRMAN CAV RAUL S GONZALES '75** every second Monday of the month from October to December 2023 at the PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.



OATH TAKING OF NEW BOARD MEMBER AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF PMARAI

The PMARAI CHAIRMAN, CAV RAUL S GONZALES '75 presided the oath taking of the new representative of PMA Class 1977 to the Board, CAV RICARDO A DAVID JR who will also be the new Vice-President of PMARAI held at the PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City last August 14, 2023.



The **PMARAI LEGACY AND ADVOCACY PROJECT** under the Professional Development Committee headed by Chairman, CAV ROMEO POQUIZ '81, will launch this November 2023 a Lecture Series on Leadership and Excellence in the Service and Beyond for officers, cadets and students undergoing military or related

training in the different armed services schools, as well as government and private colleges and universities.

PMARAI Legacy & Advocacy Project

Leadership and Excellence in the Service and Beyond: A Lecture Series

Concept:

Selected members of the PMARAI who have demonstrated proven track records of leadership and excellence in the active service and while retired, will go on a lecture series in the different armed services schools, as well as in the government and private colleges and universities.

The target audiences will be officers, cadets, and students undergoing military or related training.
Focus of the Lecture will be on Leadership and Excellence as personally experienced by the lecturers as well as on Love of Country.

Each of the services – Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, PNP, and foreign military will be represented by a lecturer. The lectures will be done once a month starting October 2023.

Schools to be visited are as follows:
PMA; OCS AFP; PNPA; PMMA; Officers Schools of the Army, Air Force, and Navy; UP, Ateneo, La Salle, etc.

The Professional Development Committee will do the leg work for the project, such as on coordination with the concerned schools or universities, schedules, finance, administrative, and logistics.

Update:

The first lecture venue will be at PMA. Contact Person identified. Initial coordination with PMA for the scheduling and availability of the attendees as well as the venue done. Half day lecture on a Saturday, either at PMA or Baguio Convention Center. Tentative date will be 3rd Saturday of October.

Initial coordination also done with BCDA for the availability of the BCDA Cottage at John Hay for use of the lecturers.

Finance and Logistics requirements are being determined.

Confirmed Lecturers:

1. Gen Benjie Magalong '82 – Mayor of Baguio City, representing the PNP and LGU perspective.
2. Mr Ho Sun Yee '78 – Valedictorian of PMA 78. Singapore Army. Representing foreign military perspective.
3. Adm Butch Suarez '82 – TOPS Awardee. Representing the Navy perspective.
4. Gen Dan Pamonag '85 – TOPS Awardee. Representing the Army perspective.
5. Gen Romy Poquiz '81 – TOPS Awardee. Representing the Air Force perspective.
6. Adm Mon Liwag '79 – Coast Guard Commandant. Representing the Coast Guard perspective.

PMARAI SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The **CHAIRMAN** of PMARAI, CAV RAUL S GONZALES '75 presided over the Special Board Meeting last September 2023 to deliberate the result of the rating of the **Committee on Awards**

headed by **CAV RICARDO A DAVID '77** on the **PMAAAI Cavalier Awards nominees for Public Administration, Private Enterprise, Special Fields and Alumni Affairs.**



PMARAI PRESIDENT, CAV RAMON T PUNZALAN '76 as honored guest with PMARAI Board of Director, **CAV EDMUND TAN '80** during the **AIRLINE CAVALIERS FELLOWSHIP** with 42 in attendance at PN Officers Clubhouse last September 14, 2023. The Airline Cavaliers were also briefed about PMARAI.

The **PMARAI PRESIDENT, CAV RAMON T PUNZALAN '76** and **Board of Director, CAV EDMUND C TAN '80** attended the Maritime League BEACON 2023 with MAAP President, VAdm Ed Santos '66, former SC Sr Associate Justice Carpio, Dr Jay Batongbacal of UP Marine Institute, Dr Mejia USNA '88 of World Maritime and University (Malmo, Sweden) First Filipino President, VAdm Marayag '76 last September 8, 2023 at SMX, MOA.



The Chairman of Professional Development Committee, **CAV ROMEO V POQUIZ '81**, conducted a **PMARAI WEBINAR** entitled **MUP: ISSUES AND UPDATES** with keynote speaker **CAV ARISTON DELOS REYES '71** who gave updates on the MUP, **CAV ED AREVALO '90**, a panelist who talked about issues in the MUP and **CAV BRUCE MUNDO '98**, a panelist who discussed the possible transfer of BCDA and AFP Real Estate assets to the MUP Trust Fund.



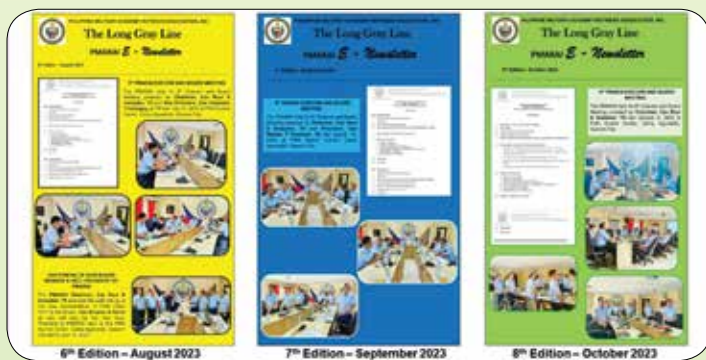
PMARAI Fun Bike-run, 18 November 2023

The **PMARAI Sports and Fellowship Committee Chairman, CAV JOJO LLORCA '83**, organized a fun bike-run for retirees and their dependents on 18 November 2023. This event coincided with the PMAAAI Family Sportsfests "*Palarong Pinoy*". The fun bike-run kicked-off the PMAAAI Family Sportsfest program. Hence, the bike-run started at exactly 0600H (6:00 a.m.) in front of the GHQ Grandstand, Assembly at 0530H (5:30 a.m.). The route/lap was 4.8km, and bikers did two laps to complete the circuit.

The route traversed major streets of Camp Gen Emilio Aguinaldo. The START LINE was in front of the GHQ Grandstand at De Jesus Ave. Bikers turned left to Capinpin Ave, made a U-turn at the end of Capinpin Ave (in front of AFPSLAI), then right at Crame Ave, then turned left at JC Morales Ave, turned left at J Francisco Ave, turned left at P Santos Ave, then right at Segundo Ave, then left to Capinpin Ave (2 laps). On the last lap, from Capinpin Ave, turned left to De Jesus Ave with the GHQ Grandstand as the FINISH LINE.

The **PMARAI PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**, headed by **CAV JOEL D PAGDILAO '84**, published the **PMARAI E-Newsletter, THE LONG GRAY LINE** 6th, 7th and 8th editions for the month of August, September and October 2023 to the different social groups and website of PMARAI and PMAAAI to provide a medium of information to its members.

The **PMARAI website pmarai.org** has now 13,044 visitors and has provided information to its members in order to promote goodwill and understanding. The website and Viber groups are under the Public Relations Committee, **CAV JOEL D PAGDILAO '84** and member/website administrator **CAV FERDINAN B PICAR '89**.



The PMARAI website **pmarai.org** has now **13,044 visitors** after launching last May 8, 2023.



The PMARAI viber groups:

PMARAI FORUM - Official Viber Community

PMARAI POST - Official Viber Bulletin Board



PMAAAI PN Chapter News

Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated (PMAAAI) PN Chapter Celebrates Successful General Assembly

FORT BONIFACIO, TAGUIG CITY – The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated PN Chapter proudly announces the successful conclusion of its General Assembly held on 18th October 2023, at Marine Base Rudiardo Brown, here.

The PMAAAI-PN General Assembly was attended by esteemed alumni and distinguished guests, headed by Chapter's Adviser, Cavalier Toribio Adaci Jr '89, making it a momentous occasion in the chapter's history.

The General Assembly commenced with the President's Report delivered by Cavalier Ivan Papera '94, highlighting the chapter's remarkable achievements and updates from 2019 to 2023. The assembly saw the ratification of previous acts and resolutions, demonstrating the chapter's commitment to transparent and accountable governance. One of the key decisions made during the assembly was the unanimous adoption, based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to increase the membership monthly contributions and the discussion on the status of the PMA Payback Scheme.

The Chapter's Adviser, Cavalier Adaci Jr '89, whose inspiring words lauded the accomplishments of the chapter, pledged his unwavering support for all the chapter's programs, reinforcing the spirit of camaraderie and unity among the alumni.

A highlight of the evening was the prestigious Awarding Ceremony of the Jurado Cup 2023, recognizing outstanding achievements within the chapter. Additionally, the event featured an exciting Raffle, with attendees eagerly participating for a chance to win exciting prizes. Notably, Charlie Company emerged as the winner of the annual sports competition among Navy cavaliers, securing their position as consecutive years champion.



The PMAAAI PN Chapter expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all attendees, sponsors, and supporters who contributed to the success of this event. The chapter looks forward to building on these accomplishments, fostering a stronger bond among its members, and continuing its legacy of excellence.

Charlie "Wildcats" A Three-Peat Jurado Cup Champions

FORT BONIFACIO, TAGUIG CITY - Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated – Philippine Navy (PMAAAI-PN) Chapter crowned Charlie Company as the three-peat Champion at the Jurado Cup AY 2023-2024 at BNS Grandstand, Oct 18, 2023.

PMAAAI-PN AY 2023-2024 conducted the Jurado Cup AY 2023-2024, an event that has become a cherished tradition, to foster strong partnership between cavaliers, wherein eight companies competed against each other in the hope to be crowned as Champions AY 2023 – 2024.

PMAAAI-PN AY 2023-2024, ensured fairness all throughout the event, as each company sends their finest to compete against each other, but one company reigned at the top as they achieved an overall score of 43, crowning Charlie Company as the three-



peat champions. Charlie Company's athletes delivered a stunning performance, proving their mettle and determination. Their teamwork, unwavering spirit, and an unquenchable thirst for victory were evident throughout the event. In the end, they emerged victorious, cementing their status as the undisputed champions of the Jurado Cup.

One of the standout moments of this year's Jurado Cup AY 2023-2024, was the opening ceremony, which featured a parade of Companies proudly bearing their flags. The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries, who praised the event for promoting a healthy lifestyle, safety and strengthening camaraderie.

The three-peat victory of Charlie Company at this year's Jurado Cup is an inspiration to all Cavaliers, reminding us of the value of hard work, perseverance, and unity. It exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship and the dedication that challenges other Companies to win the next Jurado Cup.

As we celebrate Charlie Company's incredible achievement, we look forward to what the next Jurado Cup will bring. With this

three-peat triumph under their belts, Charlie Company has set the bar high for themselves and their competitors, promising an even more thrilling and competitive event next year.

Congratulations once again to Charlie Company, the three-peat champions.



FINAL RANKING		
	COMPANY	POINTS
7TH PLACE	F	16
6TH PLACE	D	20
5TH PLACE	A	23
4TH PLACE	B	25
2ND RU/3RD PLACE	G	26
1ST RU/ 2ND PLACE	E	34
CHAMPION	H	34
	C	43

SCORE BOARD								
	ALFA	BRAVO	CHARLIE	DELTA	ECHO	FOXTROT	GOLF	HAWK
8 x 100 Circuit Relay	6	5	8	3	10	2	7	2
Balloon Blowing	4	5	10	2	3	8	7	4
Obstacle Course	4	5	10	7	6	2	3	8
Centipede Race	3	6	7	5	8	2	4	10
Hula Hoop Race	6	4	8	3	7	2	5	10
Running total :	23	25	43	20	34	16	26	34
	6TH	5TH	1ST	7TH	3RD	8TH	4TH	2ND





SUPE'S REPORT

CAV ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89

Ranging Performance and Critical Milestone (Evaluation of PMA Major PAPs)

As the Philippine Military Academy continues to walk the challenging path of transformation, guided by its vision that in 2028, the academy shall have reached the international standards for military academies in producing principled and competent military officers, indeed the need for continued innovation can only be realised through firm and deliberate efforts in assessing its performance and accomplishing key critical milestones.

The current educational and security landscape are complex and interconnected, and they have evolved significantly in recent years. From the widely accepted acronym of VUCA referring to a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous configuration of our international arena, it has now evolved into a term coined as D-VUCAD where two additional Ds referring to disruption and diversity reflect the broader context of the journey ahead of us.¹

Correspondingly, as the country's premier military educational institution, the Philippine Military Academy also reconfigures itself in responding to this modern-day challenges confronting the nation. Dared anew to face adversity and formidable situation, PMA upholds its standards by pursuing rational and strategically designed programs and initiatives that are intended to improve the systems, processes and overall thrusts of the Academy in the accomplishment of its mission that is, *"to instruct, train and develop cadets so that each graduate shall possess the character, the broad and basic military skills and education essential to the successful pursuit of a progressive military career."*

As we are down to the last quarter of calendar year 2023, we continue to cadence as we maintain the pace and rhythm in our desire to achieve our set goals through the evaluation of the Academy's major Programs, Projects, and Activities (PAPs). In this way, we remain committed to the pursuit of excellence in all that we do and uphold the ideals of our beloved institution.

As we approach the commencement this year and while there are still a lot of things to be done, a great number of activities have been completed and a whole new roster of accomplishments have been made by the Philippine Military Academy through the support of our stakeholders. These activities cover our infrastructures and systems improvement, personnel development, and other pertinent program thrusts.

Specifically, PMA continues to advocate for the enhancement, modernization, and expansion of the academy's physical and organizational's structures, systems, and facilities to meet the current and future needs. The completion of the construction of various buildings such as Florendo Hall, Spiritual Enhancement

Center, Headquarters Support Building, Cavaliers Memorial Monument, and the rehabilitation of PMA Water System are truly commendable. Likewise, the Academy is looking forward to the completion of HAG and HTG Building, Officers Condominium Quarters, EP Condominium Quarters, and the new PMA Library, among others.

As for military education service and personnel development, PMA was able to conduct its Annual Training Plan Seminar and Workshop where the initial draft of PMA Annual Training Plan "Pagsasanay" 2024 was initially drafted. This serves as guiding framework among all unit trainings of all the groups to ensure that training objectives align with the command's education and training thrusts. Likewise, this puts emphasis on the importance of training in the improvement of all personnel's performance.

Meanwhile, the Headquarters Academic Group has initiated various efforts and ventured into groundbreaking endeavors as they continue to pursue Faculty Development Programs anchored on the principle that *"education is a never ending process"*. This also aims to increase the competencies of its faculty vis-a-vis the new curriculum on Bachelor of Science in Management major in Security Studies (BSMSS) as it equips HAG and HTG personnel with expertise in institutional core and general education courses in social sciences, military history, strategy, humanities, information and technology, natural sciences, military sciences, engineering, leadership, and sports and physical development.

Furthermore, the Academic Group also strengthens the culture of research in the academy with the publication of HAG Research Agenda and various engagements to foreign and local educational institutions such as International Association of Military Academies (IAMA), University of the Philippines-Los Baños and San Beda University where a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on the last week of September.

The Headquarters Tactics Group, on the other hand, was able to successfully conduct the Pasong Tirad Challenge which intends to inspire cadets to achieve military excellence through a rigorous physical, mental and leadership tasks that is reflective of military operations in terms of tempo and tasks generic to the tri-services. Moreover, the CCAFP Intramurals 2023 also paved way for cadets to participate and enjoy a variety of sports and recreational games that tested their endurance, discipline, and sportsmanship.

The things that the Philippine Military Academy had accomplished in the year 2023 is a prelude to greater things that PMA aspires to achieve in the coming years. Certainly, challenges will always be present yet with consistent aspiration for excellence, the Philippine Military Academy will continue to produce principled and competent leaders for our great nation.

¹ D-VUCAD was termed by Prof Ian C Woodward referring to D- VUCAD referring to Disruptive, Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous, and Diverse environment.





Baron's Dissemination

JOSHUA ADRIANNE T GONZALES
Cdt F/Cpt 1CI "G" Co, CCAFP
Regimental Commander



Raising the Bar: Assessing the Philippine Military Academy's Major Programs, Projects, and Activities

In the realm of national defense and security, few institutions carry as much weight and importance as the Philippine Military Academy. As the primary institution responsible for training the future leaders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the academy plays a pivotal role in shaping the nation's defense capabilities. To gauge its effectiveness and progress, it is crucial to evaluate its major programs, projects, and activities. We will delve into the critical milestones and the ranging performance of the PMA.

The PMA, nestled amid the high mountains of Baguio City, has been the home of the nation's leaders for over a century. Its rich history and tradition are deeply intertwined with the very fabric of our nation. It has been the alma mater of countless heroes who have defended our sovereignty and protected our way of life. Hence, it is incumbent upon us to critically assess the institution's major programs, projects, and activities to ensure that it continues to produce leaders capable of safeguarding our nation.

One of the key metrics in evaluating the PMA's performance is the selection and training of cadets. The rigorous selection process, which includes a battery of physical and mental tests, is the first filter in identifying individuals with the potential to become leaders in the AFP. This initial hurdle is a critical milestone, as it determines the quality of cadets who enter the academy. This process must remain rigorous and unbiased, selecting the best candidates irrespective of their background.

Moreover, the Academy must continually adapt its training programs to meet the evolving demands of modern warfare. The military landscape is constantly evolving, with new threats emerging and technology playing an increasingly prominent role. The Academy's curriculum should reflect these changes, equipping cadets with the knowledge and skills necessary to face contemporary challenges. A critical milestone in this regard is the regular review and updating of the curriculum to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

Furthermore, PMA's programs and activities should instill in cadets not only technical competence but also the revered values of courage, integrity, and loyalty. The character development of future military leaders is of paramount importance, as their decisions will have far-reaching consequences. The academy must strive to produce officers who not only excel in their professional duties but also serve as role models for the entire nation.

In assessing the ranging performance of PMA, it is essential to consider the institution's role in promoting diversity and inclusivity within the armed forces. The military should be a reflection of our diverse society, and the academy has a responsibility to ensure that its doors are open to all qualified individuals, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background. Progress in this area can be measured by tracking the enrollment and graduation rates of underrepresented groups.

Beyond the selection and training of cadets, PMA is also involved in various projects and activities that contribute to national defense and development. These projects can range from research and development initiatives to community outreach programs. A critical milestone in this

aspect is the impact these projects have on enhancing the capabilities of the AFP and improving the lives of the Filipino people.

Research and development projects, for instance, can lead to innovations in military technology, tactics, and strategies. The PMA should actively engage in research that addresses the unique challenges faced by the AFP and explores cutting-edge solutions. The successful implementation of research outcomes in the field is a key indicator of the academy's effectiveness in this regard.

Civil-military operations such as community outreach programs, on the other hand, demonstrate the PMA's commitment to its broader role in society. These activities not only foster goodwill among local communities but also provide cadets with valuable opportunities to interact with civilians and understand their needs. The impact of such programs can be measured by assessing the positive changes they bring to the lives of the people they serve.

In recent years, the PMA has also been actively involved in disaster response and relief efforts. Natural disasters pose a significant threat to the Philippines, and the armed forces play a crucial role in disaster management. The academy's involvement in disaster relief operations is a critical milestone in showcasing its readiness and ability to respond effectively to emergencies.

In evaluating the performance of the PMA's major programs, projects, and activities, transparency and accountability are paramount. The academy should be held to a high standard of reporting and documentation, allowing for an objective assessment of its achievements and challenges. Stakeholders, including the government, the military, and the Filipino people, should have access to comprehensive data that enables them to make informed judgments.

Additionally, feedback mechanisms should be established to gather input from cadets, alumni, and the wider community. This feedback can provide valuable insights into areas that require improvement and help the academy adapt to changing circumstances. An open and constructive dialogue between the PMA and its stakeholders is essential for its continued growth and success.

In conclusion, the Philippine Military Academy occupies a pivotal position in our nation's defense and security architecture. Its major programs, projects, and activities are critical milestones that shape the future of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Evaluating the ranging performance of the PMA is not merely an exercise in assessment; it is a reflection of our commitment to national security and the welfare of our people.

As we assess the PMA's selection and training processes, curriculum development, character-building initiatives, and contributions to national defense, let us do so with a keen eye on excellence, inclusivity, and accountability. The academy's continued success relies on its ability to adapt to the evolving challenges of our time and to produce leaders who embody the highest ideals of service, honor, and duty. In doing so, the PMA will remain a beacon of hope and strength for our nation, forging a path toward a safer and more secure Philippines.





The Corps

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Reminiscing Conquest Amidst Challenges

It has been a discursive time in the academy when the COVID-19 entered our hallowed grounds and changed the landscape of training of the cadets. The genuinely rigorous program became restricted, observing health protocols, which affected the way of honing future military officers of the Armed Force of the Philippines. Truth be told, some parts of the cadet life became somber, while officers and other personnel tasked to uphold the organization's mission were also overwhelmed with the new system. They have incorporated blended learning to suffice the need to produce quality training that the cadets need. We have just proved that the pandemic never tainted our standards. Until it came the time when it is slowly going back to normal, we were always equipped and ready the face challenges that lie ahead.

It has been a fruitful academic year for the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines, with last year's culminating activity being the Joint Field Training Exercises 2023 held at some parts of Zambales and Basa Air Base in Pampanga. It was a refreshing activity from which cadets had learned to apply the skills they have learned for the past year and simulate a "real-life" scenario of military strategy, planning, and execution in their respective branches of service.

Fast forwarding to the next academic year, new and improved activities were installed, giving slacks to former regulations concerning health protocols and limited physical interactions. The reception of the PMA Class of 2027 was conducted last 01 June to give way to the incoming cadets. It was rough reception for the annual New Cadet Battalion (NCBn) of PMA Talang-Dangal Class of 2027 which commenced on the 1st of June. Subsequently, the Soldier Team Development Course of PMA Talang-Dangal Class of 2026 was a rigid tack when the third-class cadets were able to conduct their trainings which got the grips of the basic field course in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija. The Siklab-Laya Class of 2025 Leader Development Course were also a success with the respective branches of service showcase the second-class cadets a glimpse of their assets with the Water Search and Rescue (Navy), Search and Rescue Auxillary Training (Air Force), and the Scout Ranger Orientation Course (Army). The first-class cadets, on the end note, began the first semester of the academic curriculum so as to introduce them with the courses that would help polish their leadership and management skills as they reaching the end of their stay in the academy.

Given that the normal order of activities was laid out for the cadets to accomplish their respective taskings, usual Saturday inspections and parades spearheaded by the graduating class as cadet officers are still in effect to maintain order and cadence

of the Corps. Class schedules are fully-scheduled to orient the students with courses like Strategic Management, Physics, Cybersecurity, and Organizational Behavior that would suffice their skills and effectiveness in various channels of learning and improvement. The CAMP (Character, Academic, Military, Physical) which foster nurturing all aspects of cadetship were empowered to maximize the rigid schedule of cadets, maintaining and even surpassing previous standards of what a PMAer should become.

Although the academy system prevails, with its focus on optimizing quality time and workforce to ensure that mission and vision goals are fulfilled, there were still extracurricular activities done to culminate the unfading strength and prowess of the cadets with the ever-supporting guidance of the command. The Academy Film Festival conducted last 14 October 2023 exhibited short films of different companies that highlights the institution's core values and were pretty much enjoyed for its elegance and craftsmanship for filmmaking. The Delta Company prevailed as the "Grand Academy Film" with its coming-of-age film entitled "Tipaka". Also, the 125th Founding Anniversary commemorated with a Fun Run which were participated by runners from the CCAFP, officers, organic personnel, and civilians to cultivate the century-long existence that the foregrounds worked hard to maintain this nurturing environment for the future leaders of the Armed Forces. Looking back, the impact of such occurrences continues to harbor an array of wonderful learnings and realizations. The winds of changes, like the COVID-19, struck the fields of Fort Del Pilar and modified the regimented way of living of both officers and the cadets. However, this did not hinder the focus of our Alma Mater, and that is what will be always standing for, to break the bubble and strengthen the bond of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty among comrades-in-arms. The brotherhood never dulls, and the Long Gray Line always continues to extend its path on paramount camaraderie and respect among gentlemen and ladies of this noble profession.

The accolades that the Philippine Military Academy has peaked for the past decades are proofs that even in the lowest times and almost impossible challenges, we are still able to cope up with dignity and prowess. Truth be told, our drive towards shaping leaders has never dulled. We cannot compare what happened before and to what the Corps is now. But the assurance goes to the same caliber of primmed men and women of the nation's defense that will surely create an enormous impact for our nation's peace and prosperity. Ranging performance and hitting critical milestones for the academy is a top-notch priority and will always be graced with excellence.

FEMALE CAVALIER SEGMENT

CAV/MA CHRISTINA ORDOÑEZ BASCO '98 PAF:

Inspiring WOMAN in AVIATION and SECURITY



the competence and safety of student pilots. Her contributions in this role are a testament to her skill and dedication. Furthermore, COL BASCO is an accomplished instructor pilot, highlighting her commitment to developing new generations of aviators. Her role as an instructor pilot in the 101st Primary Pilot Training Squadron speaks to her role as a mentor and educator, sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience with aspiring pilots.

COL MA CHRISTINA O BASCO is a distinguished officer in the Philippine Air Force and a proud graduate of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1998. Her career in the PAF is marked by remarkable accomplishments, reflecting her dedication, competence, and leadership. As an accomplished pilot, flight examiner, and highly educated scholar, she has made significant contributions to aviation, military, and security. This article will delve into her impressive career, education, and recent recognition as one of the top ten Outstanding Women in Law Enforcement and National Security (OWLENS) in the Philippines for 2023.

A Career in the Skies

COL BASCO's journey in the field of aviation started when she graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1998. Her position as the Element Lead and T-41 D Flight Examiner showcases her proficiency and expertise in the aviation domain. As a 1st Level Flight Examiner, she plays a vital role in ensuring





Academic Achievements

Her commitment to personal and professional development is evident through her academic achievements. In addition to her esteemed graduation from the Philippine Military Academy, she holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Peace and Security Administration from Bicol University in Daraga, Albay. Her doctoral studies undoubtedly gave her a deeper understanding of the complexities of peace and security issues. In addition to her Ph.D., she holds a Master's in Public Management with a major in Development and Security from the Development Academy of the Philippines in Quezon City, Metro Manila. This academic pursuit allowed her to gain insights into the intricacies of public management and security, which are invaluable in her military career. Her Master of International Studies further reinforces COL BASCO's international perspective from the University of Sydney in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Her global exposure and education contribute to her comprehensive understanding of international military affairs.

Distinguished Service and Recognition

One of the highlights of her career is the recognition she received in the form of the Distinguished Service Star. This award was presented in recognition of her eminently meritorious and valuable service as the Chief of the AFP International Military Affairs Center (AFPIMAC) from February 11, 2019 to January 1, 2021. Her professional competence, dedication, commitment, and leadership were acknowledged, reflecting her exceptional contributions to this significant responsibility.

Outstanding Women in Law Enforcement and National Security (OWLENS) Award

COL BASCO's remarkable career garnered further recognition

in 2023, as she was selected as one of the top ten Outstanding Women in Law Enforcement and National Security (OWLENS) in the Philippines. This prestigious award celebrates women with exceptional proficiency and dedication in law enforcement and national security. The awarding ceremony, which took place at the President's Hall in Malacañang Palace, Manila, featured President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. as the guest of honor. The OWLENS project aims to motivate and inspire women in these critical roles, encouraging them to continue excelling in their careers.

Family and Personal Life

COL BASCO's achievements are not limited to her military career and academic pursuits. She balances her professional life with her role as a wife and mother. She is the wife of Bernard Alejo R. Basco and the proud mother of Ira Phineas O. Basco, Xian Owen O. Basco, Skye Eliana O. Basco, and Chrisnard Avion O. Basco.

COL MA CHRISTINA ORDOÑEZ BASCO's career in the Philippine Air Force is a shining example of dedication, competence, and leadership. Her achievements as a pilot, flight examiner, and educator and her academic accomplishments make her an inspiring figure in the military and aviation fields. Her recognition as one of the top ten Outstanding Women in Law Enforcement and National Security is a testament to her outstanding contributions to her country and area. COL Basco's story inspires all aspiring to excel in their chosen careers, especially as a proud graduate of the Philippine Military Academy Class 1998.



YOUNG CAVALIER HEROES

CAV RAPP B SIGNABON '18 PA

Overcoming the Odds: A MANDIRIGMA Leader's Tale

• #3RD MANDIRIGMA COMMANDER

Born into a close-knit family in Natonin, Mountain Province, on November 10, 1993, 1LT Rapp B. Signabon has always been part of a larger collective. As the third of seven siblings, he was in a unique position - not the oldest, yet not the youngest - giving him insights into both responsibility and aspiration. His parents, his father Wilfredo, a farmer, and his mother Nenette, a homemaker, provided a humble yet nurturing environment that shaped his early life.

Before taking the path of military service, 1LT Signabon was deeply engaged in academic pursuits. He was a third-year student at the University of the Philippines – Los Baños, focusing on Philosophy. This academic background hints at a person keen on understanding the deeper aspects of life, society, and perhaps, leadership.

The decision to leave academia and to join the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) on March 27, 2014, wasn't just a career move for him; it was a calling. Growing up in a modest family, 1LT Signabon saw



the potential impact he could have as a role model for his younger siblings. His entry into the PMA was motivated by the dual desire to provide for his family and to create a ripple effect of inspiration among his siblings and community. The academy's intense and multifaceted training would be a proving ground for him, a place to both test and manifest his commitment to his values and aspirations.

1LT Signabon wasn't just looking for a job; he was looking for a way to instill a sense of purpose, not only in himself but also in those around him. That commitment saw him through the arduous journey at the PMA, culminating in his graduation on March 18, 2018, with a Bachelor of Science degree. This wasn't merely an academic achievement but a realization of a vision he had: to uplift himself, his family, and ultimately to serve the larger community – our Country.

Resilience and Resolve

After graduating from the Philippine Military Academy, 1LT Rapp B. Signabon received his first assignment as Platoon Leader for Bravo (Bagani) Company of the 94th Infantry (Mandirigma) Battalion, commonly known as 94IB, located in Negros Island. This critical assignment presented an invaluable opportunity for 1LT Signabon to put his leadership and tactical training into practice in a real-world operational environment.

However, just a year into this significant role, he encountered a major hurdle. A serious back injury resulted in a herniated lumbar disk, necessitating a comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation plan at the AFP Medical Center. This setback was more than just physical; it led to a period of introspection and doubt about his ongoing commitment to military service.

During his lengthy and challenging rehabilitation, 1LT Signabon was haunted by thoughts of missed opportunities and alternative career paths. He observed his peers progressing in their military careers, garnering achievements and commendations. This experience led him to contemplate a change in career direction, even considering





law school as a viable alternative. The rehabilitation process wasn't merely a recovery from physical injury but also served as a crucible that tested his resolve and commitment to military service.

In parallel with 1LT Signabon's own journey was his unique relationship with his PMA classmate, 2LT Ralf Amante C. Abibico. Both men hailed from the Mountain Province and were ecstatic to serve in the newly organized 94IB. 2LT Abibico was assigned as Platoon Leader of Charlie (Cruzado) Company, based in Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental, while 1LT Signabon was in Bravo (Bagani) Company in Negros Oriental. The two classmates engaged in a friendly competition, eagerly anticipating who would first experience combat.

However, while 1LT Signabon was undergoing his arduous rehabilitation, tragedy struck. On April 19, 2020, 2LT Abibico and two other Mandirigma troopers lost their lives in a brutal firefight with a numerically superior Communist Terrorist Group in the hinterlands of Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental. The devastating loss of his classmate served as a profound turning point for 1LT Signabon, fueling a renewed sense of purpose and dedication to his military career.

From Challenge to Triumph

In 2021, 1LT Signabon returned to the 94th Infantry Battalion, initially serving as the Battalion's Acting Personnel Officer. His former Battalion Commander, LTC Angelo S. Guzman PA, assigned him to this role for two key reasons. First, he wanted to understand 1LT Signabon's capabilities both as an officer and as an individual. Second, he was cautious about the Lieutenant's back condition, given the physically demanding nature of being a Platoon Leader. "After closely monitoring his condition and performance, we gradually integrated him back into operational roles, with specific directives to minimize physical strain," said LTC Guzman.

1LT Signabon soon proved his readiness and commitment, stepping into the roles of Executive Officer and Platoon Leader of Charlie (Cruzado) Company. "His attitude, work ethic, and determination indicate that he's destined to excel as a tactical commander," observed LTC Guzman.

Currently leading Alpha (Agimat) Company, 94IB as Company Commander, 1LT Signabon led his unit in 11 tactical encounters against Central Negros Front 2. His leadership led to the neutralization of key enemy figures, the capture of 14 firearms, and the acquisition of valuable war materiel. He also facilitated the surrender of 10 Communist NPA terrorist fighters.

The current Battalion Commander, LTC Van Donald L. Almonte PA, praises 1LT Signabon for elevating the 94IB's mission success. According to LTC Almonte, 1LT Signabon is a true embodiment of a Mandirigma in both word and deed. His impactful leadership extends beyond his unit; he mentors and coaches junior officers. "His courage

and boldness in operational execution are beyond question, making him a leader of integrity and an officer and a gentleman," added LTC Almonte.

Known as 3ID's "Fightingest," 1LT Signabon has received widespread recognition for his tactical excellence. His accolades include three Gold Cross Medals for Gallantry in Action, two Bronze Cross Medals, and seven Military Merit Medals with Spearhead Devices. Additionally, he received commendations from higher-ups in the military hierarchy, including the 3ID Commander, AFP Chief of Staff, and the Secretary of National Defense.

1LT Signabon cites the loss of his PMA classmate and 94IB Battalion-mate, 2LT Abibico, as a driving force behind his unwavering commitment to each combat mission. This sentiment not only honors his late friend but also fuels his determination to serve and protect.

Leading by Example

Leading by example isn't just a catchphrase for him; it's a deeply ingrained leadership philosophy. "To effectively mentor our troops, we need to embody the principles we teach," he emphasizes. "It's a direct way to earn their trust and confidence." For aspiring Platoon Leaders, he advocates adopting a warrior ethos, one that isn't daunted by the enemy. According to him, this fighting spirit stems from comprehensive preparation – physical, emotional, and psychological. He also underscores the importance of fully grasping both the human and natural landscapes, as this awareness is crucial for effective leadership in the field.

In navigating the complexities of military life, his family remains his rock. His parents, along with his wife Judy Ann and son Luke Apollo, serve as his ongoing sources of inspiration and strength.



VISITOR'S ACCOUNTS

Featuring **CAV ARIEL O QUERUBIN '79**



“Keep a good name”

Retired Marine Colonel Ariel Querubin's message to today's young cavaliers is a testament to his extraordinary life.

• **ATTY. ELMORE EDWARD J. ORNELAS**

Soldiering,” said retired Marine Colonel Ariel Querubin, “is the only thing I know I can do best.”

But after retiring from the military almost a decade ago, Cavalier Querubin proved that his exemplary soldiery prepared him for his role in San Miguel Corporation (SMC) as a special assistant to the company president, Mr. Ramon Ang.

Cav Querubin said that joining SMC changed his family's life for the better. It also proved true to the saying that “success indeed is 80% social skills and 20% acquired knowledge.”

“It's all about building good relationships. It's networking,” he said.

But it's also all about establishing a good reputation and a good name for oneself.

As Vice President and Special Assistant to the President, Cav Querubin handled special projects directed by the Office of the President, particularly those that support the company's strategic goals and objectives. From time to time, the Office of the President would assign Cav Querubin tasks to be accomplished.

“Good [that] my reputation as a consistent reformist and whose advocacy was good governance made it easier for me to secure clearances and permits specially if all the requirements and compliances were met,” Cav Querubin said.

Cav Querubin had actually retired from the company two years ago when he turned 65. But SMC asked him to stay on as a full-time consultant which requires him to report to the office from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

For more than 30 years, Cav Querubin carried out the soldier's mission to defend and protect his countrymen. His exploits in the battlefield are known not just in the military, and his courage and idealism echoed even in the national scene. He is one of the few soldiers whose name is known beyond the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Cav Querubin not only thrived in the battlefield. He had one of the most colorful military careers in the country's history.

He fought in actual combat all against the existing armed groups in the Philippines – the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the CPP/NPA, and the Abu Sayyaf Group. Cav Querubin took the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) entrance examination in December 1972, months after martial law was declared. At 17 years and 3 days old, he was the youngest to pass the PMA exam that year. He entered the PMA on April 1, 1973. Just four years after graduating in 1979, he was promoted to Captain, ahead of his contemporaries. But his next promotion didn't come until 14 years later because of his involvement in the 1989 military exercise.

He was even thought to have died during the fierce fighting that time, that his bloodied body was brought to a hospital morgue along with the other deceased soldiers. But after a doctor saw his little finger twitch, they rushed him to the AFP Medical Center where he was operated on for 13 hours.

Cav Querubin became one of the country's most bemedaled soldiers after earning practically all the combat and meritorious awards the AFP could give.

In 2000, long before the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) reached a peace agreement, Cav Querubin, then a lieutenant colonel, used himself as a bait for MILF snipers during a particularly bloody and heavy fighting. He ran from one coconut tree to another, which compromised the fighters' positions, allowing his men to take them down.

The Marine Battalion Landing Team 1 that Cav Querubin led ultimately captured the MILF's Camp Mack in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte. For his unparalleled bravery, he received the Medal of Valor award, the military's highest medal for combat.

In 2006, Cav Querubin and other ranking and junior officers were court martialed and incarcerated for their alleged involvement in a mutiny against the Arroyo administration.

Cav Querubin ran for senator from his detention cell in Camp Aguinaldo in 2010, and even though he did not make it, he still sees it as a worthwhile bid to serve the Filipino people in a different capacity.



2006 Marine stand off.

In 2010, the late President Benigno Aquino III granted amnesty to Cav Querubin and other detained officers, which allowed them to carry on with their lives. Some chose to stay in the military, while others, like Cav Querubin opted to pursue careers in the private sector.

But Cav Querubin doesn't have any regrets leaving the military. His age this year – 67 – is now the same as the number of battle wounds he sustained in combat that are reminders of one's courage, strength of purpose, and love for country.

It's an extraordinary life that he's been blessed with.

His wife, Ma'am Pong, is beyond supportive of all his endeavors. Their seven children – Martin, John Michael, Alfred, Faye, Jaq, John, and AJ – are all grown up now and have found success in their chosen fields. John Michael followed in Cav Querubin's footsteps in the Marines. Now a Captain, John Michael is a bemedaled officer who's showing the same tenacity as his dad in the field.

A soldier's valor never wanes. Even in the private sector, Cav Querubin ascertained that what he does contributes even just a little to the country's good. "Everything that we were doing in the military was for nation building. Same is true in the private sector," he said.

Cav Querubin has also discovered Tik Tok, where he now has more than 87,000 followers, most of whom know him for his daily 200 push-ups.

Through the popular social media app, Cav Querubin is able to share his life as a veteran with the young Filipinos who live in a generation far removed from the years when he was an active soldier. It's important for the youth to understand why it is incumbent upon each citizen to do their share to shape their country's future. After all, Cav Querubin was once a student activist in high school, and as a young man, he was full of idealism and was certain of his love for his country.

Below is the full Q and A with Cav Querubin where he proudly shared that his fellow former military men in the corporate world continue to be mission oriented. "When given a task, they get it done with minimum resources," he said.

1. Why did you want to become a soldier and why, despite your close calls and the challenges you faced throughout your career, you chose to stay in the military?

I was full of idealism and I love my country even when I was still young. I became a student activist in high school. After martial law was declared, I took the PMA entrance examination and luckily passed, the youngest at 17 years and 3 days old. Early on, I realized that my idealism was being exploited by the extreme left. I chose to stay in my military because I wanted to contribute in my own little way to end insurgency and defend our sovereignty all for love of country. Besides, soldiering is the only thing I know I can do best.

2. What are the things that you miss in the military or the things you miss doing as an active soldier and why?

After I graduated from PMA, I had the option to join the Philippine Constabulary, the first priority among the branches of service but I opted instead to join the Philippine Navy because I wanted to join the Philippine Marines. As a young soldier, I offered my life to defend the country from all its enemies. If there's one thing I missed doing, it's leading my men in missions others don't dare do. It's probably because of my being adventurous.

3. What are the most important lessons you learned in the military?

Lessons on leadership. As a leader, you should not only be in charge. You must also know how to take care of your charge. Most graduates of PMA were just after their progressive military careers. They just play safe and come their time, they will be generals. In all my accomplishments, I think out of the box. You should be unorthodox. Solutions to problems should not be by the book. Any book solution has a counter solution.

4. What impact did receiving the Medal of Valor have on you?

Among the medals I value more is the Medal of Valor. It gave my family the security they needed. The benefits provided to the beneficiaries covered by Republic Act 9049 have made our lives a lot better – free education, medical services, monthly tax-free allowance, etc. As an awardee, people look up to you and men in uniform listen to you as somebody worth emulating.

5. What are things about Filipino soldiers that make you proud of our military, even beyond retirement?

Our soldiers are mission-oriented. They perform their tasks the best way they could. In my experience in the corporate world, I have colleagues



With former President GMA and other living Medal of Valor awardees.

that came from the different armed services. When given a task, they get it done with minimum resources.

6. How did you prepare for your retirement?

I didn't prepare for my retirement but my incarceration for 4 ½ years was a good transition. God had to take away my freedom for me to realize that career is not everything in life. I have seven children to take care of and prepare for the complexities of life. I was deemed resigned when I filed for my certificate of candidacy as senator in the 2010 National Elections. When I left the service, I didn't own any house. I cannot even buy a brand new car. I wasn't a poor man, but maybe, I had the wrong priorities in life like most of those in the active service. I had a happy go lucky life. I spent more for friends. It was cheaper to buy Ginebra San Miguel and San Miguel Beer than to pay monthly amortization for a house and lot. I honestly didn't prepare for my retirement.

7. How did you feel when you retired from the military?

After being released on July 28, 2010, I applied for amnesty that same year. I met the late President Benigno Aquino III at a birthday party where I was informed that our amnesty was already signed by him so we can already move on with our lives. He said, "Ariel, somebody will get in touch with you, please help us. Or if you want, you can go back to the mainstream of your military career. There's still enough time for you to get your star." I answered, "I'm not going back anymore because it wouldn't be healthy for the institution that I'll be serving under my junior officer just to earn the star. He will not be as effective if I'll be there."

I filed for my retirement when I reached the mandatory age of 56 on March 28, 2012. That was the time that they informed me that I was deemed resigned on November 30, 2009. It didn't matter anymore because I signed my contract with San Miguel Corporation on December 1, 2010 that changed our lives drastically for the better.

8. Can you describe to us your transition from military life to living a civilian life and working in a private company?

My being sidelined for 4 ½ years was a very good transition. I was weaned from my usual work as military officer. I seldom visit military camps unless invited. I had a very bad experience after I got out of jail. I went to verify the house and lot that was given to me by NHA. The Housing Board that kept the record was already under the AFP Real Estate Office who was then headed by a classmate. When he saw me, he handed me 100 liters worth of gas coupon. He probably thought I was there to ask for gasoline, a practice by some retirees who probably didn't have enough budget. I didn't accept the offer and from that time on, I avoided going to camps unless invited.

9. What were the challenges you faced in the private sector and how did you deal with these challenges?

As Vice President on Special Concerns, I was faced with challenges on how to deal with red tape. More of my errands were about securing from our regulators the necessary permits and clearances. Good [that] my reputation as a consistent reformist and whose advocacy was good governance made it easier for me to secure clearances and permits especially if all the requirements and compliances were met.

10. How did your military background help you carry out your work in SMC?

My network of friends when I was still in the military and my supporters when I ran for the Senate made my job a lot easier. Success indeed is 80% social skills and 20% acquired knowledge. It's all about building good relationships. It's networking. While at work, I also found out that the technical people I worked with like my boss were successful because they embodied what the Carnegie Institute of Technology in its survey said: "Success is 85% human engineering. It's your ability and personality to communicate, negotiate and lead." Surprisingly, it's only 15% technical skills. As a former military officer, I was task oriented whose objective was for the accomplishment of the mission with minimal resources.



With former President Joseph E Estrada.

11. What are the things you have learned working in the private sector?

There's not much. In fact, I find it just an extension of my military life. Everything that we were doing in the military was for nation building. Same is true in the private sector. When we were in the military, we mastered the art of "winning the hearts and minds of the people", the best way to counter insurgency.

In SMC, when we are asked to attend public hearings for our proposed projects, we are confronted with left leaning organizations that want to oppose our projects. I have to convince the people in the community to support our project because it will give them livelihood and will greatly help in uplifting their living conditions. We have a track record that in all our industrial hubs, the mass base of insurgency was eradicated. People in the community have the priority in employment. No less than the agency that is tasked address the problem on insurgency acknowledged that our efforts greatly help them in Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict.

12. What are the things that keep you busy after retiring from SMC?

I retired as Vice President when I reached the age of 65. I thought I was retired, but the company still retained me as a full-time consultant with the same remuneration and benefits. I still have functional supervision over retired senior officers of the armed services most of whom are generals. I am still required to be at the office from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

13. What are the things your still dream of for yourself and the country?

With what I've been through in my journey, there are many things yet to be done for our country to progress. For as long as there is insurgency and violent extremism brought about by poverty, unemployment, social injustice, military abuses, police brutality, non-delivery of basic services and most especially corruption, we will never progress. I have fought all the armed groups during my time, the CPP-NPA, MNLF, MILF, Abu Sayyaf and even the AFP itself. I've learned a lot of lessons along the way. I still dream that if only good governance will be advocated by government officials, we can be united even in diversity.

14. What is your message to today's young cavaliers who are starting a new chapter in their lives outside of the military?

There's life after the military service if you have maintained a good name. When I graduated from PMA in 1979, I put this passage in the year book, The Sword, from Proverbs 22:1 "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor than silver and gold."



Featuring **CAV MARCELINO J LLORCA JR, '83**

Growing Up with a Military Father: A Journey of Sacrifice, Service and Excellence

• PATRICE LLORCA

Growing up with a military father is a unique experience that has shaped me as an individual in a way that is truly remarkable. The military lifestyle presents a plethora of challenges, opportunities, and a sense of duty that becomes deeply ingrained in the lives of those who are part of it.

This is my journey of growing up with a military father and the pride that accompany this extraordinary upbringing.

1. **Sacrifice and Family Bond:** Growing up with a military father means understanding the immense sacrifices made by both the service member and their family. Long periods of separation, missed birthdays, and holidays become a norm. These sacrifices strengthened our bond and taught me the value of love, support, and the importance of cherishing the time spent together.
2. **Disciplined Values and Work Ethic:** The military lifestyle is deeply rooted in discipline, order, and a strong work ethic. I grew up with a clear set of values and principles. The structured environment of military life fosters a sense of responsibility, accountability, and punctuality.
3. **Pride and Service:** Growing up with a military father instilled a deep sense of pride in my family and country. Witnessing the dedication, sacrifice, and selflessness of my father, I developed a profound respect for the military and understand the importance of serving something greater than oneself.

Growing up with a military father is a journey that shapes individuals in ways that few other experiences can. The resilience, adaptability, sacrifice, and sense of pride instilled through my upbringing created a unique set of values that stayed with me throughout my life.



As a child of a military man, I strive to become a resilient, compassionate, and disciplined individual who understands the importance of service and sacrifice. Carrying my father's legacy forward, making a positive impact in my community and embodying the true spirit of my military upbringing.

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Seven PCG Pastors were ordained by the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches Ordaining Council. The pastors are composed of five chaplains, one line officer, and one officer from the nurse corps.

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul prospers." (3 John 1:2)

Serving as leaders and prime movers of the government institutions across the nation, an officer must not only be equipped physically but more importantly, spiritually.

Apostle John admonished his dear friend, Gaius, not only to "enjoy good health" but that his "soul must also prosper." Apostle John and Gaius shared a common purpose, a common calling in the work of the Lord, and in order to achieve this, they must look after each other.

Things we can learn from this friend-to-friend exchange.

We must be physically healthy, to serve better:

The National Institute of Health has published numerous researches that confirm the pathological effects of stress to the body. Many have had heart attacks while in the office, others, leave the service earlier because of health concerns. As managers and leaders in our workplaces, we must pursue healthy lifestyles, proper eating habits as well as reducing stress in our workplaces. To incorporate some small, yet consistent action like exercise and health choices in our routines will bring improvement to our physical bodies.

We must be spiritually healthy, to serve best:

The body is not only composed of the physique but largely moved and influenced by what is within: the soul. In the Word of God, the soul

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This unit protects the King and his household. To date, it upholds the safety, practices and time-honoured traditions of the British Royalty.

This section is created to highlight the need of protecting, and the safeguarding of the soul of every uniformed man and woman serving the country.

is the unseen, spiritual essence of man. This is the vacuum in every man's heart that can only be filled and made content in God. The soul yearns for the image of God to be manifested in every human endeavor. With God in man's pursuit, every achievement becomes meaningful.

When the soul is nurtured, the whole body is attuned to what each human being is set to do: to make good and Godly footprints in his profession, in his endeavors and in his achievements. When the soul is nurtured, decisions are selfless, not selfish, positions are merely platforms for service, not podiums of

prestige, and service is an opportunity, not obligatory.

The soul is nurtured in humble submission to the ONE who is the authority over every Life, God, the Great Author of Life! As John reminded his friend, Gaius, it is not enough that you only prosper in things that are visible, like your health, (or your wealth), it is best that your soul also prospers!

As called guardians of the country, may we prosper as we continue our service to the People, to our Country and most especially, to GOD.

Your friend,
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The Coast Guard Ecumenical Chaplain Service leads in the three-day **I LOVE PCG** Course which instills in the hearts of the participants not just to love the PCG as an organization, but to love **PCG: People, Country, God**

ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

The Helmet of Salvation

Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace

The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said, peacemakers were blessed.

The Shield of Faith

Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

The Belt of Truth

Truth keeps us from giving in to world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and action to the truth of the Word of God.

The Sword of the Spirit

which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others about the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.



STRATEGY of a WEAK STATE

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The best evidence of China's expansionist agenda is its recently released administrative map, the so called 10-dash line which encompasses a wider and larger area than that within the previous 9-dash line, a claim ruled by the 2016 Hague Arbitral Tribunal as without historical and legal basis under UNCLOS. China states that military alliances and blocks being led and formed by U.S. among Asian states aim to contain China. The use of the word 'contains' reveals China hegemonic designs. So said DND Sec Guillermo Teodoro in response to questions about these issues, What is the guiding doctrine of China's expansionist drive?

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissenger, in his book 'China', wrote that Chinese leaders and strategists follow an ancient board game called WEI QI which stresses encirclement

rather than domination and value strategic envelopment than destructive confrontations. Kissenger was President Richard Nixon's emissary to China that led to the withdrawal of U.S troops from the disastrous Vietnam war from 1969-77 that killed 40,000 Americans, its termination and the re-opening in 1977 of diplomatic ties between U.S. and China. U.S. and China were allies in WW II 1941-1945 against Japan, now a close and strong ally of U.S. against China. So with Philippines which fought Japan in same war, now her biggest donor, aider, investor and a strong defense supporter.

(How true what Prime Minister Vincent Palmestron of United Kingdom said in 1848 'there are no permanent friends nor eternal enemies but only permanent and eternal interests), Chinese military commanders adhere to China's ancient military strategist



Sun Tzu's (544-496 B.C) dictum, 'the best commander is he who wins battles without fighting', which still guides China's maritime activities until today.

A derivative of Sun Tzu's teaching is the cabbage strategy, positioning and/or surrounding an area with massive or superior forces to control and dominate it and block intrusions from without. In April 2012, a Philippine Navy ship had a stand off with Chinese militia ships which surrounded the waters off Scarborough Shoal, an islet 130 km west of Zambales and prevented the entry of Filipino fishermen from their traditional fishing grounds. The timely intervention of U.S. which brokered a deal that both parties would vacate the area prevented a possible firefight. Our ship left the area but the Chinese has not since then. From April to May in 2021 some 250 Chinese fishing vessels of various sizes and shapes escorted by fast attack craft armed with missiles anchored on and sailed the WPS on a fishing expedition. The big number and superiority of the ships could intimidate, deter and overwhelm any rival claimants to the vast fish resources of the sea. In February 2020, the BSP Conrado Yap while on patrol off the waters of Rizal Reef within the Spratly island groups, 130 kms west of Palawan, was accosted with pointed naval guns by a Chinese warship and told to leave the area.

Another is salami slicing strategy, a series of harrassments and provocations not constituting a heightened conflict or a causa belli aimed to test the response of an intended victim, for a higher goal. Big Chinese coast guard ships have harassed Filipino fishing boats, lasered, water cannoned, tailed and blocked small Philippine coast vessels that escorted a puny boat bringing food supplies to Marines personnel stationed on a decrepit ship, the Sierra Madre, a rusty WW II ship deliberately sunk off the waters of Ayungin islets which are within the Philippines EEZ. The obvious objective was to wear down the Philippine vessels, exhaust their resources so they would vacate and abandon Ayungin in a battle of attrition.

What can a weak state do to influence, pressure, deter or counter an economic Giant and a military and naval power?

What can it do to the militarization of Mischief or Panganiban Reef, 130 kms west of Palawan, an islet within Philippines EEZ as ruled by the Hague Arbitral Tribunal? China has occupied it since 1994 (Senate revoked in 1992 the 1947 RP U.S. Bases Agreement), reclaimed the surrounding sea, turned it into a 5500 acre island, built runways for long range aircraft, er radar facilities, missile launching pads and piers for supply ships.

The government has filed over 200 diplomatic protests and called the attention of China's Ambassador for his explanation and intervention. Some officials have considered bringing the issue to the United Nations.

Faced with China's persistent intimidations and aggressive behavior on WPS the Philippines has adopted the strategy of a weak state, posturing as being harassed, bullied, trampled upon and threatened militarily, economically, physically and technologically by a big and strong neighbor -- to gain the attention, sympathy, cooperation and support of the world. It has sent to the world press news and photos of harassing incidents on WPS and big number of Chinese ships displaying might and control of the sea and defiance to rival claimants.

Critics from some quarters consider this strategy as acts of capitulations and appeasement. This writer opines though this mode of action or inactions has contributed in gaining for the Philippines new allies and defense partners and support from

leading like minded states as well increased defense guarantees and protection from its traditional ally.

It has brought to the attention of the world the danger of China's dominating the waterways of South China Sea and beyond through which pass 30% of world trade and commerce worth trillions of U.S. dollars and controlling deposits of billions of barrel of gas and oil, and huge mineral and fish resources.

The United States and leading countries of the world have upheld that the ruling of the 2016 Hague Arbitral Tribunal as legal to promote harmony in a rule based community of nations.

On its 7th anniversary this year the European Union including 16 other countries declared as "legally binding" the 2016 ruling of the Hague Arbitral Tribunal and "will serve as a basis for resolving disputes among the parties."

In July 2020 in a landmark statement U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told China "to honor the 2016 ruling of the Hague Arbitral Tribunal" and further warned "U.S. will not allow China to make the SCS its maritime empire." ASEAN states and Taiwan, claimants over islands and waters in SCS welcomed this declaration.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs announced U.S. will oppose any move by Beijng to physically occupy, conduct reclamation, militarization of or block the entry of Filipino fishermen to Scarborough Shoal, 120 kms west of Zambales, the location of Subic Naval base.

It has strengthened U.S. guarantees in the 1951 RP U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty by affirming that «an attack in the Pacific including anywhere in the SCS on either of their public vessels, aircraft or armed force which include their Coast Guards would invoke Art IV and V." Further it "recognizes threats from several domains, land, sea, air space, cyberspace in varied forms of assymetric, hybrid and irregular warfare" to be jointly deterred and repelled.

U.S. Navy carrier strike forces have sailed through SCS as a demonstration of their massive power and the right of access and to freedom of navigation on international waters. U.S. pledged increased military assistance. Two patrol ships were transferred to the Philippine Navy. It will provide structures and facilities, build or improve runways on new four locations in northern Luzon to serve as logistics, training, force mobilization sites, and disaster and humanitarian assistance hubs. It further assured maritime presence on WPS by holding joint and combined exercises with the navies of Australia and Japan and the Philippines. Navies of eight countries, Japan, Australia, Canada, Japan, France, Malaysia, Singapore and India have expressed willingness to join with Philippine Navy for maritime exercises on WPS.

In summary, Philippines posturing as a weak state has contributed in eliciting support for the 2016 arbitral ruling from leading countries of the world and gained new allies and defense partners. Significantly, U.S. has strengthened its commitments under the 1951 RP US Mutual Defense Treaty Philippine defense capabilities to meet varied forms of threat and external attacks have been effectively enhanced and upgraded without over burdening government finances.

In the event Philippines holds bilateral talks with China to resolve their conflicting territorial claims and sovereign rights on WPS the former stands on firmer and solid legitimate grounds, supported and backed by the might of her strongest ally the United States, new allies and defense partners.

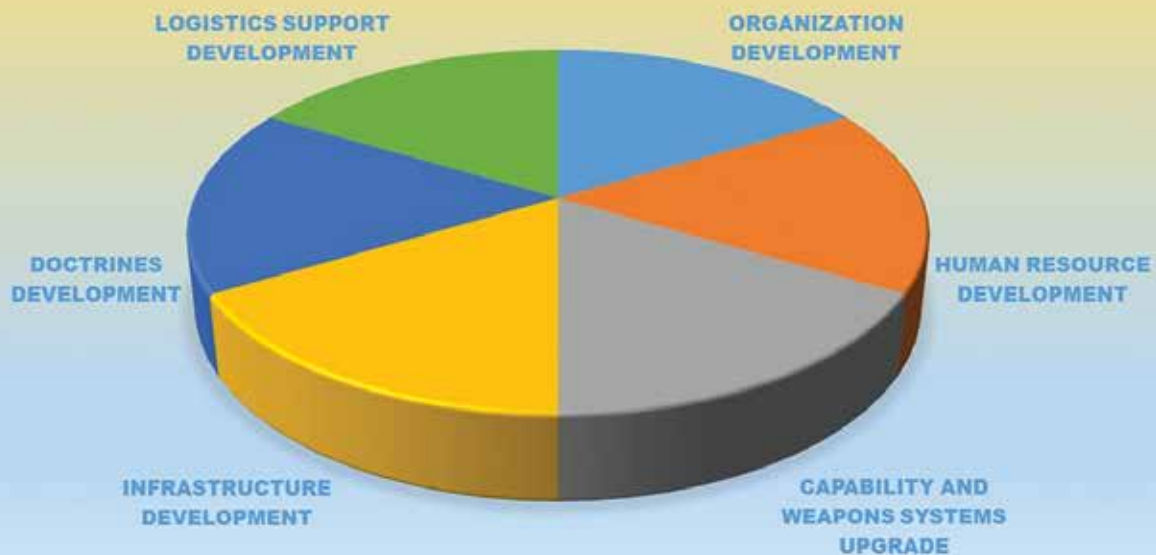


Holistic Force Modernization

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Victory is not always to the swift nor battle to the strong. - Ecclesiastes 9:11

HOLISTIC MODERNIZATION COMPONENTS



Modernizing the armed forces is necessary for national security and defense. It is a means to enable the State to protect itself and its interests. The modernization's purpose can only be achieved if it is effective, efficient, enterprising, dynamic, responsive and sustainable. Consequently, it must be both a comprehensive program and a holistic process that is strategy-based and anchored on the principle of self-reliance. It must be a national initiative that is not overly dependent on external support and not left to the benevolence and mercy of foreign forces. It harnesses the professionalism of the military, the will of the people, the commitment of leaders, the backing of the government machinery and the skills and capacities of local professionals and enterprises.

Contrary to misguided perceptions, unfounded beliefs, uninformed opinions and plain ignorance, it is not merely the purchase of weapons systems and platforms nor adding to the military's inventory of ships, aircraft, ground vehicles and other armaments. In defense modernization, forces must be organized, developed and made mission-effective; personnel must be

recruited, trained, managed and constantly kept motivated and sharp: facilities and logistics capacity have to be built to support the forces' administration, operations and sustainment; and doctrines have to be formulated and constantly updated and upgraded to set the ways and means to operate and fight. All these need to be done effectively, efficiently, expeditiously and in a timely manner.

Even as modernization is not an end in itself; it is a vital part of the apparatus to defend the country against aggression, protect national interest, pursue national development and execute government policy. Modernizing defense forces considers the declarations of national policies, the resources available and the capacity of the state to formulate and execute plans and programs. Modernization plans must suit the requirements of the armed forces and the peculiar nature of the national domain. The unique circumstances of a country must be factored-in so unsuitable, inappropriate and unsustainable foreign practices and projects are disregarded or eliminated. Systems and procedures are not simply copied or

imitated from other countries unless there are commensurate benefits or advantages gained.

Enhancing capabilities and capacities to modernize must emanate from sound analyses of defense requirements and an accurate determination of measures that address defense demands that are not satisfied by current capabilities and resources. Information gaps and missing professional competencies of decision-makers, planners and implementors must be filled up. Professional ignorance has to be eradicated and heretofore absent skill sets developed. Valuable resources, particularly time, must be optimized and not wasted. So as not to compromise national security and render a country defenseless, incorrect assessments and half-baked plans must be excised. Faulty implementation has to be reduced drastically, if not eliminated outright. A country can ill-afford uncoordinated efforts and stop-gap measures that raise the cost of defense, destroy trust on the defense establishment and its personnel and undermine confidence in the state's ability to provide national security.

There must be a modernization strategy that transforms defense forces into highly effective organizations capable of performing their missions in peace and war. This strategy builds competitive advantage that would overcome enemies, neutralize threats and deal with security challenges while continuously enhancing capabilities, responding to changing conditions and developing resilience. Capability gaps and deficiencies are addressed effectively and scarce resources harnessed and utilized efficiently. The right processes are set and proper metrics are put in place to assure that the desired results are achieved. A modernization of substance is imperative.

Credible deterrence has to be established with whatever means available. The idea of subduing the enemy cannot be anchored on military forces and combat arms alone. It starts and is tethered on the ability to make do with whatever resources are available. Domestic strengths are leveraged, enemy vulnerabilities and weaknesses are exploited while own limitations are concealed so as not to be taken advantage of by adversaries. Collaboration among units and individuals are established and synergies developed and enhanced. Military jointness in its truest form must be forged and practiced seamlessly. Crafting effective solutions to problems and executing viable plans to develop organizational strength and robustness are institutionalized. The pursuit of excellence and continuous improvement are ingrained in the organizational culture.

PIECE-MEAL MODERNIZATION IS A SELF-DEFEATING PROPOSITION

Equipment Upgrade/Acquisition, while being the most visible and attractive component of a modernization program, cannot stand alone in delivering the purposes and goals of such a program. Weapons systems cannot be operated and employed without competent and skilled personnel. Without the logistics support to maintain, repair and sustain them and without the infrastructure to provide facilities and services needed for operations and combat readiness, war machines would falter and then ground to a halt. On the other hand, doctrines are required to establish policies, standards and practices that govern how the organization and its units are managed, employed and sent to battle. As such, a systems approach is required to complete modernization in the manner envisioned.

Modernization is a holistic process that requires the thorough execution of the components that make it up. Simply doing one or a combination of some components would not suffice and could result in a great waste of scarce resources. Each component is mutually supportive of the others and is vital to the achievement of the goals of modernization. Each is necessary to develop needed capabilities to the fullest extent and over a good length of time. Furthermore, each is vital in ensuring that forces are ready and able to continuously conduct operations in times of war. Unless the components are completed together fully, each asset/platform cannot be adequately combat/mission-ready and sustainable in the long run.

DEFENSE FORCES MODERNIZATION COMPONENTS

In the absence of a particular component, modernization would be incomplete and unsustainable, particularly in times of armed conflict. Firepower alone would be inadequate and could not produce the desired results. Without a competent crew and command and control structure, it cannot be applied effectively. Absent the necessary infrastructure, platforms and systems, platforms and weapons systems could not be sheltered and sustained. Doctrines to deal with administrative and operational tasks have to be in place to guide people and to manage systems, personnel and combat operations and actions. Sustainment through the availability of technical expertise and logistics have to be in place to assure organizational robustness, resilience and the war-time availability of platforms and weapons systems.

It must be kept in mind that sophisticated and advanced platforms and weapons systems would have no firepower without ammunition. Missiles and torpedoes are high-cost items that are hard to procure and not readily available off-the-shelf, and more-so, are difficult to fund. There would be no difference between a warship and an ordinary ship if the ability to deliver firepower on the water, in the air and over the ground is lacking. Combat-readiness is also unattainable without technicians that keep the systems integrated, aligned and working properly. At sea, in the air and on land, these techs see to it that all systems are functioning in the manner required and combat-ready. Techs integrate and align systems and maintain and repair combat assets beyond what the crews can do.

In wartime, forces have to be sustained and kept in fighting form till victory is achieved. The capacity to deal with and endure enemy actions and deliver retaliatory blows have to be maintained even at great cost to the state's pockets. The side that runs out of assets and the logistics to sustain them capitulates first. Running out of resources that sustain war can be worse than losing assets in actual combat. Failure to consider the logistics required to prosecute a war to a satisfactory conclusion for one's forces is a serious mistake and could be catastrophic. Without the means to prosecute a war, even bravery would be to no avail.

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT – Organizational Transformation Makes New Systems Work

New assets and weapons in the inventory necessitate changes in organizations. New force structures have to be set up. The incorporation of unfamiliar inventories requires administrative and operational adjustments. Units that would make use and accommodate the new additions have to be reorganized or created so the new systems can function well

and be able to maintain a high state of readiness. The proper fit of men and materiel have to be found. New relationships and interplay of forces have to be established. Command and control and lines of responsibility must be clear and must lead to cohesion and optimal employment of new assets. The organizational structures that would introduce new technology and familiarization in their use have to be set up.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT – People Run and Care for Systems

Without people to operate, maintain, repair, support and improve platforms and systems, the desired capabilities cannot be achieved, optimized and sustained. Expensive hardware and software would be useless without competent people to make things work and keep them working throughout their service lives in peace and in war. Personnel recruitment, training, distribution, career development, welfare and motivation have to be taken cared of. Personnel management and leadership development systems have to be set up and made robust. Keeping people able and ready are musts.

People are also central to the development of sound strategy and the maintenance of operational readiness. How the organization will go about performing its mission and attaining its vision are crafted by competent people who can formulate and develop effective, responsive and competitive strategies and systems. Setting the right standards and measures can only be done by qualified personnel under impeccable leadership. Deterring and keeping enemies at bay and threats neutralized, depend on authorities making sound decisions, showing determination and commitment and personnel acting professionally with unstinting courage. Excellence emanates from people.

BASES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT – Facilities Enable Operations

Infrastructures are essential to the administration of forces, the conduct of operations and the sustainment of support activities. Aircrafts need airports, ships require ports, vehicles must have motor pools and personnel need barracks for shelter. Bases, stations, headquarters, offices, mess halls, training centers, repair yards, supply depots, armories, housing, utilities, defense emplacements, research structures are integral parts of the military ecosystem. Centers from where personnel work, platforms where they are assigned at and facilities where they do their routine activities enable and sustain the military's business. Their incompleteness and/or absence stymies and hampers the conduct of defense and security.

CAPABILITY/WEAPONS SYSTEMS UPGRADE – Weapons Platforms Are the Engines of War

Weapons systems and platforms determine the capabilities and deliver the firepower possessed by armed forces and their units. Combat effectiveness and advantages emanate from the weapons inventories of forces. Sensors and weapons allow surveillance, search, detection, identification, targeting and engagement of threats/targets. The range, payload, accuracy and lethality of armaments, missiles and shells determine the advantages gained or the disadvantages incurred by forces and units. Platforms and weapons systems that are effectively detecting, tracking and engaging the enemy are essential for battle success. A powerful arsenal is a distinct advantage for any capable armed force.

DOCTRINES DEVELOPMENT – Organization and Operations Require Guidelines

Doctrines set the ways for the administration and management of forces and the conduct of operations. They provide direction and systematize the execution of functions. Policies and directives dictate how units organize, train and fight and how to neutralize threats and enemy forces. Rules and regulations that govern conduct are vital to maintain order and discipline within units. The mandated strategy, operational art and tactics enable personnel to exercise sound judgement and ably employ platforms and weapons systems for the effective execution of battle plans. Maintenance, repair and sustainment policies enhance battle readiness and promote excellence.

LOGISTICS SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT – Forces Need Sustainment

Logistics fuel activities and determine endurance of forces to carry out their missions. To be useful over the long run, the availability of people, platforms, installations and combat systems need to be assured at all times. Platforms have to be kept in excellent form to perform their national defense duties. Through good logistics systems, the service and useful lives of sensors and weapons and their combat value is optimized and maximized. Proper logistics standard operating instructions and procedures sustain and augment the capacity of individuals and units. In war, it is imperative that a country seamlessly and consistently supports and sustains its armed forces. Even the lack of ammunition could be as debilitating as being pummeled in battle. Logistical support activities also constantly provide supplies for the requirements of remote outposts and areas frequently at the crosshairs of the enemy and at the mercy of weather. Logistics is vital and the lack of it imperils not only the defense forces but ultimately national security.

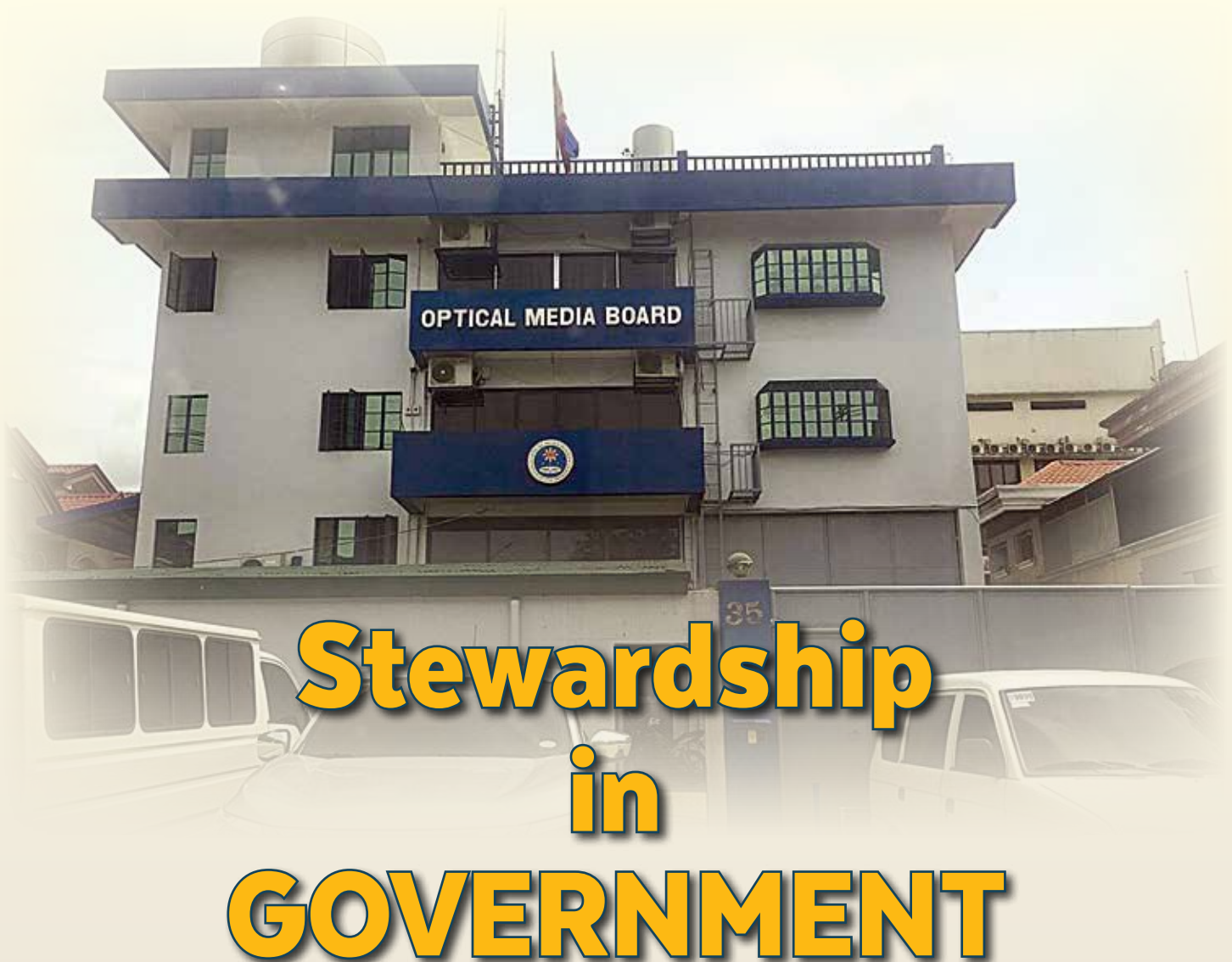
CONCLUSION

Adequate and effective systems create the best defense apparatuses.

Proper modernization is the key to building strong and credible forces. If complete and handled well, defense and national security policies and efforts will yield the needed results and bring the desired returns. Enhanced readiness is achieved and the capabilities of armed forces to bring about a secure environment are made potent. With all the essential components, expensive war platforms and systems can properly perform in combat and/or can be sustained through periods of crises and dangerous times. The costly weapons and war materiel purchases will then be worth their price tags. Facing off with better manned, well-maintained and adequately sustained assets of adversaries that have enough war materiel requires nothing less than a complete modernization effort where the components are complementing one another.



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Most people might have an impression that being a government employee is just a job. However, a public position is a public trust. More is expected from a public servant. I recall my short stint as Chairman of the Videogram Regulatory Board which was the predecessor of today's Optical Media Board. The Videogram Regulatory Board (VRB) was tasked to implement anti-piracy activities of copyrighted materials contained in videotapes and in digital discs. I remember being appointed as Chairman and immediately noticing that a substantial part of VRB's budget was set aside to pay rental of approximately Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 500,000.00) a month. I learned that fifteen (15) years before, the VRB was merely renting and paying a substantial amount. Thinking about it, the total of the payment of rent for the previous fifteen (15) years could have been better utilized to purchasing a permanent office

of the VRB. Clearly, this exorbitant expense did not sit well with me and I could not just overlook the same. Hence, on top of the anti-piracy activities and investigations, we were able to cause the purchase of a permanent place at Scout Limbaga in Quezon City by turning the monthly rental to a monthly amortization. As such, we turned a liability into an asset for the government. There was no more need to pay rental every month. If only all government agencies have this mind set, resources can be optimized in order to provide better public service. Indeed, public servants are also called to be public stewards and caretakers.

LESSON: As shown by this experience, it is to the advantage of government to acquire its own office building instead of simply shelling out an increasingly substantial portion of limited government resources for rental expense alone.



Updates On House Bill 8969 (MUP Pension System Act) Senate Bill 2501

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A. BACKGROUND

On 28 March 2023, Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno during a press briefing declared proposed drastic changes to the MUP pension system. He wants all active members and new entrants to contribute to their pension; stop pension indexing to prevailing pay rate for those already retired; pension of those who will retire should be based on last rank held; and, pension payment for optional retirement should only commence at age 57. Then it was followed by the finance team's information campaign among selected MUP units and offices; however, it did not consult the retirees.

As a counterproposal to that of Secretary Diokno, the PMA Class of 1971, Inc. published its position paper "Reforming the MUP Pension System". It recommends the following: 1. That Secretary Diokno heed the advice of Presidential Legal Adviser Juan Ponce Enrile to go easy in pursuing his proposals and also the appeal for prudence by former Senator Panfilo "Ping" Lacson and wait for the much-needed completed actuarial study; 2. That the MUP pension remain noncontributory and indexed to inflation with provisions for pension and separation benefits equalization; and, 3. That the MUP be entitled to pay adjustment in order to catch up with that granted to civilian government personnel from 2020 to 2023 pursuant to RA 11466.

On 15 August, the House Ad Hoc Committee on MUP Pension System chaired by Congressman Joey Salceda approved a pension package that would form part of House Bill (HB) 8969. On 17 August, I wrote Congressman Salceda that notwithstanding the canceled consultation with retirees, I expressed my concerns namely: 1. Only new entrants may be required to contribute to their pension; 2. The military pension may not be made contributory pursuant to Section 7, Article XVI, 1987 Constitution; and 3. Pension indexing should be retained at present level. Also, on same date, the Secretary of National Defense (SND) expressed, among others, his concern regarding active members' contribution.

On 27 August, I wrote Congressman Raul Tupas (PMA Class of 1994), Chairman, House Committee on National Defense and Security, reiterating my concerns about the approved pension package; more so that 250,000 pensioners were not consulted by the Ad Hoc Committee and by the finance team that went around MUP units and offices.

On 31 August, I had a luncheon meeting with Congressman Tupas and his staff at the Legislative Affairs Office, GHQ AFP, hosted by its Chief, BGEN Acmad Omar, Jr. He informed that HB 8969 would be amended during its Second Reading so that only new entrants will contribute to their pension and that pension indexing would be retained at present rate. He also invited me to join him as a resource person during the plenary session for the Second Reading.

On 3 September, I wrote Congressman Tupas to provide him more information as reference in amending the Bill. Among others, it included the recommendation for adoption of equal benefit for permanently and totally disabled MUP in line of duty with one year separation pay and lifetime pension at 80 percent of pay similar to that granted to uniformed personnel of the DILG. It was considered though modified to grant lifetime pension at 90 percent without separation pay. At present, said benefit in the military is 50 percent of pay only. I also recommended and justified the amendment of the Bill so that even the present retirees who are qualified should be entitled to maximum 90 percent of pay and longevity pay and not future retirees only which was included among the amendments; thereby, benefiting qualified military retirees.

On 19 September, plenary amendments were introduced and approved then the Bill was approved on Second Reading, followed by its approval on Third Reading on 25 September, then forwarded to the Senate for its own deliberation.

B. SALIENT PROVISIONS OF THE BILL INCLUDE: 1. Pension shall be based on one rank higher for those in the active service and on last rank held for new entrants; 2. For those in the active service, pension indexing shall be maintained at current rate while for new entrants, there will be no automatic pension indexing; 3. Pension at maximum 90 percent of base pay and longevity pay shall apply to all qualified MUP (having served for more than 34 years); 4. Only

new entrants will contribute to their pension at nine (9) percent of base pay and longevity pay plus 12 percent as government counterpart contribution; 5. Survivor pension of those killed in action or complete disability pension shall be 90 percent of pay; 6. Compulsory retirement shall be at age 57; 7. Present system of optional retirement shall remain; 8. Pay adjustment shall be fixed at three (3) percent annually for 10 years; and, 9. There shall be two MUP trust funds namely, the AFP Trust Fund and the Uniformed Personnel Services Trust Fund, with the GSIS as their designated fund manager and benefits administrator.

C. ASSESSMENT

Thus far, the Bill approved by the House of Representatives may well be considered a major victory for the MUP mainly because the vested rights to noncontributory pension of more than 400,000 MUP in the active service and vested rights of more than 250,000 retirees to the present rate of pension indexing will be preserved; pension and separation benefits among MUP will be equalized; and the present optional retirement system will remain unchanged. Relative diminution of benefits will apply to new entrants only. The provisions of the approved Bill turned out much better when compared with the proposals of Secretary Diokno. The MUP owes a lot to Congressman Tupas, who convinced Congressman Salceda to make amendments on the Bill in favor of the MUP. We should also be thankful for the support of Congressman Salceda and Congressman Dan Fernandez, Chairman, Committee on Public Order and Security. I was present in the conference room when the three congressmen, the Principal Sponsors of the Bill together with their staff, brainstormed with MUP representatives and consolidated the plenary amendments to the Bill.

D. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT AT THE SENATE

In order to improve further the MUP pension system, the following changes to HB 8969 are recommended for consideration at the Senate: 1. Military pension should remain noncontributory, pursuant to Section 7, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution; 2. Pension of the CSAFP and CPNP (SG 30) should be based on one salary grade higher at SG 31; 3. For new entrants, the Bill should specify their added benefits similar to those granted to the members of GSIS such as but not limited to compulsory life insurance, dividends, and funeral benefits; and, 4. Annual pay adjustments should initially be equal to or not lower than civilian government personnel's pay as of 2023 pursuant to RA 11466. A jibed inquiry in aid of legislation should be conducted to determine the culpability of those responsible for issuance of EO 201 s 2016 that deprived the MUP of pay adjustment and pension indexing in 2016 and 2017 and also their exclusion from RA 11466 that granted pay adjustment to all civilian government personnel in four tranches from 2020 to 2023. If warranted, the Senate may recommend to the President and Commander-in-Chief of all armed forces to initiate a proposed bill to recompense the MUP of all the benefits denied of them en masse.

Thus, on 2 October, I wrote Senator Jinggoy Estrada, Chairman, Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation to recommend the adoption of the proposed changes in the Senate version of the Bill (ANNEX A). I also emailed the letter to the other 23 senators requesting for their support to the proposals.

Upon request, former Senator/Cav Panfilo "Ping" Lacson '71 furnished me a copy of the draft Senate Bill on 10 November. On 17 November, I emailed Secretary Gilberto Teodoro (ANNEX B) recommending that the Department evaluate and consider my comments and recommendations therein as inputs to the revision of the draft Senate Bill.

However, on 1 December, it turned out that the draft bill was already filed and numbered as Senate Bill No. 2501 which means that it will already be presented for deliberation during plenary sessions. I noted that the filed bill basically remained similar to the draft bill that I commented on except that (and worst of all), an insertion under Section 39 would limit the grant of maximum MUP pension at 90 percent only to new entrants and those already in the active service upon effectivity of the new Act. Thus, the maximum pension of the military retirees will continue to be pegged at 85 percent.

On the contrary, HB 8969 already allows maximum pension from 85 to 90 percent for the military retirees who had served for more than 34 years. Thus, on 2 December, I wrote another letter to Secretary Teodoro recommending that the Department make representation with Senator Jinggo Estrada so that plenary amendments be introduced giving priority to amendment of Section 39 to once and for all rectify the said discrepancy in favor of the military retirees.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The MUP organizations or even individual MUP may request Senator Jinggo Estrada or their other senator-friends to support our proposed changes, with priority being given to the amendment of Section 39 so that military retirees may be allowed maximum pension from 85 to 90 percent.

ANNEX A - LETTER TO SENATOR JINGGOY ESTRADA

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2 October 2023
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SENATOR JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Chairman, Senate Committee on National Defense and Security.
Peace, Unification and Reconciliation
Room 602 GSIS Bldg., Financial Center,
Diokno Blvd., Pasay City

Dear Senator Estrada:

In reference to the House Bill 8969 (MUP Pension System Act) that was approved on Third Reading and forwarded to the Senate for further deliberation, I have the honor to submit the following recommendations for consideration by the Honorable Chairman.

1. THE MILITARY PENSION SHOULD REMAIN NON-CONTRIBUTORY - This option is highly recommended. Should it be unfortunately enacted that military pension be made contributory, then the Philippines will become the only country in the world that makes noncontributory pension exclusive to favored and selected civil service personnel namely, members of the judiciary, prosecution service and constitutional commissions. Whereas, in other countries such as but not limited to the United States, United Kingdom, and Colombia, the noncontributory pension is exclusive to their military.

1.1. According to Section 7, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution, "The State shall provide immediate care, benefits, and other forms assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefor and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and, in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources." Attached to the letter of Congressman Joey Sarte Salceda to the undersigned dated 19 September 2023 (ATTACHMENT 1), is a paper SPECIAL STATUS OF MILITARY PENSION SYSTEM. It revealed that the framers of the Constitution in their discussion really meant and intended to make the military pension *sui generis* and they deliberately excluded "AND GOVERNMENT RETIREES" from the final draft of Section 7. Veteran as defined by RA 9396 s 2007 includes among others, military personnel who served for at least 20 years; thus, all military retirees are veterans whose benefits funded by the Government include among others, the three noncontributory pensions namely:

1.1.1. The AFP pension, that has been granted since the 1930's or more than 88 years ago, pursuant to Commonwealth Act No. 1;

1.1.2. Old age pension upon reaching age 65 at P5,000 monthly, pursuant to RA 6948 s 1990; and,

1.1.3. Total disability pension upon reaching age 70 at P1,700 monthly, pursuant to RA 7696 s 1994.

1.2. In 2023, the AFP pension is about P58 billion. Considering the improving internal security situation, the future trend in AFP personnel strength will be on a downtrend due to slowdown in recruitment. Military personnel, unlike civilian government personnel, do not have security in tenure because they are covered by attrition policies which have become more restrictive with the recent enactment of RA 11709 as amended by RA 11939. The act provides for forced attrition wherein officers and enlisted personnel get separated from the service after having been considered for promotion to the next higher grade, failed to qualify on account of their own fault, failure or negligence or lack of individual merit, or who have completed the maximum tenure-in-grade. Hence, both factors will likely contribute to slowdown in annual AFP pension growth rate in the long term.

1.3. All the three aforementioned noncontributory pensions are gifts of the Filipino people to soldiers for their honorable and dedicated service, at risk of life and limbs. The soldiers undertake multifarious tasks and historically, they have performed well.

1.3.1. They have been in the forefront of national defense and internal security operations. During World War II, though ill equipped and lacking in preparedness, they fought gallantly against the Japanese invaders in Bataan and Corregidor; suffered the Death March, then continued fighting the war through guerrilla warfare. At present, though still with limited capabilities, they occupy islets in the West Philippine Sea to show the Philippine flag and our strong determination to defend our territories. Likewise, they have been engaged in anti-dissident campaigns against the Hukbalahap, Kamlon uprising, CPP-NPA-NDF, MNLF, MILF, ASG, BIFF, and other terrorist groups.

1.3.2. They undertake United Nations Peacekeeping missions. They fought in Korea in the 50's when a total of 7,420 military personnel were deployed with 114 of them killed in action and 229 wounded. They had also been deployed in Vietnam, East Timor, Liberia, Haiti and Golan Heights.

1.3.3. They perform nonmilitary tasks such as humanitarian assistance and disaster response to include the war against COVID-19, construction of roads, bridges and school buildings in far flung areas; election duties; and even law enforcement whenever called for.

In order to perform their multifarious tasks, they are on duty 24/7 without overtime pay, and usually away from their families. Disciplinary measures are strictly enforced. They are covered by the Articles of War under the military justice system. They may be court martialed without prejudice to being prosecuted in civilian trial court for criminal offenses. Likewise, they could be disciplined or separated from the service through administrative proceedings like facing the Efficiency and Separation Board.

Lately, the AFP has performed its mission and assigned tasks with distinction that earned the respect and admiration of the people. For instance, in the Publicis Asia Survey for the First Quarter 2022, the AFP ranked No.1 agency for both approval and performance ratings. It also topped the firm's 2nd and 4th Quarter Surveys in 2021. In 2023, it is rated second.

Therefore, making the military pension contributory through legislation will be punitive, a great disservice and an insult to the dignity of the Filipino soldier— the only soldier in the world whose internationally accepted benefit as exclusive to the military is on the verge of being recalled by his very own government. Hence, adversaries of the state and or the President and Commander-in-Chief, foreign and local, must be gloating in silence— FEICHANG HAO!

2. PENSION OF CSAFP AND CPNP (SG 30) TO BE BASED ON SG 31 OR ONE SALARY GRADE HIGHER— At present, the pension of all other retired MUP is based on one rank higher. Since, there is no military/police rank higher than general (four star), CSAFP/CPNP pension is based on last rank held or equal to the pension of all retirees at three-star rank. With due respect, this is unfair to both highest- ranking military and police officers. However, RA 9166 s 2002 has already authorized salary grades for all military ranks for the purpose of salary adjustment. Since the CSAFP is SG-30, enactment may grant that his pension be based on SG-31; same shall be applicable to the CPNP. At present, the annual pension of a retired CSAFP is P2.287 million which is less than 50 percent of the annual pension of his counterpart in the judiciary such as retired associate justices (SG-30) in the Court of Appeals whose annual pension based on pay and all allowances received upon retirement could range from P4.4 to P5.4 million as of 2021.

3. For new entrants, the Bill should specify their added benefits similar to the entitlement of the present members of GSIS pursuant to RA 8291 such as but not necessarily limited to compulsory life insurance, dividends, and funeral benefits.

4. REGARDING THE MUP PAY INCREASE AT THREE PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, the pay for all ranks for Year 0 (reference pay rate) should be equal to or not less than the pay of civilian counterparts as of 2023 which shall be subject to adjustment at three percent for Year 1 (Attachment 2). By so doing, the MUP pay will be at par with the Fourth Tranche of the pay adjustment for all civilian government employees granted by RA 11466. Further, recommend that the Bill include a *proviso* that at the end of the fifth and tenth years, the MUP pay shall be reviewed and adjusted accordingly in the sixth and eleventh years only if their pay will lag behind those for the civilian government employees. The proposal is in accordance with the spirit and intent of RA 9166 which designated equivalent salary grades for all military ranks for the purpose of pay adjustment.

With deep concern Mr. Chairman, it is apparent in the matrix that RA 11466 has unduly deprived the active MUP of pay adjustment from 2020

to 2023 in all ranks except that for the Private, Private First Class, Corporal, and Sergeant which is tantamount to unjust deprivation of benefits due to more than 600,000 MUP, active and retired. It is already the second time in eight years that they have been deprived of benefits en masse. We cannot forget how Executive Order No 201 s 2016 usurped legislative power in order to deny the MUP pay adjustment and pension indexing in 2016 and 2017. Hence, in order to once and for all, put a stop to the incessant abuse of the MUP, I respectfully recommend that a jibed inquiry in aid of legislation be initiated at the Senate regarding the two instances to determine probable culpability of responsible officials of cognizant agencies and if it will warrant, a report be made to the President and Commander-in-Chief of all our armed forces to rectify the mistakes and recompense the MUP for benefits that they have been unduly deprived of.

Finally, Mr Chairman, as a retiree, I will always remember the benevolence of the Senate to the MUP in recent past when on two occasions in 2015 and 2017, it steadfastly supported the MUP pension indexing to prevailing pay rate. Thus, from 2018 onwards, more than 220,000 retirees have enjoyed pension adjustment that exceeds P30 billion annually. It was indeed beyond forgetting. Feeling awed, I wrote a letter to the Senate President on 1 June 2019 as a soldier's expression of gratitude and tribute to the Senate (Attachment 3). From then on, I have had that high respect and admiration for our Senate.

Very respectfully yours,

Ariston V Delos Reyes
Vice Admiral AFP (Ret)

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ATTACHMENT 1

SPECIAL STATUS OF THE MILITARY PENSION SYSTEM
(Attachment to the Emailed Letter of Congressman Joey Salceda to Retired VADM Ariston V Delos Reyes dated 19 September 2023)

1. The original formulation of Article XVI, Section 5 (then Section 4 in the draft for discussion), is as follows:

SECTION 7. The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns AND GOVERNMENT RETIREES, their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefor and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and, in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources.

2. Member Florangel Rosario-Braid questioned the basis of "what urges the committee to put war veterans and government retirees together for the purpose of equal entitlement to adequate care and benefits and also for preference for them in the acquisition of public lands and the development of natural resources?"

3. Dr. Braid argued that "The entitlement of veterans to such benefits is traditional, historic and customary but I have yet to understand why the government retirees in this section have risen to the same moral rank for purposes of the recognition of the nation as the war veterans."

4. Member Blas Ople seconded this, saying that "I think there are **both ethical and political Justifications for the State to go out of its way to recognize the special contributions of, first, the valorous death of a people, those who died in defense of their country and their widows and orphans; and, second, those who fought in those times of supreme test for their country and who had the good luck to survive in whole or in part,**" adding that he found it "a little bit odd that they should be paired off with government retirees."

5. Secretary Ople added that retiring from the government or the private sector "is something to which many people look forward as a **reward not**

from the State but from their own lifetime labors, the time having come to put down the burden and perhaps enjoy the accumulated few savings of a lifetime, if that is possible."

6. Secretary Ople also said that he would "introduce an amendment that would separate the veterans from the government retirees." The Ople proposal was eventually adopted as the formulation in the 1987 Constitution, which **excludes government retirees**.

7. RA 6948 defines veterans as follows:

Section 2. Definitions. –

(a) Veteran – any person who rendered military service in the land, sea or air forces of the Philippines during the revolution against Spain, the Philippine-American War, World War II, including Filipino citizens who served in Allied Forces in the Philippine territory and foreign nationals who served in Philippine forces, the Korean Campaign, the Vietnam Campaign, the Anti-Dissidence Campaign, or other wars and military campaigns; or who rendered military service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and has been honorably discharged or separated after at least six (6) years total cumulative active service, or sooner separated due to death or disability arising from a wound or injury received or sickness or disease incurred in line of duty while in the active service.

ATTACHMENT 2

COMPARATIVE PAY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL BY SALARY GRADE TO DETERMINE MUP PAY RATE AS REFERENCE FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT

Rank Reference	Salary Grade	Base Pay 2019	Civ Personnel 2023	MUP Pay Rate
	(RA 9166)	(JR No.1)	(RA 11466)	(Recommended for Year 0)
General	30	P149,785	P 189,199	P189,199
Lt General	29	125,574	167,432	167,432
Maj General	28	102,896	148,171	148,171
Brig General	27	91,058	131,124	131,124
Colonel	26	80,583	116,040	116,040
Lt Colonel	25	71,313	102,690	102,690
Major	24	62,555	90,078	90,078
Captain	23	56,582	80,003	80,003
First Lieutenant	22	49,528	71,511	71,511
Second Lt	21	43,829	63,997	63,997
Probationary Lt	19	38,366	51,537	51,537
Cadet	19	38,366	51,537	51,537
First Chief Msgt	19	38,366	51,537	51,537
Chief Msgt	18	34,761	46,725	46,725
Senior Msgt	17	34,079	43,030	43,030
Master Sgt	16	33,411	39,672	39,672
Technical Sgt	15	32,756	36,619	36,619
Staff Sgt	14	32,114	33,843	33,843
Sergeant	13	31,484	31,320	31,484*
Corporal	12	30,867	29,165	30,867*
Private 1st Class	11	30,261	27,000	30,261*
Private	10	29,668	23,176	29,668*
Candidate Soldier	7	18,587	18,620	18,620

* Year 0 pay reference for Private, Private First Class, Corporal, and Sergeant shall be pursuant to JR No.1 (2019 or Second Tranche) while the rest shall be based on 2023 pay rate of civilian government personnel (Fourth Tranche, pursuant to RA 11466).

ATTACHMENT 3

A Soldier's Expression of Gratitude and Tribute to the Senate
(Below is the author's e-mailed letter to the Senate President with copy furnished to all other senators, timed just before the end of the 17th Congress when some of the senators who supported the MUP pension indexing were outgoing, including Cavalier Gregorio Honasan '71. The MUP pension indexing to the current base pay rate has been implemented for military retirees in June 2019.)

1 June 2019

Honorable Vicente C. Sotto III
Senate President
GSIS Bldg., Financial Center
Diokno Blvd., Pasay City

Dear Senator Sotto:

As a retired soldier, I have the honor to express my sincerest gratitude to the Senate for its support to the pension indexing to prevailing rate for the retired military and uniformed personnel (MUP), in a way that I believe is unprecedented in the history of Philippine legislation.

Firstly, on 15 December 2015, you put into motion the recall of the Salary Standardization Bill 2015 from its approval during third reading back to second reading to support, instead of suspending, the MUP pension indexing. All senators present unanimously approved your motion. Had the Senate not made that last-minute change of position, the retired MUP would have been indefinitely deprived of what is due them and that would definitely be detrimental to their morale.

Secondly, during the plenary session on 13 December 2017, all the 20 senators present voted for a joint resolution that supported pension indexing. Prior to that session, you, with Senators Honasan and Lacson, teamed up and coordinated with the Lower House to ensure that a joint resolution allowing pension adjustment would pass for approval by President Duterte.

The MUP pension indexing will benefit more than 220,000 pensioners, about 89 percent of whom are enlisted personnel and equivalent ranks. While as of this writing, the much-awaited pension adjustment has yet to be funded, it is all right with me. The mere thought of how the Senate, all the way, supported MUP pension adjustment convinced me that somehow, someway, I should thank the Senate.

Finally, attached is my paper "Successes and Defeats in Defense of the Military and Uniformed Personnel (MUP) Pension System." It was published in the March-April 2019 Issue of The Cavalier, the magazine of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI). Its two annexes provide details on how the Senate supported the pension indexing in 2015 and 2017 as mentioned above. Please consider it as a soldier's humble tribute to the Senate. The military and uniformed personnel, active and retired, now and in the future ought to know; the people ought to know - we have a good and independent Senate.

MABUHAY ANG SENADO!

Very respectfully yours,

Ariston V delos Reyes
Vice Admiral AFP (Ret)

ANNEX B - LETTER TO SECRETARY GILBERTO TEODORO

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Cainta, Rizal
17 November 2023

HONORABLE GILBERTO TEODORO
Secretary of National Defense
Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Teodoro (Sir):

In reference to the draft Senate Bill (attached below) that will likely be considered for filing and deliberated for approval by the Senate vis a vis the HB 8969 already approved at the House of Representatives, I have the honor to request that the Department evaluate and consider the comments and recommendations below. It is worthwhile to note that there is still ongoing consultation among other uniformed services offices by the concerned Senate Technical Working Group and it could be a good opportunity to forward proposed revisions to the draft.

1. Section 2. Coverage. _ The Act shall apply only to new entrants unless otherwise specified in its succeeding provisions. Thus, Section 7 pertaining to retirement grade and pay should include a provision that for retired and active military personnel who entered the active service prior to effectivity of this Act shall be entitled to maximum 90 percent (90%) of base pay (BP) and longevity pay (LP) for 36 years of active duty and over and with prospective application only. This is the intent of HB 8969 pursuant to its Section 8. Otherwise, the bill will continue to be discriminatory to qualified military personnel, active and retired. At present, all uniformed services personnel are allowed maximum 90 percent of BP/LP compared with 85 percent for the military.

2. Section 14. Funding Sources. _ The bill provides that military personnel shall contribute seven percent (7%) of their BP/LP as personal share and the National Government shall contribute fourteen percent (14%) as its counterpart share vis a vis nine percent (9%) personal share and twelve percent (12%) Government counterpart contribution for the uniformed services personnel. My recommendation_ In its lieu, the personal share

should be three percent (3%) of BP/LP while Government counterpart shall be maintained at 14%.

JUSTIFICATIONS

2.1. The military pension should remain noncontributory pursuant to Section 7, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution as explained in my letter to Senator Jinggoy Estrada dated 2 October 2023.

2.2. The three percent personal share is intended only for compulsory life insurance while in the active service. This is equal to that granted to judges, prosecutors and members of the Constitutional Commissions for their insurance pursuant to Section 5-a. of RA 8291 or the GSIS Act of 1997. On the other hand, the premium for insurance of all other civilian government personnel is built-in to their personal contribution at nine percent. In effect, they only contribute six percent for their retirement. Out of the Government share, three percent shall be the counterpart for compulsory life insurance and the balance of 11 percent shall be invested to build up the military pension fund that will augment the annual appropriation for the pension of new entrants upon their optional retirement after 20 years in the service or compulsory retirement at age 57.

2.3. The other components of the AFP Pension Fund will augment further the funding requirements for the pension benefits of the new entrants after 20 to 36 years in the service. Hence, even if the pension of new entrants will remain noncontributory, the continuing growth of the Fund will likely be sufficient in the very long term. Otherwise, if fund shortage would exist, say 50 years after effectivity of the Act, it may just be partially augmented by annual appropriation. For instance, the cash and present book value of the residual assets of the AFPRSBS are estimated at P20 billion. Assuming that its property assets could be disposed in two years, and then invested with average annual return of seven percent, then it would amount to about P80 billion after 22 years when not so many new entrants would avail of optional retirement yet. After 32 years, the AFPRSBS fund alone could amount to P160 billion, a source of pension fund for those who will compulsorily retire.

3. Section 28. Termination of Benefits. _ The Section should be deleted since forfeiture of benefits of retired uniformed personnel who lose their Filipino citizenship is discriminatory because all present members of GSIS are not covered by such restriction. However, Section 12 which applies to the new military entrants may be retained if they will not contribute to their pension as they will be included in the list of AFP reservists pursuant to RA 7077, subject to recall for active duty; hence, their Filipino citizenship should be maintained.

4. Section 38. Adjustment in Salary and Pension Benefits. _ It provides for the annual increase in the base pay at three percent for the next 10 years to include those in the active service upon effectivity of the Act. An added rationale for the review on the base pay on the fifth year and when the need arises thereafter shall be to equalize the pay of the military and uniformed personnel with that of their civilian counterparts pursuant to RA 9166 for the military personnel and such other applicable laws for the uniformed personnel. Further, it should include the provision for the prospective adjustment of pension benefits of the Chief of Staff AFP and Chief, Philippine National Police, both Salary Grade 30 to Salary Grade 31, to be consistent with the grant of retirement benefits to all other ranks for those who are retired or in the active service upon effectivity of this Act.

5. Section 40 provides salutation pay at P20,000 to new entrants upon joining the military and uniformed services and medical insurance upon retirement. In addition to the salutation pay, the new entrants should be covered by compulsory life insurance while in active service and granted dividends for their insurance, funeral benefits and such other entitlements of GSIS members pursuant to RA 8291. However, medical insurance after retirement should not be included anymore because all government personnel are covered by PHILHEALTH. Moreover, military pensioners are veterans and are entitled to medical and dental benefits being administered by PVAO.

I hope that the above recommendations will merit due consideration by the Department.

Very respectfully yours.

Ariston V Delos Reyes
VADM AFP (Ret)

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Mga Kaalaman ng PLEBO

* Desiderata *

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible, without surrender,
be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly
and listen to others,
even to the dull and the ignorant,
they too have their story.
Avoid loud and aggressive persons,
they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others,
you may become vain and bitter
for always there will be
greater and lesser persons than yourself.
Enjoy your achievements
as well as your plans.
Keep interested in your own career, however humble
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs,
for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is,
many persons strive for high ideals,
and everywhere life is full of heroism.
Be yourself.
Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love,
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is perennial as the grass.
Take kindly
to the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit
to shield you in sudden misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with imaginings.
Many fears are born
of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.
You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars
you have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe
is unfolding as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life,
keep peace in your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery
and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful.
Strive to be happy.

a prose by Max Ehrmann

* Mga Minimithi *

Humayo nang mahinahon sa kaingayan at pagdudumali,
at tandaan ano ang kapayapaang napapala sa katahimikan.
Hangga't maaari, nang walang pagsuko,
pakitunguhan nang mabuti ang lahat ng tao.
Bigkasin mo ang katotohanan nang malumanay at malinaw
at makinig sa kapwa,
kahit ang pulpol at ang mangmang
mayroon din silang salaysay.
Iwasan ang mga taong maingay, mabalasik,
Sila'y pampayamot ng sigla,
Kung ihambing ang iyong sarili sa iba
Ika'y makakaramdam ng bigo at saklap,
sapagka't laging may
mga higit na mapalad at kapuspalad kaysa sa iyo.
Matuwa ka sa iyong mga natupad
ganoon din sa iyong mga balak.
Mawili lagi sa iyong sariling tungkulin, kahit na ito'y hamak,
ito'y angking tunay sa pabago-bagong kapalaran ng panahon.
Maging maingat sa kalakaran ng iyong kabuhayan,
sapagka't ang mundo'y tigib ng panlilinlang.
Ngunit huwag ka pabulag sa mga laan na kabutihan
maraming tao ang nagsisikap na maging uliran
at saan man ang buhay ay puno ng kabayanihan.
Magpakatotoo ka.
Lalo na, huwag mapagkunwari sa panunuyo.
O kaya mag-alinlangan sa pag-ibig,
sapagkat sa kabila ng lahat ng kawalan ng sigla't kabiguan,
ito'y mananatili tulad ng damo.
Tanggapin nang buong kalooban
ang payong dulot ng mga nagdaan taon,
Banayad mong isuko ang silakbo ng kabataan.
Magpakasigla ka
bilang pananggalang mo sa biglang kasawian.
Ngunit huwag kang maligalig sa mga guni-guni.
Maraming pangamba ay bunga lamang
ng kapaguran at pamamanglaw.
Sa ibabaw ng sapat na pagtitimpi,
maging banayad sa iyong sarili.
Ikaw ay supling ng sansinukob,
gaya rin ng mga punongkahoy at mga bituin
may karapatan kang mabuhay.
At malinaw man sa iyo o hindi,
tiyak na ang sansinukob
ay mamumukadkad gaya ng inaasahan.
Kaya mabuhay nang mapayapa ayon sa kolooban ng Diyos
anuman ang pagkakakilala mo sa Kanya,
at anuman ang iyong mga pagsisikap at adhikain,
sa maingay na kaguluhan ng buhay,
pairalin ang kapayapaan sa iyong kaluluwa.
Sa kabila ng mga pagkukunwari, kabagutan
at mga bigong pangarap,
maganda pa rin ang mundo,
Matuwa ka.
Sikaping maging maligaya.

Isinalin ni Tom Decena



HUMOR IN UNIFORM

After retirement, a former Police Director married a young 25-year-old woman.

Now, he was spending less time golfing with his friends.

His concerned friends enquired if there was a problem.

"I'm eager to pass time with you all, but my young wife gets lonely when I'm away," he said.

His friends jokingly advised him: "You should keep a young tenant at home; your wife will surely be entertained in the company of a younger person!"

The Police Director nevertheless acted on their advice, and leased a room in his big house to a young tenant.

Now, the friends were meeting more often.

One day, the friends asked, "How is your wife now Director?"

"She is not lonely at all. In fact, she is happy, and the good news is that she is pregnant!"

The friends burst in laughter.

"And how is the tenant?" they asked.

The Director replied very soberly:

"That's the bad news. She is also pregnant..."

Lesson: Never underestimate a Veteran, especially a Police Director!

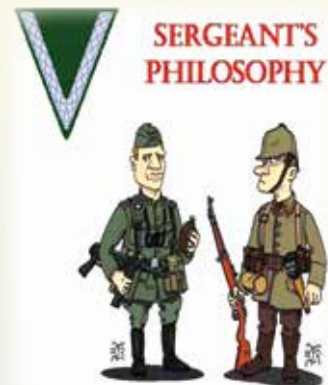
The Company Commander and the First Sergeant were in the field. As they hit the sack for the night, the First Sergeant said, "Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

The CO said, "I see millions of stars."

1st Sgt: "And what does that tell you, Sir?"

CO: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?"

1st Sgt.: "Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent."



TRIVIA

UNCLE BOBO'S WISDOM

1. Don't worry about changes in the Corps.
2. Don't worry about seatworks.
3. Don't worry about hops.
4. Don't worry about parades and punishments.
5. Don't worry about rats and cockroaches.
6. Don't worry about being on the red.
7. Don't worry about delinquency reports.
8. Don't worry about graduation (your time will come).
9. Don't worry about whom to give the other mini-ring.
10. Worry about your story in the Academy.
11. Worry about how to improve yourself.
12. Worry about how to live up to the Academy's ideal of excellence and its motto of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty.

Source: "Graduation 1979" issue *The Corps Magazine*, p.41.

The PMA Logo

THE HELMET - The decidedly enviable position it holds certainly bespeaks of the lofty military ideals of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty for which it is intended to stand. Incidentally, these words are actually embossed on the ensigne. The repetition is engendered by the necessity of turning out men who are more vigilant in the role they are to play.

THE THREE STARS - Just like the Philippine Flag, the three stars stand for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

THE SHEATHED SWORD - The sword itself stands for the military profession and its being sheathed demands that the pursuit of the Army should not be channeled to oppression or aggression. Moreover, the use of the sword to stand for military career necessitates a close adherence to the principles of gentlemanliness which characterized the sword player during the olden times.

THE OIL LAMP - Education is the best word symbolized by the oil lamp. Intellectual enlightenment and development should be a paramount concern of military men since they are the strongest media which the exercise of the faculties are better controlled. Through them a broadened horizon is achieved which spurs sane and logical decision.

THE LAUREL LEAVES - These stand for honor. The Academy is a failure if it turns out men whose end is greed, for then, the means will always be deception. If behind the façade of overwhelming honesty lurks a knavish monster, then the cadets have no right to be identified with the ensigne for they cannot stand the final reckoning in the tribunal of public opinion.



*Oh, proud and bold you stand
Bright beacon of the land...*

*...May thy sons ever be men of
integrity, courage and loyalty.*

CLASS CALL



EDUARDO G DOMINGO
President
RAYMUNDO T JARQUE
Secretary

Updates Available on Class 61 Women:

- Mimi Rodriguez, only lady of ex-PNP chief Umberto Rodriguez, celebrated her birthday last 16 October at Alba Restaurant, Estancia Mall in Pasig. Everyone had a full and happy stomach.

- Chit Aguirre spends most of her time attending to Mistah Alex's health concerns. The author of this class call asked her cooperation in maintaining the life of Class 61' men and women. As of to date, there are still 18 members of the class living, despite ageing, white hair, weak knees. But still enjoying life to the fullest.

- Lucy Simon is still busy as a bee as Dean of College of Nursing, Central Colleges of the Philippines, at Magsaysay Boulevard, Quezon City.

- Dolly Nazareno, wife of the late PNP chief Cesar Nazareno, is hibernating in Davao City at her daughter's place. We heard that she is encountering mental stress problems, lately.

- Mila, wife of former DAFA Cpt Manny Lukban, stays at home most of the time taking care of her hubby who has medical problems at the moment.

- Xenia Jarque enjoys posting religious messages at her Facebook account; accompanying her hubby Ray Jarque in Class 61 activities and events; and being with her "apos" dining out during family gatherings. She is also busy with her medical check-ups to cope with her own medical worries.

- Beng Tan is coping hard with the recent death of our Mistah Ernesto Tan. In this difficult time, she stays strong through her faith in the Lord Almighty that all will be well in the coming days.

The Class 61 women, while threatened and concerned with old age, still remain strong and ageing gracefully.

By the way, Mistah Urso Bello, with wife Lina, recently arrived in the country after almost 20 years of not returning. Mistah Bello pursued multifarious jobs in Maryland, USA. They will spend the Christmas season here and will go back to the U.S.A. in late December. His wife worked in an American Bank and is now retired. The wife is the daughter of the PMA dental officer when we were cadets in 1957-1961. Mistah Bello also has a son who graduated in PMA, now assigned with the Armor Division at Camp O'Donnell.

Mistahs Ernie Calupig and Romy Sanga submitted their respective articles for the Cavalier Magazine. Let us await which will see print first because we forwarded said articles rather very late and were beyond deadline.

Blessed birthday greetings to all our Class 61 celebrants:

July to September:

1. Alex Aguirre - 02 Sept
2. Urso Bello - 30 Sept
3. Claire Domingo - 12 Aug



Ray and Xenia Jarque visiting the grave of their son, the late Cpt Jose Rene N Jarque, USMA '86, at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. The couple took the opportunity to also visit the graves of Commodore Liston, Gen. Payaoan, and Col. Mario Teves.



Class 61 members, who are present during the birthday celebration of Mimi Rodriguez, enjoy a sumptuous lunch at Alba Restaurant. Seen at the foreground (L to R): Cely Calupig, Mila Lukban, Vicky Dumlao, Xeny Jarque, Monchi Biazon, Mimi Rodriguez, Lucy Simon and Beng Tan. At the far end, Umberto Rodriguez, Romy Sanga, Manny Lukban, Mistah Carandang, and Ray Jarque.

4. Manny Lukban – 29 Sept
5. Vic Mamon – 25 Sept
6. Mila Matic – 20 Sept
7. Rudy Simon – 11 July
8. Linda Villanueva – 18 Aug
9. Josie Gironella – 20 Sept
10. Xenia Jarque – 16 Aug

October to December:

1. Cecille Aquias - 19 Nov
2. Lina Bello -10 Dec
3. Lita EscaLA – 14 Dec
4. Auring Lagera – 04 Oct
5. Francine Lucero – 14 Nov
6. Mila Lukban - 19 Nov
7. Emma Ocampo – 26 Oct
8. Babee Payaon- 03 Nov
9. Mimi Rodriguez – 07 Oct
10. Romy Sanga. – 23 Nov
11. Lucy Simon – 14 Nov

Even if this class call is rather short, we are trying our best to submit one so we won't be tagged as a sleeping class. Kaya mga mistah, dabble in a while and send updates on your whereabouts and what have been keeping you busy. Till next issue!



Ray and Xenia Jarque were able to visit Mistah Ernie Tan on his sick bed. Mistah Tan was former commander of the Philippine Army Light Armor Regiment (PALAR) now known as the Mechanized Armor Division based in Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac. Mistah Ernie passed away recently.



Class 61 get-together at Villamor Air Base Golf Club last 16 August. In photo (L to R) Ed Cabanlig, Romy Sanga, Ed Domingo, Manny Lukban, Cesar Fortuno and Ray Jarque.



Ray Jarque met with Chit Aguirre, lady of Mistah PNP General Alexander Aguirre at the AFP Golf Club. Chit was with her two daughters and they just came from abroad as one daughter is married to a Dutch. She lives in Netherland.



Necrology mass for Mistah Ernesto Tan.



MANUEL B MARIANO
President
RAYMUNDO L LOGAN
Secretary

PMA CLASS 1962 at 62 years - It's time to make an accounting by doing a roll call –

LIVING MEMBERS

1. PBGEN AGBAYANI, ARMAND D
2. BGEN ALCUDIA, QUINTIN A
3. MAJ ALMAGRO, SALVADOR P JR
4. BGEN ATAYDE, FRANCISCO E
5. BGEN CARDONES, RENE G
6. COL CORTEZ, ARQUILAO G
7. PMGEN CRUZ, WILFREDO D
8. PMGEN CUSTODIO, NICASIO MA S
9. BGEN DAUZ, ERNESTO S
10. COL DELOS REYES, ROMEO A
11. COMMO DIVINAGRACIA, JOSE P
12. BGEN EVANGELISTA, AMAURY A
13. BGEN FERNANDEZ, EDUARDO M
14. LGEN FILLER, ALFREDO L
15. PLGEN FLORES, GERARDO N
16. BGEN HINLO, MIGUEL R
17. PLGEN KAGAOAN, AGERICO N
18. PMGEN LOGAN, RAYMUNDO L
19. COL MACATANGAY, GREGORIO B JR
20. VADM MADAMBA, ARMANDO Q
21. BGEN MARIANO, MANUEL B
22. COMMO MEANA, ROMEO T
23. COL MOTUS, RENATO T
24. COMMO PEREZ, PABLO P
25. COL RAMON, JAMES P
26. BGEN RIMANDO, JUANITO R
27. PMGEN SALIMBANGON, MANUEL A
28. COL SILVERIO, RODRIGO A
29. MGEN TANEGA, CARLOS F
30. BGEN TEMPLO, EMILIANO D
31. BGEN TIGULO, REMY T

DECEASED MEMBERS

1. + GEN ABADIA, LISANDRO C
2. + PLGEN ADIONG, JOSE PERCIVAL L
3. + 2LT AGUILAR, JAIME B
4. + COL ALIMORONG, DAVID T
5. + CAPT AVELLANOSA, DANILO M
6. + COL BACALLA, ALEXANDER I
7. + MAJ BRINGAS, ANTONIO B
8. + BGEN CARREON, FRANCISCO G

9. + MAJ CONDE, ANDRONICO L
10. + PMGEN CRUZ, RUBEN J
11. + 1LT CUSI, AQUILINO M
12. + BGEN DAVID, VIRGILIO M
13. + COL DE CASTRO, ALBERTO M
14. + PMGEN DEINLA, ROGER H
15. + COL DELA CRUZ, AUGUSTO L
16. + BGEN DIAMOS, BENITO P
17. + COL DOMALAON, VICENTE D
18. + COL DOREZA, RAMON M
19. + GEN ENRILE, ARTURO T
20. + MGEN ESTRELLADO, RODOLFO S
21. + BGEN FLORENDO, OSCAR M
22. + PBGEN FONTANILLA, MIGUEL F
23. + BGEN GALVEZ, PABLO V
24. +CAPT JOVER, HERNANI M
25. + CAPT LINTAG, GENEROSO O
26. + PBGEN LOPEZ, MANUEL S
27. + COL LUMIBAO, ALFONSO M
28. + BGEN MANIAGO, RAFAEL M
29. + CAPT MENDOZA, CASIANO B
30. + CPT MISA, TOMAS C
31. + CDR OCAMPO, EDUARDO A
32. + PMGEN PACHECO, FELINO C JR
33. + 1LT PANAHON, BAYANI JESUS M
34. + BGEN RAMISCAL, JOSE S JR
35. + COL REGALA, GEORGE L
36. + PBGEN REOTUTAR, WILFREDO R
37. + LGEN SORIANO, ORLANDO DV
38. + PMGEN TIBURCIO, MILTON F
39. + COMMO TOLENTINO, EDUARDO L
40. + PBGEN VALENTON, BENJAMIN F
41. + COL VALERA, HERMAN S

42. + 2LT VENTURA, VIVENCIO B
43. + COL VILLABROZA, AMANTE C
44. + MGEN VILLANUEVA, OSWALDO P
45. + BGEN YABES, TEODORO Y
46. + CAPT ZABALA, FLODELINO B
47. + COL LUIS, ROGELIO L (USMA)

PMA CLASS 1962 HONORARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

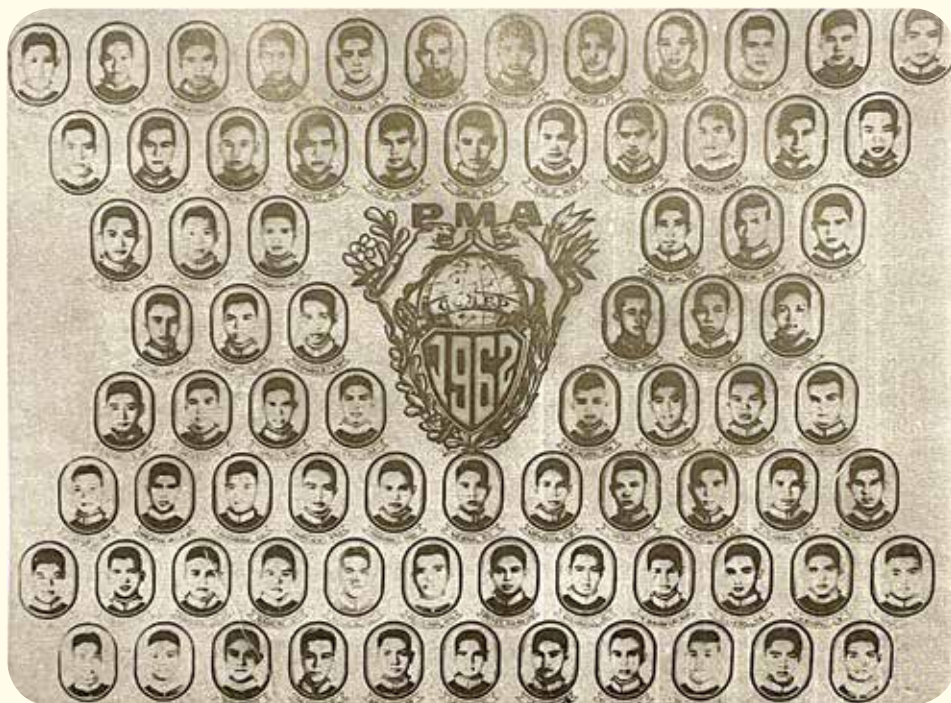
(LIVING MEMBERS)

1. COL ALEJO, NOEL
2. ANTON, MIKE
3. ESTRADA, RAMON
4. BGEN HINLO, JOEL
5. MARIN, RENE
6. PALISOC, RUPERT
7. COL RODRIGUEZ, RAMON
8. TONG, FELIX
9. YAN, RODOLFO

(DECEASED)

1. + DE OCAMPO, VICENTE
2. + ESTRELLA, JUN
3. + USEC GAMBOA, WILSON
4. + PBGEN LORENZO, HARRY
5. + MONROY, JESUS
6. + POTICAR, PABLO
7. + BGEN ZAPATOS, GORGONIO

We salute all our members and remember those who have passed before us...





GUILLERMO R RUIZ
President
RENE LEANDRO P EBRO
Secretary

Seasons greetings from the Matindi Class of 1963!

IN LOVING MEMORY:

We are sad to announce the demise of our beloved Mistah Bumie, P/MGen Honesto Pablo Bumanglag, PNP and his first wife Rose who passed away days apart respectively in September 2023.

28 SEPTEMBER 2023:

On a forEbor personal note, I was given a plaque of recognition by the PMA Foundation Inc. (PMAFI) board led by Jun Ibay '67, Chairman and Bong Leuterio '88, President, as well as the Board of Trustees present, for having served as a member of the PMA Foundation Inc. Board of Trustees for 29 years from 1 March 1994 to 28 February 2022 during the celebration of 35th PMAFI Founding Anniversary at the Four Seasons Buffet and Hot Pot at Manhattan Parkview, Araneta City, Quezon City.

I have been very active in PMA Alumni Affairs at the height of my military service and practically all throughout my retirement. I have been part of not only PMAFI but also PDFI, PETFI, PFTJI, PMARAI and PMAAAI.

Back in the day, I was retired but not tired. These days, I am more retired and get a bit more tired, however, I will never be tired of loving and supporting my alma mater as well as its alumni affairs in a way I can.

My heartfelt thanks for honoring me that day along with my wife Flor and daughter Mymel. Acknowledging my fellow trustees Ros Alquiza '55, Joe Solquillo, '65, Joe Lapus '65, Fred Bautista '66, Jun Ibay '67, Jun Avenido '67, Buddy Esguerra '74, Domeng Pequiras '77, Resty Aguilar '78, Jun Manalastas '83, Bong Leuterio '88, Bob Bacarro '88, Jun Azurin '89, Allan Corpuz '91 and Dondi Pambid '96 as well as representatives from PMA all these years:

To you great gentlemen, you are noteworthy to be called M-A-T-I-N-D-I in my book: M-ga A-nak ng may T-apang, I-ntegridad N-acionalismo D-ignidad ng I-nang Bayan! Moreover, you are truly made of courage, integrity and loyalty: built to last.

I offer my snappiest salute for all your time, love, unwavering efforts and dedication beyond. Bravo Zulu! I am proud and grateful to have served and worked with you all these years in making a part of my life productive.

Hats off to everyone encompassing at PMAAAI, PMARAI, PDFI, PFTJI, PMAFI and PETFI! once again, Bravo Zulu!

In all your endeavors moving forward, do know, I am truly forEBOR cheering you on!

18 OCTOBER 2023:

One this wonderful Wednesday morning we had our MATINDING lunch meeting once again at the Philippine Navy Golf Club, the old Bonifacio Naval Station to catch up over delectable dishes as well as discuss class matters and plans for our Christmas Celebration on 7 December 2023.

Gathered at the longest table were the following:

Rudy and Offie Javier

Beth Abaya

Boy Orevillo

Gaps Sabarre

Gie Aquino

Jimmy Ileteo

Big Boy and Annabelle Adriano

Bill and Norma Ruiz

Billy and Rose Enerio

Danny and Lou Pizarro

Danny and Nena Delgado

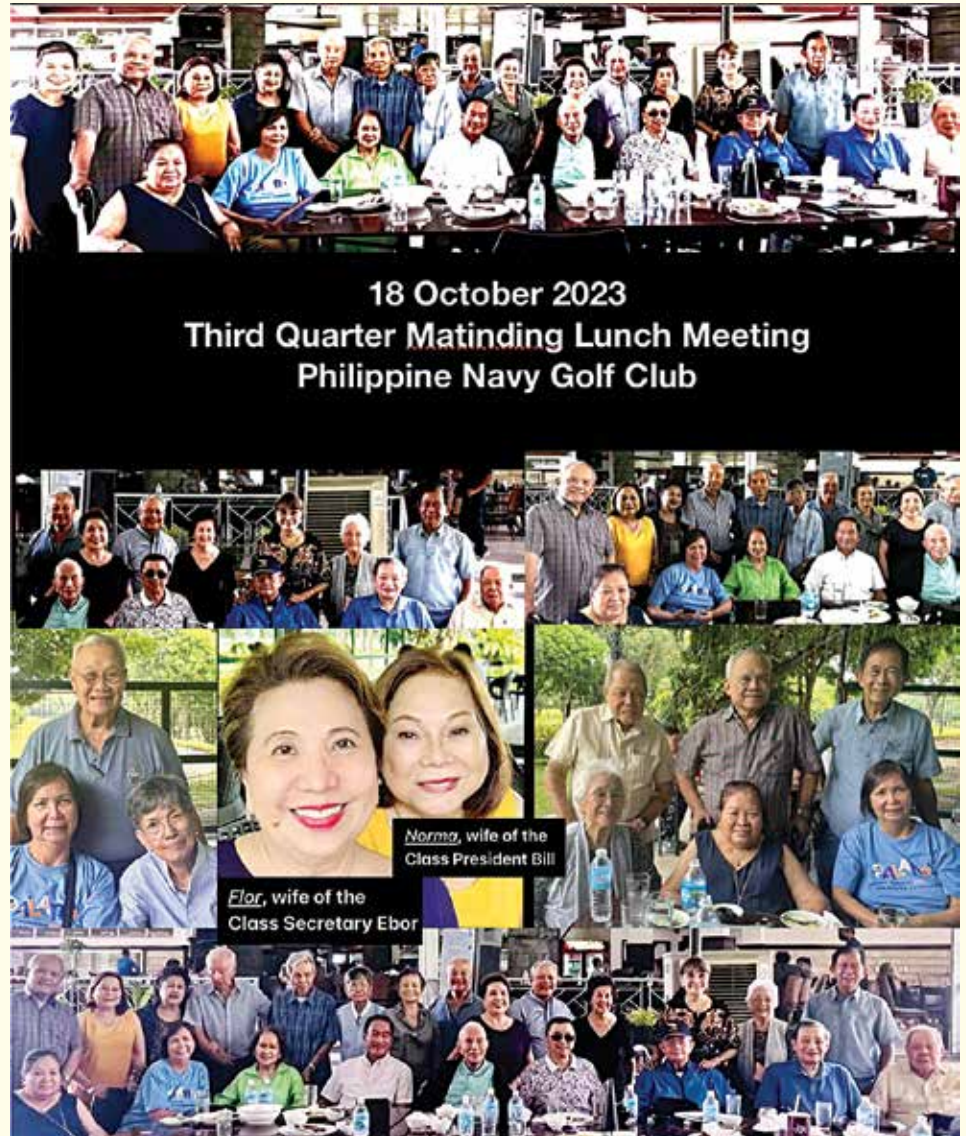
Pert and Inday Andaya

Reggie and Marga Lacson

Rene and Flor Ebro + Mymel

FOURTH QUARTER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS:

Wherever you are, have a good one. It is our birthright to gain a new double digit number starting with 8 or 7 on the



tens place 1-9 on the ones place. Mind over matter perhaps. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. After all it's just a number. Cheers!

October

- 9 - Beth Abaya
- 11 - Nick Blancas
- 12 - Fred Romero
- 19 - Leni Valencia
- 21 - Johnny and Estela Andaya
- 22 - Gaps Sabarre and Beth Arevalo

November

- 1 - Big Boy Adriano
- 11 - Mulong Landingin
- 12 - Ide Tillah
- 14 - Nolan Laput and Josie Nale
- 18 - Pio Carranza
- 22 - Boy Orevillo and Warlie Tigas
- 23 - Grace Valderama
- 25 - Inday Andaya
- 29 - Nena Delgado

December

- 7 - Cire Cirera
- 10 - Aida Mayo
- 14 - Ebor Ebro
- 15 - Iniong Reyes
- 19 - Arnie Acedera
- 21 - Mike Miguel and Amy Ilagan
- 24 - Josie Resos
- 25 - Naty Laput
- 29 - Bobby Babiera and Veny Venadas

REASONS and SEASONS BEST:

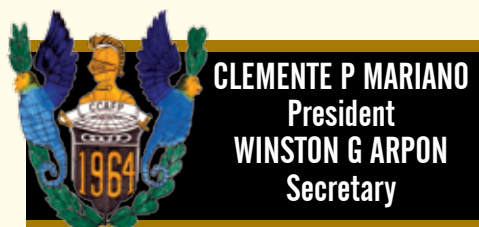
May we all have a very Merry Christmas! A deluge of bliss and blessings in 2024 and beyond! Enjoy your respective class parties in December.

CLASS CALL CONTENT CONTRIBUTIONS:

As suggested by our class president a while back, mistahs are most encouraged to contribute class call content for the 2024 edition.

f o r E B O R NOTEWORTHY NOTES:

Stay hearty and hale, happy and healthy always! In all your endeavors, forEBOR cheering you on! (18121605)



BIRTH

Oct
05/1941- *Arfs Arpon*

Nov
13/1944 - *Ellen de la Cruz*
16/1944 - *Beth Villareal*

Dec
01/1941 - *Ernie Padilla*

Wedding

Oct 16 (1968)
Billy and Beth Villareal

Nov 22 (1969)
Tagoy and Sofie Diño

Dec 16 (2011)
Jim and Vanessa Vandervoort

In Memoriam

November
22/2000 - *Terry Bas*
17/2022 - *Guzi de Guzman*
27/2020 - *Terry de la Cruz*

December
08/2000 – *Sammy Cortez*



• Mass

On *Guzi's* first death anniversary this November, there will be mass at 10:00 a.m. at the Philippine Army's St. Michael's Church on Bayani Road. All deceased members of the Class 64 family will be included in the mass intentions. All Class 64



members and widows are invited. Lunch will follow at Viking's Aura courtesy of Emmet.

• Diamond Jubilee Celebration

For our class, this year's rendition of the annual PMA Alumni Homecoming will by no means be an ordinary occasion. Class President **Clem Mariano** weighs in on this, as he puts down his thoughts in writing and sharing them with Class Call.

"With 13 surviving members, three in USA, five outside NCR, three perennial absentees for various reasons like declining health, old age or lack of motivation – not to mention the inevitable symptoms of aging like arthritic knees, growing memory loss, erratic behavior, poor hearing and eyesight - getting together usually means a likely attendance of three to five class members and our adopted brother. Something we have to think about and accept as this class of 35 graduates reaches its diamond anniversary in a few months. So, one may wonder why, me included, our forthcoming diamond anniversary is a reason to celebrate at all. Could the recollection of the usual plebe stories, past misadventures and unforgettable "laxities"

be the driving force that our dwindling number will return to our beloved PMA, ignoring the discomfort of a long trip for men in the twilight years?

"No matter. I daresay we will again laugh out loud at our own expense, struggle to recognize each other's aging faces, but feel again a familiar spirit of joy in our hearts that overwhelmed us in that March 21, 1964, graduation almost 60 years ago."

• Ladies' Get-Together

October 24th at the Philippine Navy Clubhouse, a despedida for **Dely Cabanlig**, widow of the late **Orly Cabanlig**. A *balikbayan* in town for an extended visit, she was returning to the US.



Left to right: Dely; Sandy Reyes; Emmet De Guzman; Beth Villareal; Ellen de la Cruz; Grace Cortez; and Minnie Bas.

• Male Bonding Earlier,

in the same venue, Brother Jim **Vandervoort** hosted for **Rey Reyes** and **Arfs Arpon**, a get-together, one of his now famous impromptu occasions for male bonding. **Rey** couldn't make it and was not around for Jim's surprise: five copies of Arfs book, *Laughter in the South*. He wanted each copy autographed for him and others that would be receiving a gift copy.



On November 4, **Arfs Arpon** hosted another session at his place he calls *Victoria's Garden* (no secret anymore). It was for three couples: the **Valeros** couple just returned from a two-month visit to Canada and, earlier the **Reyes** and **Vandervoort** couple on a similarly extended visit to the US; turned out to be male bonding as the three ladies, and **Sandy** and **Glo** and **Vanessa** couldn't make it. Vicky joined the lunch but can't or won't confirm she heard discussion of a book, an autobiography and could be an item for a future Class Call.

• Brief Report from US-Canada

Tagoy and **Sophie Dino**, covering for our mistahs in northern America – **Jorge** and **Miriam Agcaoili**, eligible bachelor **Ernie Padilla**; **Rolly** and **Siony Pabellano** – continue to send photos showing a busy social life with their Chicago friends.

Tagoy didn't disappoint when Class Call asked him for a word or two for the several photos, we have received but can't publish for space considerations.

"Sorry for the delay in providing updates on alumni activities (i.e., summer picnic attached). We are really gasping for time. I woke up at 4:00 a.m. to prepare for this.

"On Dec 2, 2023, the alumni will gather for the annual Christmas party. The organizers promised a blast. There will be boodles, games, dancing, storytelling and mostly laughter. Stay tuned...."



• The Advocate

Col. Leonardo O. Odone (Ret.), PMA Class of 1964, A Filipino has virtually become a familiar signature in various social media posts, from within and without the military, as Ding continues to pursue his advocacies, *PSB. Para sa Bayan*.



With classmate and former bunkmate, **Rey Reyes, Ding** was among the frontliners at a Sept 21 rally at COMELEC on the alleged anomaly in the transmission of election returns. @waga.cc64-2304



MIGUEL A LEONARDO
President
EVERLINO P NARTATEZ
Secretary

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all MULAWINS and other CAVALIERS and their respective families!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all Mulawins who have celebrated and/or are celebrating their natal days (Q3 and Q4 born) on dates as herein below indicated:

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|---------------------------|------------|
| 1. Bert Acenas | -- Oct 19 |
| 2. Rolly Abadilla (+) | -- Oct 11 |
| 3. Bernie Alejandro (+) | -- Nov 24 |
| 4. Jebor Borje | -- Sept 23 |
| 5. Enri Bulan | -- Sept 7 |
| 6. Guy Camacho | -- Aug 22 |
| 7. Jess Candelario | -- Oct 24 |
| 8. Rolly Cauton | -- Sept 25 |
| 9. Rod IGOY de Guzman (+) | -- Sept 19 |
| 10. Bangbang de Leon (+) | -- Aug 15 |
| 11. Gerry Guzman | -- Sept 3 |
| 12. Hermie Limon (+) | -- Oct 3 |
| 13. Atong Lintao (+) | -- Nov 3 |
| 14. Nic Lugtu | -- Sept 15 |
| 15. Ernie Sacro | -- Nov 23 |
| 16. Andy Superable | -- Nov 30 |
| 17. Jess Toling | -- Oct 16 |
| 18. Ting Velasco (+) | -- Dec 31 |
| 19. Egay Velasco | -- Oct 26 |

We wish all these celebrators all the best even as we welcome them to our exclusive OCTA CLUB. Except for Rober "ABDUL" Bruce, all Mulawins have now the distinction of being OCTA CLUB members.



The last MULAWIN CLASS Q3 get-together gathering and fellowship was purposely held to honor our Balikbayan Classmate Robert ABDUL Bruce and his spouse Lorna and Mulawinette Vicky de Leon who are on a short visit here in the country. The activity was a buffet lunch at our favorite (Very senior friendly, very favorable discounts). It was well attended with many 2nd generation Mulawins also

attending -- JunJun Abadilla; Bobet Bruce; TingTing Velasco; Raffy Alejandro; Mimi Perena-Juan; Tessa Padiernos-Gonzales and spouse Lt General William Gonzales PMA '89; to name a few. Mulawins and Mulawinettes who attended the affair were Class Prexy Mike Leonardo; Class Vice President/Treasurer Egay Velasco with spouse Dina; Berlie and Lynn Nartatez; Ofiring and Lita Marcelo; Jolaps and Jannette Lapus; Ricky and Paloming Papa; Jomari Solquillo; Rolly Cauton; Gadoy and Gloria Bergado; Bert and Donna Acenas; Jess and Boots Candelario; Pepe delos Santos; Enri and





Celia Bulan; Pat and Baby Duque; Dianne Malig; Rose Mary Monta; and Lito Tapia. The presence of a majority of the still living Mulawins generated much fun and lots of repeated story telling and we all enjoyed each other's company. The camaraderie was so intense that President Mike was convinced to have the same activity scheduled every quarter and even directed the Class Officers and Class Advisers to convene so they can plan already our subsequent fellowships and other class activities for the year and for the incoming Alumni Homecoming next year, which is just a year before we reach our Diamond Anniversary (2025). As per our last Morning Report, there are still twenty nine (29) living members out of the 57 + 1 original members of the PMA Mulawin Class 1965. That means that 29 have gone ahead as Advance Party.

Our Q4 class gathering and fellowship was held last October 4, 2023, again at NIU Resto in THE PODIUM and it looks like we have improved our attendance. Aside from the same attendees as in our Q3 get together, we were also glad and inspired by the added presence and attendance of our honoree, Andy Superable, who was here on a month long vacation. He is now based in Chicago, Illinois. As we all know now, he was here some 5 to 6 years ago. After his successful kidney transplant here in the Philippines, he returned to the US where most of his family are already residing. He was accompanied in our class gathering and fellowship by his local-based son. The added attendees from our 2nd generation group were the son-in-law of Enri and Celia Bulan; the son of Mulawin Warly and Lorna Chee, Colonel Warlito Chee, Jr and spouse. The son of Mulawin JEBOR, Robert Borje who is the Executive Director of the Philippine Climate Change Commission was also in attendance together with Jebor Borje himself. After the sumptuous buffet lunch, the ladies had their own meeting to discuss what would be their attire on our 60th (Diamond) Anniversary in 2025. The Mulawinnettes present were: Dina Velasco; Lita Marcelo; Lynn Nartatez; Mary Rose Monta; Donna Acenas; Celia Bulan; Jannette Lapus and Gloria Bergado and Dianne Malig.

Last Sept 7, 2023, ENRI BULAN celebrated his 80th birthday with an intimate dinner with family and friends. The MULAWIN FAMILY of which Enri is a member, was represented by Rolly and Susie Cauton; Joe and Jannette Lapus; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Berlie and Lynn Nartatez and Vicky De Leon, the widow of Mulawin Emil De Leon. Looking at their profiles, these classmates of Enri are all



The Mulawinettes having a meeting after a sumptuous lunch at NIU in THE PODIUM.



Army brats, just like him. Enri's father was a former Zone Commander of the 2nd PC Zone and he belong to PMAClass 1941; Rolly's father was also a former Zone Commander of the 1st PC Zone and belong to PMA Class 1938; Ofiring's father was a former JAGS Officer who had the privilege

of having prosecuted in a Court Martial, the famous NAPOLEON VALERIANO, he belongs to Class 1939; Joe Lapus's father was also a former Zone Commander of the 1st PC Zone and he belongs to Class 1939. And Lynn's father COLONEL LICURGO E ESTRADA graduated No 1 and Starman of

PMA Class 1940. As to Vicky de Leon, there was one GENERAL RIGOBERTO ATIENZA who became CSAFP. Vicky's maiden name is Vicky Atienza. GEN ATIENZA belongs to Class 1939.

AGAIN, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.



MANUEL P ESPEJO
President
FREDELINO S BAUTISTA
Secretary

PAMBUNGAD

Dahil sa paglabas ng October-December 2023 issue ng Cavalier Magazine ay magpapasko na, kundi nakalipas na, uunahin namin ang pagbati sa lahat ng Sixty-sixers plus, ng isang maligayang pasko at manigong bagong taon. Magpasalamat tayong lahat sa Panginoon na tayo ay binigyan pa Niya ng isa pang kapaskuhan sa ating buhay.

Tulad ng dati, muli nating sasariwain ang ating mga ginawa na hindi pa naisulat





dito sa Cavalier Magazine – pati na ang ating mga balak sa hinaharap.

ANG MGA NAKARAAAN

Ang sabi ng mga dalubhasa, kailangan nating mga super seniors na manatiling aktibo – mag ensayo, maglakad at maki-socialize sa mga kaibigan at kamag-anak. Kaya naman, noong mga nakaraang buwan, mayroon tayong mga pagtitipon kahit di man karamihan ang dumalo.

Maligayang Kaarawan, Edd

Nadagdagan ng isa pang Octagenarian ang ating Klase noong ika -16 ng Oktubre. Noong ika-15 ng buwan, ipinagdiwang ni Edd Santos ang kanyang ikalawang beses na edad 40, kasama ni Lil Santos at iba pang mga mahal sa buhay, mga kamag-anak, kaibigan at kaklase. Ginanap ang pagdidirwang sa The Atrium, Enderun, Taguig City. Masaya ang gabi, may combo, awitan at sayawan pa. May mga naging staff si Edd noong FOIC siya at pati na sa MAAP, na nag “roast” at nagpahayag ng pagpupuri sa kanya.

Hindi nagpatalo ang '66 Ladies

Nagkasundo naman ang mga ginang na buwan-buwan, magkasama-sama at magsalo-salo sila sa mga piling kainan sa Market Market, SM Aura at Uptown malls, Serendra at iba pang lugar sa Bonifacio Global City.

Una ay noong ika-20 ng Oktubre sa Abe Resto, Serendra na kung saan, nag “treat” si Celia Cunanan at Fe Sabularse, kahit walang okasyon. Ito ay sinundan ng tanghalian sa Manam Resto, Uptown Mall, sa anyaya ni Nora Clautero na nasa bansa noon, mula sa US. Ang sumunod ay ang birthday “treat” ni Tess Reyes sa Lugang, SM Aura dahil sa kanyang ika (?) kaarawan.

Paggunita sa mga Nauna Na

Tulad ng nakagawian sa mga nakalipas na maraming taon, ay muling dumalaw ang ilang Sixty-sixers na nasa malapit na lugar, kasama ang ilang ginang sa puntod ng mga naunang pumanaw sa Libingan ng mga Bayani at Heritage Park, Taguig City. Ito ay nangyari noong ika-28 ng Oktubre upang hindi masabay sa dami ng tao noong una at ikalawang araw ng Nobyembre. Matatadaang hindi nagawa ang pagdalaw sa mga libingan dahil sa COVID pandemic noong 2020-2021, at dahil sa malakas na bagyo noon 2022. Nabisita lahat ng libingan ng mga kaklase sa Fort Bonifacio. Pagdating sa Heritage Park, doon na sila nagtipun-tipon sa puntod ni Rene





Domingo, at nag-alay ng lang ng dasal sa mga iba – dahil sa lawak ng Heritage Park, at dahil pagod na ang karamihan.

Mga Gagawin sa Malapit na Hinaharap

Sa malapit na hinaharap, ang pinaghahandaan ng Klase ay ang Christmas program. Habang sinusulat ang Class Call na ito, ang binabalak ng Klase ay magkaroon ng programa sa Officers Club, Camp Aguinaldo, pagkatapos ng isang misa sa St. Michael's Chapel. Ang programang

ito ay malamang nasa January-March 2024 issue ng Cavalier Magazine.

Ang Malayong Hinaharap

Ang ika-20 ng Marso, 2026 ay nakaukit na sa mga puso ng Sixty-sixers. Sa araw na ito ay ipagdiriwang nila ang pang-diamanteng (60) anibersaryo ng kanilang pagtatapos. Sa huling pagkakataon ay pinanabikan nila ang pagdalo sa alumni parade sa Pebrero 2026 sa Borromeo Field, isang pook na sagrado sa PMA alumni.

MGA NAGDIWANG, MAGDIRIWANG NG KAARAWAN

Oktubre – Dauz V (20), Nicolas R (24), Santos Edd (16), Garcia F (07), Llorca G(13), Arugay Tess (03), Reyes Teresita (05), Garcia Lita (15), Galon Margie (17).

Nobyembre – Espejo R (09), Bello C (29), Fernandez L (23), Carrion Rose (11), Paginag Au (21), Jabile Delia (26).

Disyembre – Bruce C (09), Dumadapat Lumen (01), Millena Cena (04), Sarmiento Lucy (05).



CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the July - October 2023 period:

30 July - No regular Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) was held since the one for this month was combined with the DMF last 28 June. However, some Dimasupils and Tagasupils met on this day on a KKB scheme in Kenny Rogers Resto, Katipunan, Loyola, QC to discuss various matters.

12 September - DMF for August and September hosted by Sergs.

Sergs and Zeny Austria, Fred Encarnacion, Ed and Myrna Espinosa, Vir and Marina Odulio, and Mar and Beth Santiago for the August group; and Jake Caruncho, Merle Odi, Vlady and Josie Olivares, and Elen Rentavar for the September group, in Kenny Rogers Resto, Katipunan, Loyola, QC.

26 October - DMF for October and November hosted by Aging Alino, Joe and Myrna Andaya, Ching and Papoose Ballecer, Vic Corpus, Andy and Meds Reyes, and

Sammy and Cora Tomas for the October group; and Cords and Myrna Cordero, Lea Libarnes, Bernie and Aying Patino, and Eve Villacorta for the November group, in NIU-Viking Resto, Podium Mall, Mandaluyong City.

B. The following will be our schedule for November - December 2023, onwards:

November - No DMF since the one for this month was combined with the October DMF last 26 October.

10 December - Remembrance Day in honor of the departed Dimasupils and Spouses, Christmas Party, and Election of Class Officers to be held in AGFO Social Hall, Camp Aguinaldo, QC.

January 2024 - DMF to be hosted by Jun and Agnes Avenido, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, Edsel and Toto Salvania, and Joseph and Reina Young.

27 January - PMAAAI Annual Convention in Villamor Air Base Gymnasium, Pasay City, with SND as GOHAS.

17 February - Alumni Homecoming in PMA, Baguio City with the Senate President as GOHAS.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

We are very sad that Pert Molato passed away on 26 October 2023 in

VMMC due to septic shock after having been confined there for a long time for stroke. He was buried in Manila Memorial Park, Paranaque City on 29 October. Pert died at the age of 79 and is the 42nd Dimasupil who already departed, out of 85 graduates. May his soul rest in peace in the loving arms of the Almighty,

The second surgery of Araw Bernabe to correct a thoracic aortic aneurysm (chest area) pushed through last 26 October in Madrid, Spain. However, he suffered a stroke while undergoing the procedure. He is now under close medical monitoring. Let us continue praying for him.

Nic Pareña spent 24 days in VMMC last July for cellulitis in both legs due to bacterial infection. While recuperating at home, he got hit by Covid and had to be hospitalized again last August in De Los Santos Medical Center. According to him, "*Grabe ang left hook ni Mr. Covid, nahagip ako.*" Let us pray for his immediate full recovery.

Jun Ibay suffered from pneumonia and was confined in the hospital last August. He got well just in time for his operation on 27 August to remove stones from his gallbladder. He has now fully recovered.

We received the following message from Myrna Andaya: "*We regret that we will not be able to attend the Class Forum on 30 July.*"



Dimasupil Lunch Forum in NIU, Podium for October 2023.

Joe is scheduled to preach at our church on that day. Please pray for us, Pastor Joe!

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Martin Conrad Young, brother of Joseph, passed away last October due to cancer of the left ear. We extend our sincere condolences to the family. May he rest in peace in the bosom of the Almighty.

We also convey our sincere condolences to the family of Ricardo Del

Rosario, brother of Baby Sales, who died on 1 November 2023. We pray for his eternal rest in God's Kingdom.

Myrna Andaya underwent a knee replacement operation last June. Seeing her in our DMF last 26 October, she has fully recovered.

Myrna Espinosa was rushed to the Makati Medical Center last September and was confined there for one week for a recurring illness. She is now recuperating at home. Get well soon, Mistah!

Meds Reyes is now confined in the hospital for stroke. She and Andy were supposed to be co-hosts of our DMF on 26 October. Let us pray for her immediate recovery.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in October, November, and December. Vic Corpus (4 October), Lulu Larroza (4), Joe Andaya (6), Ching Ballecer (8), Sammy Tomas (9), Toto Salvana (9), Aging Alino (17), Andy Reyes (17), Mila Sadiarin (26), Norma Aliac (27), Sonia Briones (29), and Ronnie Ibay (31); Berine Patino (3 November), Libbie Brawner (4), Proserfina Torrechante (5), Penny Lastimoso (10), Merle Odi (13), Araw Bernabe (16), Cesar Quiambao (17), Nora Ruelos (20), Mar Cordero (27), and Papoose Ballecer (29); and Moises Boquiren (4 December), Lulu Perez (6), Lea Libarnes (10), Ebay Bautista (11), and Abe Sadul (27).

Please let us know if there are celebrators we have not mentioned or if there are wrong data so that we can correct our Class records accordingly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Considering that our Social Amelioration Fund (SAF) is now running low, the SAF Committee would like to remind all concerned to pay their contributions for this year 2023 and next year 2024. Please contact our Class Treasurer Rudy Gaerlan for further details.

We enjoin all Dimasupils and Tagasupils to be members of the exclusive "PMA Dimasupil Class 1967" Viber group. There are notices and publications there that cannot be found or posted on our Messenger and Facebook groups.

CLASS TRIVIA

(This portion of our Class Call is contributed by Bernie "Uncle Bobo" Patino. The opinions expressed herein are solely his and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Class or this magazine. So, beware!)

The names of Congressman Mannix Dalipe (son of Manny and Maryrose) and Congressman Ernix Dionisio (son of Ernie and Dinsay) have "X". I'm reminded of our 3rd Class Math. Nahirapan ako to "find X", kaya na turn-back ako! Pero si Serg Austria, pati dy/dx sa Calculus kayang-kaya nya hanapin, kaya sa 4th Class Tactics siya na turn-back! Hahaha.

Ed Espinosa and his fellow Marines will not like the new pregnancy test kit. They can no longer use their skills in the art of "escape and evasion" because this test kit shows the picture of the father!



Wake of our late classmate Cav Ruperto C Molato Jr at Funeraria Paz, Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque, attended by some Dimasupil Classmates.

May isang Dimasupil wife na nagreklamo kay Spine: “Kayong dalawa ni Bernie, kung kailan tumanda ay naging bastos!” Sagot ni Spine: “Hindi mo lang alam, noon pa man bastos na kaming dalawa! The difference is the same!”

Louie Sanchez is already 83. But according to Sancho, he still smokes, drinks red-horse, plays tennis singles and remains useful in the realm of sexuality. However, Serg Austria remarked: “Sancho, walang bayad magsinungaling, ituloy mo lang!”

Nationalism must be deeply embedded in the heart of every Filipino. Sabi ni Gat Jose Rizal: “Ang hindi marunong magmahal ng isda, mas masahol pa sa malanding palaka!” (Tama ba, Serg?)

Talking about wrong quotations reminds me of an old Tagalog refrain: “Kung ang ari ng isang may-ari ay hindi na maaari, may iba pa siyang ari-arian na maaaring gamitin para mayari ang ari ng ibang may-ari!” (Huh, ano daw?)

Merry Christmas to all Dimasupils and other Cavaliers and their families!



Dimasupil Ladies during our September 23 Lunch Forum.



ARTURO B CARRILLO
President
WILFREDO G NUQUI
Scribe

1. The past months were principally spent by CMs visiting our families and other relatives and praying for our dearly departed beloved. Tita Pangan kindly visited a sick CM and his caring wife Bernie in the U.S.. As an annual event Art C. joined his children and grandchildren in Los Angeles. He productively used his abundant free time conducting an extensive world tour through U Tube. Sony excitedly reported from North Carolina that his niece won big time in the Wheel of Fortune.

2. Class meeting. The Class met on Oct 18 at CAGC. Present were nine CMs: Pres. Art C., Willy, Volts, Nori, Hector, Rudy, Alex, Mel, and Oscar. The seven ladies included Isay, Candy, Rhodie, Julie, Arlene, Shirley and Gigi. Rudy and Arlene, who celebrated her birthday, shared delicious lumpia and empanada. The principal agenda was a) preparations for the Class Christmas party in Dec; b) the Class Fund; and c) a possible visit to Baguio to reminisce our 60th anniversary of PMA Reception Day on April 1, 2024. CMs and spouses are reminded to apply for the

new multi-purpose ID card to withdraw PVAO and AFP pensions and access VMMC services.

3. We took note of the latest PMA Foundation Inc report on the Professorial Chair Fund which amounted to P82.876 million as of July 2023. An analysis of the absorptive capacity of the Corps of Professors on the Fund's usage and its impact on cadet's learning would be extremely useful. Our Class initiated the Professorial Chair in Development Economics and endowed it with P150,000 on April 30, 1996.

4. The estimated total life expectancy at birth of Filipinos in 2022 was 71.53 years (PSA). By April 2027, all surviving CMs shall be age 80. We have fun blaming aging virtually for all our multiplying infirmities such as failing physical balance, struggling to draft and sending Viber messages and frequent memory lapses except the names of our respective lady spouses. Indeed, we visit our family physicians more often and our frequent shopping is now done in medical drug stores.



5. The quality of official governance remains below public standards and expectations.

a) Early signals of better fiscal discipline and ethical behavior by Congress may hopefully result in reduced confidential funds and increased intelligence funds for territorial defense starting with the 2024 General Appropriations Act. In a very striking contrast, a female senator reportedly flew in a PAF Black Hawk chopper on Oct 26, 2023 to go to a city hall (BIZ BUZZ PDI, Oct 30, 2023).

b) DoTr has withdrawn from talks on official development assistance (ODA) loans on rail projects from the 2nd largest world economy. China's official loans have more costly terms and carry other risks. Japan is our top source of ODA loans and grants amounting to \$USD34.75 billion

covering 78 active projects/programs and representing 30.75% of total ODA as of 2022 (NEDA). Prime Minister Fumio Kishida personally confirmed Japan's commitment to substantially raise ODA loans and grants and private investments to our country's increasing development and security requirements during his Nov 3-4 state visit.

c) IMF, World Bank, ADB and AMRO+3 expect the Philippine economy will grow faster than ASEAN+6 peers this year and in 2024. But core inflation remains high (5.3% in Oct 2023, PSA). Projected inflation is still above the official 2-4% target in 2023-2024. Disapproval of the administration's performance as of early Sept 2023 increased and is most notable on three issues – controlling inflation (+19%),

reducing poverty (+8%), and fighting corruption (+6% points) as reported by Pulse Asia. Significantly, Chief Minister Ebrahim of BARMM administered the oath of moral governance to newly elected rallied barangay leaders (PDI).

d) Further increases in BSP's policy interest rate minimize outflows of volatile portfolio investments but choke investments and economic growth. Income, learning and nutrition poverty rates remain very concerning at double digit. The fertility rate fell in 2022 to 2.479 births per woman (PSA) which is development and socially positive.

PMA Class 1968 wishes everyone a blessed and cheerful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous year 2024.



JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS
President
JESUS B DULLER
Secretary

Greetings and Reminders from our dedicated Suaviter Sunshine Committee of One, as always, Bobing Brillantes:

Super Special HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes to all September-born Suaviter and lone Lady Suaviter who happens to be my OAO: Rene Aguda (5), Dan Reventar (7), Pacoy Chanco (8), Benjie Defensor (12), Vikki Brillantes (15), Chris Abanes (16), Jake Duller (22), Pol Gange (23)--(musta ka na Mistah?). And as the balmier weather welcomes the - **Ber months** this year, please allow us to be the first to greet All Suaviter an advanced Blessed MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2024!

Affection-laden HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes for all October-born Suaviter Mistahs and Ladies: +Nick Garcia (4), Jus Manlongat (17), Lulu delos Santos (19), Nonoy Carranza (23), Sarla Duller (28). Here's wishing y'all Love, Peace, Happiness and Prosperity and praying that Life be Kinder, Self-fulfilling and Satisfying for every Suaviter!

Sincerest HAPPY BIRTHDAY Greetings to THIRTEEN November-born Suaviter - the MOST NUMBER in the Class: Sol Mendoza (1), Flor Toribio (4), Bobing Brillantes (11), Marian Tangingco (12), Greg Camiling (15), Vivz Erfe (26). Sadly, seven out of the 13 members of PMA Class '69 who were November-born have since

passed on to the Great Beyond...may their souls rest in Eternal Peace: +Max Balansay (8, +10 Sep 1978), +Oca Tangingco (10, +23 Oct 2002), +Lito Labao (21, +9 Feb 1971),

+Cres Villanueva (24, +xx###2016), +Jess Almaden (25, +10 Jul 2018), +Romy Sua (26, +11 Jul 2014), +Mon Martinez (30, +12 Oct 2021).



September Birthday Celebration, 27 Sep 2023 at Paul in BGC, Taguig City. Sol Mendoza invited the class for a mass and lunch at Larry's gravesite on his death anniversary, 7 Oct 2023.



Photo greetings from Pol Gange. He's looking good!



Meg Defensor leading the rosary at Lourdes, during their family annual pilgrimage in August. Thanks for including Class 69 in your prayers, Meg.

(The following Viber insightful piece was posted by Suaviter Rene Aguda on 29 Oct 2023. Thank you, Mistah Rene. We are looking forward to enjoying more of your wits, humor, gentle insights, and wisdom in your future postings.)

A blessed Sunday! Today, we are about to finish our 1st leg for the Game of the Cavaliers at CAGC and will pause for a while to pay our respects to "All Saint's day and All Soul's Day" in the week to come before we continue our 2nd leg at PNGC. For this year's GOC (Game of the Cavaliers) Golf Tournament, we have created the following to strengthen our bonds as cavaliers:

A. Moments - we were able to share a portion of our most valuable time to those familiar faces whom we have met during our youthful days.

B. Memories - we were able to recall the treasure house of our minds with friends and brothers who molded us into who we are today.

C. Dreams - we are still full of hope and vigor that eventually our team or our class will make it into the championship and will eventually be victorious due to our competitive spirit.

Lastly, as we post pictures of what we created, here under is our criteria in choosing the best dressed class: Display of style, Fashion Trends, Individuality to details

We understand that each class exert enormous effort to be the best dressed class, hence, any member of the committee will be discouraged to choose their own class. Corps spirit is always above class spirit. Happy golfing for the next 2nd leg at PNGC. And God bless us all

Let's welcome Jimmy and Lulu delos Santos who just came back from their European tour.

The same warm welcome goes for Nonoy and Mone` Carranza who also returned from their long visit in CONUS to spend time with kids and grandkids – in Colorado, Denver, etc.

Currently on the move are Ike and Ingging Begonia who are crisscrossing the East Coast, USA visiting their son's family and close relatives.

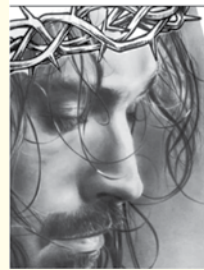
Also coming back to Metro Manila after a regular homecoming/business trip from Davao are Jess and Olive Regala. Welcome back, guys.



Left to Right: Jimmy de los Santos '69, Rene Aguda '69, Mel Rosales '68 and Patrick Madayag '68. (Not in the picture: Nonoy Carranza and Jess Regala)

Cheers!!! Salute to the joint representation of PMA Class 68 and 69 to the 2023 Golf Tournament of the annual Games of Cavaliers (GOC). May you have long drives and short putts. Bring home the bacon. Go, go, go!!!

Please say heartily this short prayer and ask your friends to do the same. Thank you.



PRAYER FOR ALL WAR TO END

JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND PROTECTOR, IN YOUR INFINITE MERCY, HEAR OUR PLEA FOR WORLD PEACE. WE IMPORE YOU TO SOFTEN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO WAGE WAR, GUIDING THEM TOWARD UNITY AND LOVE. GRANT US THE WISDOM AND STRENGTH TO BE INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE IN OUR BROKEN WORLD. AMEN.



At the 10th death anniversary of Larry Mendoza!



Keynote Speaker
Our very own Gen Benjie Defensor



Q&A Portion of PROTECT 2023
Jimmy & Benjie in the limelight

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE TO A SUAVITER AND A GENTLEMAN

NICANOR J GARCIA, JR.
October 4, 1946 – August 5, 2023



Back in the Early Days

Visit to PMA



2005 Bridge Championship Award

CI 69 Pride: Champs Nick and Jus



The Suaviter Wreath

Rest in Peace, Nick



Wake at the Haven of Angels,
Antipolo City

"The Memorare"

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to thy protection, implored
thy help, or sought thine intercession
was left unaided. Inspired with this
confidence, I fly unto thee, O virgin of
virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come.
Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise
not my petitions but in thy mercy hear
and answer me. Amen.

Intercession Prayer for Nick's
peaceful repose



Presentation of PMAAAI and Class 69 Assistance



After the Class '69 breakfast at Paul Boulangerie in BGC, Taguig on 15 Aug 2023 to honor Ike's Birthday and to welcome Nick Garcia's family (Didi, Dona and Paolo who were leaving for USA soon thereafter).





Ceremonial First Pouring of Magiting '70 Veteran's Wing, VMMC

Finally, on the morning of September 22, 2023 Magitings, with their spouses, project partners, representatives of so many benefactors, Department of National Defense (DND) officials and Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) officials gathered for the Ceremonial First Pouring of cement to mark the start of construction of the Magiting '70 Veterans Wing. Secretary Gilberto Teodoro of DND was the guest of honor and speaker. He expressed his commendations to the members of PMA Class 1970 for this laudable project in partnership with kind benefactors namely, Mr. Ramon See Ang, the President and CEO of San Miguel Corp.; Dr. Andrew Tan of Newport World Resorts Foundation, Inc.; Mr. Enrique Razon of Bloomberry Cultural Foundation Inc., Magiting Jorge Consunji the President of D.M. Consunji, Inc. (DMCI); Mr. Benjamin Yao of Steel Asia Manufacturing Corporation; Magiting Bert Lina of Lina Group of Companies; Mr. Joe Soberano of Cebu Landmasters; and associate/honorary members of PMA Class 1970.

The Magiting '70 Veteran's Wing will be a separate medical facility linked by a connecting bridge to the main hospital building of the VMMC. With a total floor area of 1,380 square meters, this hospital annex will initially provide 12 private rooms inclusive of four suites, two nurse stations, a lounge area and basement parking. It is designed to be access friendly with its elevator and access ramp. Notably, the building is designed as a two-storey building which would potentially provide a total of 24 additional private rooms. The project mitigates the acute lack of private rooms for the growing number of veterans and qualified dependents in the National Capital Region and outlying provinces who require quality medical care and attention.

A Milestone Inspires Excellence of Service, Growth and Gratitude

Secretary of National Defense Honorable Gilbert Teodoro delivered his inspirational talk during the Ceremonial First Pouring at the construction site of the Magiting '70 Veterans Wing, VMMC on



September 22, 2023. The Secretary highly praised the first of its kind project ever initiated by alumni of the PMA. The other speakers congratulated Class '70 for its god-sent project, namely; PMA Magiting Class '70 President Marciano Ilagan; Dr. Franklin V. Gali, Acting Medical Director VMMC; Usec Rey Mapagu, Administrator PVAO; Ms. Grace Bautista, Chief Architect of VMMC; Maj. Gen. Romeo D. Alamillo, President/CEO of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines; Maj. Gen. Edgard Arevalo represented Mr. Ramon See Ang, President/CEO of San Miguel Corporation;

Colonel Michael Ray Aquino represented Mr. Enrique Razon, President of Bloomberry Cultural Foundation Inc. and Chief Strategy Officer Thaddeus Rodriguez represented Dr. Andrew Tan the President/CEO of Newport World Resorts Foundation Inc.

The occasion was honored by the presence of AFP veteran luminaries, namely; former Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita from the Association of General and Flag Officers (AGFO), Maj. Gen. Jose Magno and Maj. Gen. Miguel Sol from the Vietnam Veterans Association (VIVE), Colonel Cesar Pobre the Chairman





of Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP), and former CSAFP Gen. Victor Ibrado from the Filipino War Veterans Foundation (FILVETS).

The Secretary of National Defense: An Impromptu Reunion with Comrades-in-Arms

A light morning shower blessed the occasion to make the event more pleasant. Magitings and Mas-Magitings happily joined the veterans, guests and VMMC staff. Secretary Teodoro arrived early and delighted veterans with familiar conversation. The First Pouring Ceremony was a flawless event so masterfully coordinated by the Class '70 Project Steering Committee. Expectedly, the event was a veritable reunion of comrades-in-arms.

The Thinking Class: A Concept Transforming into Reality

Against the odds of a three year pandemic, slow down of economic activity, limited mobility and communications Magiting Class '70 revived its energy and courage to pursue its quest. Energy, courage and dedication underpinned a worthy project that was strongly buttressed by notable donors and followers of the project. These benefactors were just as proud and eager to be a part of a quest to alleviate the need for better medical care for our country's defenders. The following pictures of the on-going construction portray a dream coming true.

Atty Lambert Tagayuna wins an Outstanding Award

Congratulations are in great order for Mistah Atty Lambert Tagayuna for the



honor of coveting the 2023 International Alumni Achievement Award from the University of the East Alumni Association of America. He received this prestigious award at the Orleans Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, USA on June 3, 2023.

Bert is a CPA, a lawyer, a holder of a master's degree in Public Administration from UP. Likewise, he also holds a master's degree in Public Administration from UP. He was conferred the "Doctor Fellow of the Royal Institute of Accountants by the Royal Institute of Accountants, Singapore.

Bert is presently the board director/president of Triple A Blue Star Construction and Development Corp., the developer of Masungi TerraServer in Baras, Rival. He is the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Tahanan ng Pagmamahal Childrens' Homes Inc, a sanctuary of 44 indigent young Filipinos. Additionally he is the president and vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of BES-HNS Foundation, Inc which grants junior scholarships at the University of the East. He holds a KCR Third Degree Rank of the Order of Knights of Rizal Narra Chapter.

Cavalier Teddy and Beth Delarmente, 50 Years of Wedded Bliss

The Magiting couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2023 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Church, Project 6, Quezon City. Their children and grandchildren made the anniversary immensely happier for Teddy and Beth. Magiting classmates joined the celebration where the Honorable Mayor Joy Belmonte of Quezon City was the Guest of Honor.



Teddy and Beth with daughter Dra. Doray Delarmente-Bagting and 'apos'Bobby and Sarah. Son-in-law Norman was unfortunately down at the time.



Teddy and Beth at front and center, behind L to R are Dina Gaerlan, Nesty and Au Carolina, Jun and Alma Ebdane, Eloy and Rudy Garcia, Boots and Emy de Veyra, Willy and Alice Parayno.



JOSE C LALISAN JR
President
ARTHUR G BALMaceda
Secretary

Greetings to all Cavaliers!

How time flies. It is almost mind-boggling and without realizing it, it is nearly Christmas Season. Wow! But when you are having fun, who cares? Anyway, mga mistahs and our beloved Mas-Matatags, let us enjoy the moment and be positive (huwag lang sa Covid) in our thoughts and actions always. It is often said that "time flies when you're having fun" with someone or with your close people. Thus, mga boks, let us enjoy life while we still can.

Fellowships and "Me" Times

For the Matatags, the members who belong to the Hampaslupa'71 Golfers or

HL'71, I believed had the greatest number of gatherings. Why? It is because they play almost on weekly basis at different golf courses which often culminated in fellowships. Aside from the benefits of exercise, fresh air, and sunshine, Matatag golfers develop some sense of closeness and togetherness. They also develop patience, tolerance, anger management, and generosity though this is not always the case..ha ha. Believe it or not, some even improved their memories in remembering their scores in a game after all score cards were submitted. Who can forget the three "jabongs" in hole 7 of Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course while your opponent made a "birdie"? In my book, that is memorable! Mentioning memorable, golf also prevents developing dementia and Alzheimer. Mistahs who are not into golf may not know this but after the game, the Hampaslupas always had a fellowship not only to announce the winners and losers but also enjoy the "memories" of the cadet days and past experiences during the

active years in the Service. Of course, this is over the bottles of beer, wine, and single malt whiskey. On the average, our active HL'71 members are Rey Acop, our HL'71 Prexy, Rey Alcasid, Teody Viduya, Twiggy Zubia, Bing Alano, Rex Piad, Rey Velasco, Ed Matillano, Egay Aglipay, Tex Balmaceda, Rollie Garcia, Joey Lalisán, Jerry Albano, Oca Martinez, Dong Tabamo, Rey Rivera (before his medical leave), and Marte Chioco. The other members who are not so active either due to their busy schedules or based abroad are Dick de Leon, Amba Jun Paynor, Atotsky Paredes, Jun Fabros, Dan Belonia, Jimmy De La Cruz, Boy Castellano (Lake Elsinore, Ca), Archie Almario (Sfo, Ca), and Doy Francisco (Toronto). Lately, some mistahs join our fellowships and in due time will have their golf lessons. They are Former Sec Greg Honasan, Stan David, JB Ramos, Manny Foronda, and Caloy Garcia. Incidentally, HL'71 members joined in the Game of the Cavaliers Golf Tourney last 26 October 2023 in CGEA GC. Our next game will be on 7 November 2023 at the



PN GC. Hopefully, we can beat again the Class '72 golfers. Abangan...

Last 15 September 2023, Bunk Egay celebrated his delayed birthday at the new office of EMME Group of Companies. This was attended by the Matatags and Mas-Matatags, former classmates of Egay in UP and Ateneo Law, business associates, and clients. Egay and Mawie thanked all the guests in attendance after acknowledging the Almighty for all the blessings they had received. As always, a solemn mass was celebrated prior the affair.

Last 17 October 2023, Mistah Ben Gange and wife Bibing from "Down Under" Australia made a short visit to





attend to some family matters. They were treated to a lunch by Joey and Celia Lalisan and by the Hampaslupa'71 group at the Navy Golf Club. It was the occasion where the Golden Medallion was given to him including the Matatag Coffee Book and the Brothers. Present on that occasion were Prexy Joey Lalisan, Sec Tex Balmaceda, PRO Rey Alcasid, Manny Foronda and Stan David.

Last 18 October 2023, Mistah Rey Alcasid celebrated his birthday by hosting a mini golf tournament for the HL'71 at the PNGC. All those who played got prizes of sacks of rice. ReyAl was accompanied by wifey Mina and their children and apos during the luncheon fellowship. Sarap ng salmon sashimi at mga sushis prepared by the Alcasid clan.

Last 31 October 2023, another "Me" time was held for Rey Rivera who was in convalescence for about three months and a despedida for mistah Stan David who will be leaving for the US. This was hosted by Amba Jun Paynor.

Prayer Warriors

All the Matatags are now in their 70s. Accompanying old age are health

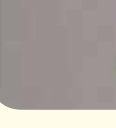


Mistah Dong Tabamo lighting the candles at Lourdes.

The PMA "Matatag" Class of 1971



Hampaslupa'71

 Abaya, N	 Acop, R	 Aglipay, E	 Alano, B	 Albano, J	 Alcasid, R	 Almario, A
 Batac, V	 Balmaceda, A	 Belonia, D	 Castellano, C	 Chioco, M	 David, E	 De La Cruz, J
 De Leon, R	 Domingo, D	 Eslao, N	 Fabros, U Jr.	 Foronda, M	 Francisco, F	 Galzole, E
 Garcia, C	 Garcia, R	 Kapunan, E	 Lalisan, J Jr.	 Legaspi, T ++	 Martinez, O	 Matillano, E
 Molato, A	 Ocampo, P ++	 Pagdanganan, R Honorary Member	 Paredes, R	 Paynor, M Jr.	 Perico, D	 Piad, R
 Ramos, JB	 Regalado, R	 Rivera, R	 Rues, T ++	 Sacramento, R	 Seron, A	 Tabamo, D
 Tabanda, H	 Velasco, R	 Viduya, T	 Zubia, F Jr			



Rosary from Lourdes – 20/09/2023

issues. We are thankful that our Mas-Matatags formed prayer warriors who offered novena prayers for us who have health issues and personal problems. This

group is spearheaded by Mawie Aglipay, Celia Lalisan, Aleli Belonia, Tess Paynor, Boy and Barrie Castellano, Lulu Tabamo, Verna Albano, Mel Acosta, Jing Martinez,

Vicky Seron, Archie and Rose Almario, and Lita Gil. Prayers really make miracles. Our mistahs who suffered from serious medical situations recovered and have improved their condition. Consul Lulu Tabamo with Rochee Domingo and Jinggoy Martinez even personally led the rosary at the Lourdes in Paris for our sick mistahs. Thanks again to our Mas-Matatags. Thanks Lord for the answered prayers!



Prayer warriors in action

Quote for This Issue

A day without prayer is a day without blessing, and a life without prayer is a life without power. Edwin Harvey/ JCL/3 Nov 23



Hello and warm greetings to all. This particular Class Call features the significant class activities for the months of August to October, the last for CY 2023. Here are the updates for your information and reading pleasure particularly for those who are not aware of class activities due to various personal reasons.

(a). Board of Directors/Class Officers Meeting:

President Art convened the Board for Special Meeting last 17 August via Zoom. In said meeting, President Art presented the concepts and schedule of activities of the 3rd Breakfast Forum to be on 07 September at the famous Viking Resto in SM Aura, BGC. The activities will start with a Holy Mass at Padre Pio Chapel inside Aura to be followed by the programs and finally sumptuous "ALL YOU CAN" lunch. Mistah Bing rendered the financial report in particular the total



expenses and disbursements, status of Class Funds, cash on hand and expected budget for programmed class activities. We do not publish the figures in this forum for obvious reason. For those who are interested, you may request our Treasurer for details. The next item of the agenda was the approval of the Board on the nomination of Mistah Dick Gordon as Honorary Member of PMAAAI. With that, Mistah Ed Ad was tasked to prepare the

necessary documents for the nomination to be signed by the Class President. Likewise, he will also confer with Dick about his willingness and acceptance of





the nomination. The last item brought out to the attention of the Board was the unauthorized postings of some Mistahs/Mas in violation of the existing policy guidance set forth by the Board which was repeatedly disseminated to the Class. Once again, the Board, through the Class President, came up with a detailed directive posted in our Official Bulletin for everybody's info. For other matters, the Board approved the awarding of Masigasig Plaques of Recognition to Mistah MB and members of Editorial Staff (Ed Adan, Phepps Vidad, Willy Mejia and Cel Navarro) for their invaluable contributions to the Class. The awards will be presented during the Christmas party on 07 December.

(b). MAS Marido Ambrocio as Hermana Mayor: Last 03 September, MAS Marido fulfilled her wish as Hermana Mayor of the Blessed Mother Nuestra Senor de la Consolacion y Corea during the celebration of town fiesta of Paombong, Bulacan. Despite bad weather and imminent flooding along the way, 16 Masigasigs/Mas braved the possible consequences to lend morale support to Marido and Orly. With that, the ever accommodating couple rewarded them with sumptuous sea foods and most importantly the graces and blessings of Blessed Mother Nuestra Senor de la Consolacion y Corea. Congratulations again Marido, more power and plenty of blessings.

(c). 3rd Breakfast Forum: The 3rd Breakfast Forum at Viking in Aura last 08 September was an outstanding success with 52 Mistahs/Mas in attendance. The day started with a Holy Mass at Padre Pio Chapel officiated by Fr Glen Gomez, followed by the usual program of honoring, blessings and gifts giving to



birthday celebrators. The magnanimous celebrants donated P26,000.00 which was added to the expenses incurred during the event. The spirit and morale of everybody was very evident. Of course we give credit to those responsible for the success of the Forum. Our thanks and gratitude to Prez Art and Mas Carol, the architects of this celebration, Kudos also to Mistah Egay and Mas Mila Paguio who arranged the presence of Fr Glen and the availability of the choir. Likewise, Mistah Egay personally coordinated with the management the availability of parking spaces and security protocol. Special thanks to Fr Glen Gomez for officiating the mass and giving special blessings to whole Masigasig family. To those in some ways made the celebration a success, "maraming salamat po."

(e). October Social: Mistah Dick and Mas Kate hosted a get together and

fellowship for Masigasigs and Mas last 05 Oct at the Roof Top, Red Cross building in Mandaluyong City. Twenty-five (25) Mistah and Mas joined the fellowship. Like previous social gatherings, it was a night of fellowship and fun, with sumptuous foods and drinks in abundance. The music was superb, courtesy of Michael. Not to be outdone, the Masigasig crooners (TJ, Art L and Company) belted their hearts out rendering old melodies to the delight of the audience. Kudos to those who brought extra boodles and drinks. Having said those, we express our thanks and appreciation to our kind and amiable hosts Mistah Dick and Mas Kate Gordon.

(f). The Passing of Mistah Manny Teodosio: The unexpected death of our dear Mistah Manny Teodosio last 23 October was a big blow on the morale of Masigasig family. As a brilliant,

professional and gallant Marine Officer his accomplishment added credence to the prestige of Masigasigs. He is a recipient of various awards and decorations and one of the most bemedaled Marine Commandants in his generations. Mistah Teody's rose to prominence for leading the troops that liberated Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte from MNLF control as Commander of 1st Marine Brigade 23 years ago. A prolific writer, he authored numerous books on leadership, military tactics and doctrines and as Editor-in-Chief of our Masigasig Golden Sword. He lived his life with Courage, Integrity and Loyalty, a loving husband to Choly and caring Dad to his children. Rest in Peace Mistah, We will definitely miss you.

(g). Health and Wellness Updates:

One primordial commitment of the Class is to extend financial assistance to Mistah/Mas who were confined in the hospitals for various sickness. In a way, it is a big help to them to lessen their bills for treatment and hospitalizations. This is in accordance with the existing policy of the Board. In addition, the Class also gives financial support "abuloy" to the bereaved families of Mistah/Mas during wakes, inurnments and burials. On record, a total of **Ph2,678,187.00** was spent for health, wellness and morale of Masigasig/Mas.

Happyreadingand "MERRYCHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR" to all...**oslec.**



Last August, the class was invited by Sid Land and Becky to visit them in Davao for a weekend fun. We were billited in their Airport View hotel. Those who joined were Bong and Dada, VQ and Mayeth, Ed and Magen, Janet and her daughter, Joy and daughter, Tiks and Tani and Emily, Imelda and Rose. We were closely attended by the Lapena family in touring all the beautiful sights of Davao and Samal.

One of the highlights of this tour was an island hopping boat ride in the different points of Samal island. This was a whole day affair and we took our sumptuous lunch on board the water craft. On our last day before our departure for Manila, we

spent the day at the farm of the Lapenas at Samal and ate lunch which consisted of mostly organic farm produce. Needless to say, we also ate fruits (durian, mangosteen,

mangos, pineapple, etc.) from the orchard. On the last night, the couple hosted a delicious dinner at their Palos Verde Golf and Country Club home.



On 9 Sep, Bong and Dada hosted a birthday party and reunion at the Celebrity Sports Plaza. It was originally planned for the 70th birth anniversary of Bong but due to the lockdowns, he was able to give the party just this

year. More than 30 Maagaps and mas Maagaps joined the event.

Lastly, we went to Cabanatuan to be with the family of Rene for the passing of Nits. Bong gave the usual

abuloy to the children and conveyed our deepest condolence.

Finally, we went to Angeles to condole with the family of Christie on the passing of his mum. Several Maagaps and their ladies joined us.





AVELINO I RAZON, JR
President
WILFREDO V GARCIA
Secretary

For this quarter, the class activities were just a continuation of our previous plans, projects and our usual pre-occupations.

Specifically, we focused on the most urgent and difficult task of preparing for the Golden Jubilee year celebration of the Marangals in 2024 during the traditional PMA Alumni Homecoming. We just wanted to be sure that everything would be well taken care of and that all the tasks and duties associated with the golden jubilee celebration have been completed. Above all, we wish that our Golden Jubilee event would be something to be remembered forever.

So far, we have finished the following projects and activities:

- 1) Construction of a 250 sqm two-storey viewdeck to be donated to PMA as our concrete manifestation of gratitude to our Alma Mater;
- 2) Publication of 400 copies of a special edition of the Golden Sword which contains the class history, pictures of the class and the members thru the years, articles and reminiscences from members;
- 3) Hotel reservation for members including widows of departed Mistahs;
- 4) Formal dinner at The Manor at Camp John Hay; and
- 5) Transportation from John Hay to PMA and back during the Saturday parade.

We can't praise President Sonny Razon and the class officers/BOT members enough. They did an incredible job. We would also like to commend all the Marangals for their wholehearted support and collaboration. Had it not been for them, we would not have been able to finish these projects and activities ahead of time.

We have kept our usual preoccupation of having regular exercise by playing golf, and social interaction by mingling and coming into contact with Mistahs and friends during birthday party get-togethers and short leisure trips. We play golf every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and during golf tournaments sponsored by PMAAAI and other classes including Corps of 74567 quarterly fellowship golf which we organized with Classes '75, '76, and '77.



Board of Trustees / Class Officers Meeting



Short leisure trip to Sonny Razon's Farm – Lipa City

As we age, we need to engage more in this kind of activities that are beneficial to physical and mental health. Staying physically fit by exercising regularly and being socially active are linked to improving overall wellness and aging gracefully. It is our hope that will be able to continue to pursue this endeavor for as long as we can.

Corps of 74567 Fellowship Golf

The Corps of 74567 Fellowship Golf for this quarter was hosted by PMA Class of 1977. Held at the Philippine Navy Golf Club on September 28, 2023, it was played under the Best Ball Scramble scoring system with five two-man teams/pairs to count. Classes could, however, field as many teams as possible.

The Marangals again bagged the championship trophy with Ricky Dela Paz winning the longest drive and the pairs of

Willy Garcia/Lito Gutierrez and Jun Noble/Ed Doromal tying for the tournament's Best Team with the gross score of 2 over par.

The members of the Champion Team were:

- Jun Esperon/Jun Lopez
- Sonny Razon/Amy Tolentino
- Willy Garcia/Lito Gutierrez
- Pons Crucero/Totoy Cedo
- Jun Noble/Ed Doromal
- Tony Ramos/Larry Doria (US based Mistahs)

• Ricky dela Paz (Team Captain) and Damian Carlos

It was another great day of golf filled with fun, and enjoyment. We thank God that despite our age, we can still play golf and enjoy life to the fullest. As what we keep on saying, "Men are created equal, but the best can still play golf in their seventies."



Short leisure trip to Iloilo City



Visit to Molo Church, Iloilo City



Golf at Malarayat Golf Club



Corps of 74567 Fellowship Golf



Third Quarter Champions

We are looking forward to the next tournament this time to be sponsored by our class at Villamor Golf Club on December 13, 2023.

We will apply the greensomes scoring system. Both partners tee off. On the second shot, each player hits his partner's ball. For the third shot, they shall choose one ball and play alternately from that point until they complete play of the hole.

Upcoming Activities:

We would like to enjoin everyone to attend, and participate in these upcoming class activities. We fervently hope for your full support and cooperation.

17 November 2023 – Birthday party for 4th Quarter Celebrants at Philippine Navy Golf Club:

Roland Rodriguez
Joe Ongchangco

James de Guzman
Willy Garcia

Ernie Belen
Ruben Garcia
Marcelo Santos
Vic Franco
Boy Miranda
Randy Dauz
Romeo Panay

Stan Pagdilao
Cesar dela Pena
Nick Radovan
Errol Pan
Nick Manalo
Oca Orbeta
Danny Bocobo

8 December 2023 – Christmas Party at Villamor Golf Club

8 January 2024 – Board of Trustees meeting at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club

20 January 2024 – Lunch for widows at Philippine Navy Golf Club (BOT Members to attend)

27 January 2024 – PMAAAI Annual General Assembly/Meeting at Villamor Gym

14 February 2024 – Lunch for Mistahs abroad at PN Golf Club

16 February 2024 – Class dinner at The Manor at Camp John Hay

17 February 2024 – PMA Annual Alumni Homecoming/PMA Class 74 Golden Jubilee Year Celebration



Ladies Club Meeting



RAUL S GONZALES
President
DANTE T FERRER
Secretary

Birthday Greetings – We have 13 mistahs with birthdays during the 4th quarter. Unfortunately, six of them are no longer around to celebrate with us. Seven, however, are still around to add another year in their bubbling life. We remember our departed mistahs, their life and fond memories and continue to pray for the repose of their souls. We wish our birthday celebrators warm felicitations and more to come. Always remember to keep smiling and to have a positive outlook on life. Happy Birthday!

October

Napoleon Delos Santos (+)	Oct 7
Sergio M Alcutilla (+)	Oct 8
Roberto O. Robles (+)	Oct 10

November

Sofronio F Pasilio (+)	Nov 1
Cesar L. Carranza	Nov 3
Bernardo G. Julianda (+)	Nov 20
Florante J. Bagueio (+)	Nov 25

December

Carlito C. Claudio	Dec 7
Ruperto Rico C. Borromeo	Dec 8
Arthur N. Gosingan	Dec 9
Osmundo C. Hernandez	Dec 10
Reynaldo P. Ansay	Dec 26
Renato M. Navarro	Dec 29

Rest-in-Peace – Andrian Perez Espera
- Another Makabayan, Danny or Espe as he was fondly called, succumbed to

the family, relatives, and friends.

After resigning from the service, Andrian was hardly seen nor heard from,



ANDRIAN P ESPERA
(September 8, 1952 - August 2, 2023)



death, and joined the Creator on August 2, 2023. He was survived by his wife, Sally and children Ace, Paul Michael, Jeffrey, and Sheena. The vigil was held at the Bonifacio Naval Station Mortuary, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City where the necrological services were held on August 11, 2023 attended by the members of the family, mistahs of PMA Class 75, and relatives and friends. Pet Magno delivered the eulogy on behalf of the Makabayans. The interment was held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City on August 12, 2023. Full military honors were rendered by the Philippine Navy honor guards. Makabayan mistahs led by class president Raul Gonzales and some Makabayan ladies joined the funeral entourage of the immediate members of



PMA CI 75 "Makabayans" during the internment on August 12, 2023 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig City.

especially within the Makabayan circle of friends. Andrian served the Philippine Navy in various capacities starting as mess and supply officer (MSO) in frigate and patrol ships under the PN Naval Operating Forces. He also served as deck and gunnery (DGO) officer and engineering and

operations officer. He joined the Philippine Coast Guard where he served in the Aids to Navigation Command. Andrian was also assigned with the Philippine Navy Finance Center. And just before retiring optionally in 1999, he was with the Naval Reserve Command.

After optional retirement from the active service on December 31, 1999, Andrian was employed with the Sulpicio Lines and eventually with Pilipinas Shell. He had a brief employment as OFW in the Middle East and upon returning, joined one of the biggest cargo forwarding companies in the Philippines, 2GO.



Pet Magno delivering the eulogy during the necrological service on Aug 11, 2023 at the Bonifacio Naval Station, Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Romeo Tropicales – Not long after Danny Espera's demise, another Makabayan left this world and joined the Creator. Romy or Tropics, as he was dotingly called, died of acute coronary syndrome at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City on October 9, 2023. He was survived by his wife Rowena and two daughters, Kristina and Karina, and three grand daughters namely Krizzie Mielle, Khloe Mozelle, and Morgan Olivia.

Romy's time in the active military service was brief as it was cut short by a disability discharge in 1976. His last rank upon his discharge was second lieutenant. Romy graduated number one among the PMA Class 75 Air Force group. He was among the officers called to undergo pilot training joining PAF Flying School Class 76-B. However, during the third phase of the



ROMEO R TROPICALES
19 April 1951 - 9 October 2023

training, Romy was separated from the military service owing to health reasons.

Several Makabayans and their ladies attended the vigil and viewing at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary on October 12-16, 2023. Romy was interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig City on October 17, 2023 with full military honors provided by the Philippine Air Force Honor Guards.

Members of PMA Class 75 and their ladies bestow their deepest condolences to mistah Andy Mesa and his family for the passing of Evangiline, Vangie, for short, wife of Andy Mesa, on September 27, 2023. Several Makabayans and their ladies attended the interment with full military honors at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig City on October 5, 2023.



Members of PMA Class 75 pose at the loggia of the Libingan ng mga Bayani prior to interment on October 17, 2023.



COL EVANGILINE L. MESA NC (Ret)



Interment of Vangie Mesa at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Ft. Bonifacio, October 5, 2023.

Golf Pictorials—



Members of PMA Class 75 Golf Team: Fashion show and golf practice rolled into one. L-R: Jeff Sodusta, Pet Magno, Ernie Boac, Ding Luna, Noe Wong, Gerry Doria, Arsenio Arugay, and Raul Gonzales.



L-R: Raul Gonzales, Ernie Boac, Noe Wong, Ding Luna, and Andy Mesa.



PMA 75 Golf Team during the first round of the 2023-2024 Games of the Cavaliers Golf tournament at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf course. L-R:Ernie Boac, Arsenio Arugay, Ding Luna, Doming Manuel, Raul Gonzales, Cesar Carranza, Nap Cachuela, Jeff Sodusta, Noe Wong, Pet Magno, and Ruel Hiteroza.



Rey Ansay and Pepo Chanco, two gallant Maka-bayans representing the PMA alumni in the Al Just-ing Pintor Cup held in Tukwet Golf Course, California, USA. This tournament is a "Battle Of Alumni" participated in by alumni of different colleges and universities in the Philippines residing in the USA. PMA is the defending champion in the Senior Category.



RIC A DAVID JR
Pangulo
VIXI ABAT
Kalihim

TSIKENKLAB

The camaraderie of frolics continues.
Happy hostings.
Happy lunch treats.

SPORTS

Masikap '77 hosts
"Corps of 74567"

3rd Qtr '23 golfest 
in Navy Golf Course.
 class 1974

HEALTH BULLETIN

Healing prayers for mistahs
Larry A and Raffy P. They are going
through medical procedures.

Goal #1 for jolly "golden plebos" is
good health leading to old age comfort and
wellness.

MASIKAP MINISTRY

Viber group
Regular zoom meets.
Wonderful and 'faith'ful interaction re

matters of religion.
Ang Mabuting Balita.
The Good News.


FAITH is certain.

It doesn't rest on our opinion that
always wavers, but on the authority of God
who neither deceives nor can be deceived.

OBIT

Mistahs condole:
1. with Mon Espera on the demise of
his brother Adrian, class 1975.
Rest in peace.

📌
memories are kept;
to cherish, not to forget.

Some mistahs and spouses joined Ingrid in a brief morning prayer gathering in memory of Lino Lapinid on his death anniversary.

PASKO

DECEMBER

merry YULETIDE month 🎄



Loving Father, take our arms and bring us to the joys of Christmas.

Merry be your Christmas.

Peaceful be your home.

Joyful be your family.

Blessed be each one.







FELIPE HB BUENA JR
Chairman/President
GABRIEL F GOMEZ
Secretary
HO SUN YEE
Asst. Secretary

Each time we prepare the Class Call – the class chat group provides the fodder. Much of the postings indulged in reminiscence of the past, especially our days at Fort del Pilar, current affairs like the West Philippine Sea conflict with China – certainly divisive, medical and health issues, and most recently, the Hamas-Israel war, not forgetting the spirited spiritual discussions on life itself.

Our Mistah Justice Alex Gbua faithfully sends us the Daily Prayer to remind us to be



Paul M and Rolly D with Jover in Australia

grateful to God and keep our hearts pure and undivided. Mistah Marlon Viilaralvo sends us regular beautiful quotes with nice pictures. Mistah Romeo Lustestica and Sam

Tucay compete for the stand up comedian of the class. Regular contributors include Mistahs Ernest Villareal, Oca Rabena, Rudy Magtibay and our overseas Mistahs Julius Moreno – our regular Spiritual reminder and Jess Altuna whose elegant writing makes him the class scribe for our anniversary Sword.

Thanks to social media, we get to see the birthday and anniversaries celebrations of Mistahs overseas, including their warm hosting our visiting Mistahs. Our wonderful host in Baguio Mistah Goodie Ignacio never fails to overwhelm those who visit Baguio with his super hospitality as experienced by Mistah Jess Fajardo and his family. Mistah Jover is another wonderful host to our Mistahs visiting Australia. Mistah Botong Silva annual Botong's Cup in the US attracts cavaliers far and wide. Botong also hosted Mistah Rolly Abad and his lovely wife Dr Lorna and family. Recently Mistah Gabby Gomez had a wonderful reunion with Mistahs Winnie Borja and Rudy Castro in LA.

We have several bible study groups with our US Mistahs, Audie Serrano with CCF and Ho Sun Yee. After having been there, done that, many are looking beyond and we pray that all of us will deepen our relationship with the living God in a personal and intimate way.

I would be remiss if I do not include the favourite activity of the class – regular golf in the Philippines as well as overseas ! Regular practice yields results – we were the Champions at VAGC 3rd Quarterly Golf.



Champion VAGC 3rd Quarterly



Zoom Bible Study with US Mistahs



US Mistahs at Botong's Cup



Class 78 Golfers at Game of Cavaliers at PNGC



Baguio Mistah Goodie Ignacio hosting Mistah Jess Fajardo and family



US Mistahs Fellowship



US Mistahs Winnie Borja and Rudy Castro hosting Mistah Gabby Gomez



Mistahs Juancho Sabban and Botong catching up in the US



Mistahs Oca Rabena, George Piano, Art Cacdac, Sam Tucay and Ralph Villanueva at West Philippine Sea Forum



CAESAR RONNIE F ORDOYO
President
EDMUND C TAN
Secretary

As we Mapitagans await Christmas and prepare to greet the new year, we welcome with alacrity our new Class President, Caesar Ronnie “Cues” Ordoyo. It’s been a long time coming: he had to be courted, persuaded, convinced, cajoled, urged, coerced, and prodded upon to accept and take the helm. Since last year, Ces actually was a President-in-waiting, having Larry DLC temporary as Prez, as he still worked for PAL as VP for Security. After he reached the corporate retirement age of 65, Ces ran out of excuses. And so, he was bamboozled into assuming the class presidency last 24 September, to the glee and joy of the class. Of course, we have known Ces since forever: he is amiable, jovial, kind, generous, and is a very competent manager and a good leader.

The other class officers elected, in reality like Ces were selected, are:

Honorato “Nene” Delos Reyes – VP for the Army Group

Edgar “Bogs” Abogado – VP for the Navy Group

Nestor “Nes” Deona – VP for the Air Force Group

Elpidio “Bong” De Asis Jr – VP for the PNP Group

Edmund Tan – Secretary

Teodorico “Jun” Sanchez Jr - Treasurer

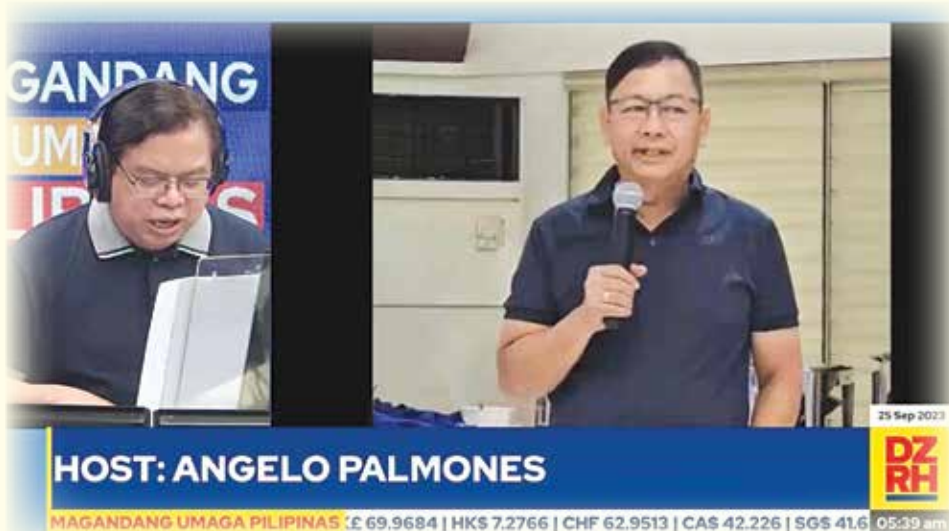
Larry Dela Cruz – Ex Officio Officer for being the immediate past Class President

Nick Bartolome – Adviser Emeritus

Positions that remain vacant are Auditor, Public Information Officer, and Business Manager. Any takers from other class members???

While hot in the topic of positions, we take pride in the extension of Romulo “Bong” Cabantac Jr as RD of OCD NCR after his official retirement on his 65th birthday last 18 September. Owing to Bong C’s able helmsmanship and the exigencies of the service, he stayed put. Congratulations and good luck to you more, Mistah Bong.

Moving to accomplishments and achievements, we are very happy to announce that a Mapitagan Brat, COLONEL MICHAEL DEON S COSTES MAC (GSC) O-135770, the eldest son of Dante and Malou Costes, was promoted to full Colonel. Michael, born on 30 May 1979 in Lingayen, Pangasinan, obtained his Bachelor of Science in Physical



Caesar Ronnie “Ces” Ordoyo being featured in the radio-tv program of our Honorary Member Angelo Palmones, on his assumption as the new Class President.

Therapy at Lyceum Northwestern University in Dagupan and is a Philippine Registered Physical Therapist. He has a post-graduate degree of Master’s in Public Management, Major in Development Security.

Colonel Mike’s journey to the military service started when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 31 March 2003. He was called to Active Duty on 01 May 2004 and served in various capacities with different units/command of the AFP.

Having been psychologically and mentally prepared to undergo the rudiments of soldiery, he was able to hurdle all his required military training courses, particularly in completing the Command and General Staff Course as a member of Class 70-22.

After all these years, his hard work and accomplishments paid off, as at 43 years old, he became one of the youngest members of the Service to be promoted to the rank of Colonel. Currently, Mike is the Chief of Health Service Center-Central, AFP HSC at VISCOM, Cebu City. To us Mapitagans, Colonel Mike is the first Mapitagan Brat to have donned the rank, and we are all proud of his achievement. Congrats, Colonel Mike. Kudos, too, to your proud parents.

Another Mapitagan Brat worthy of praise and congratulatory words from our class is another Michael, in the person of Michael “Migz” Romeo Gaddi Prado, son of Romy and Elena (+) Prado, who graduated on 19 August 2023 from the College of Medicine (Batch



Newly promoted Colonel Michael Deon S Costes MAC (GSC)



Michael “Migz” Romeo Gaddi Prado, the future Medical Doctor, on his graduation day from Medicine last 19 August 2023, with the proud father Mistah Romy.



The attendees of the Fellowship hosted by the August-September Birthday celebrants held at the Philippine Navy Golf Clubhouse on 24 September 2023, all 37-strong Mapitagans.

2023) of Lyceum Northwestern University in Dagupan, Pangasinan.

The Mapitagans send our warmest congratulations to our Mistah Romy Prado and his family, for son Migz's graduation from medical school. Yes, sending a kid to study medicine needs the support of the entire family. And since we Mapitagans are a family, some Mistahs, especially our honorary Doctors Chuck Chua-Chiaco, Frank Gali and Ordie Sta Ana, decided to join the effort of providing Migz a scholarship in the form of a monthly stipend for his medical schooling, beginning late last year 2022. After his graduation, Migz is now an intern at the Baguio General Hospital for a year, and we intend to continue the monthly support while he reviews for the Medical Board Exam that will be conducted in October 2024.

We are glad to be part of Migz's journey, and happy that together, we have done and will continue to be doing something "good for humanity" in making Migz become a full-pledged Doctor of Medicine . . . soon!

On a sad note, we as a Class mourned with great sadness the demise of our dearly beloved Mistah, Jesus Isidoro "Jess" C Atoc who passed away in the evening of 14 August 2023, after being in a coma at Cebu Chong Hua Hospital for almost a week due to brain hemorrhage. Jess, after his wake at Cebu Rolling Hills Memorial Chapel, was laid to rest on 20 August 2023 at Mactan Island Memorial Garden in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu, with a few Mistahs from Manila in attendance led by Nick Bartolome and wife Noemi. We extend our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Jess especially to wife Baby and his three children:

Jesse Louis, Jessica Marie, and Marie Mae, as well as to his relatives and friends. May the soul of Mistah Jess rest in eternal peace in GOD's loving embrace..."

In less than three months, we mourned again the untimely demise of another beloved Mistah, Ariel B Bernardo on 08 November 2023, at VLuna Medical Center where he was confined due to a lingering illness. Ariel's wake was at the mortuary in the Libingan ng Mga Bayani, and was laid to rest on 18 November 2023. Our sincerest condolences and sympathy to the bereaved family of Ariel: wife Joy, sons Arian Jed and Arvin Jeff, and daughter Marielle Jen, as well as to their relatives and friends. We request everyone to join us in praying for the eternal repose of Ariel's soul. May he rest in eternal peace in GOD's loving embrace..."

The loss of two beloved Mistahs in just a span of three months was overwhelming. Out of 111 in our class who graduated 43 years ago, 20 have gone ahead to the Great Beyond.

But back to a happier note. The August-September born Mapitagans hosted a Fellowship bash last 24 September 2023 to a full packed crowd at the Philippine Navy Golf Clubhouse. It was one of the most well-attended class events, as many of us turned 65, and wondered how come we don't even act, este, look our age.

We became kids again as we joined the 'no brainer' parlor games (bagay), and became cadets again as we did our roll call by companies, and fought over our honorary members to be our company mates.

Because the wives were not around, it was cheat day for many ... on food, as the first

to vanish was the lechon. We turned singers for the day, while Ed Tamayo and Dante Costes regaled us with the latest dance steps ... of 40 years ago. At kung бага sa komiks ... Itutuloy.

We also celebrated the retirement of Ces Ordoyo from PAL, as he took on the more formidable task of being our Class President. Congratulations, Ces. We are proud to have you as our new Prez. Congratulations likewise to the outgoing President Larry Dela Cruz, evidently the happiest person on earth that day!

Unfortunately, the exciting Part 2 planned by the Class Secretary was aborted. Sa Christmas Party na lang daw. Ano kaya yon? Hehehe . . .

Still in the offing is the next Fellowship, to be hosted by the October-November birthday celebrants, slated at end of November 2023 in a venue still to be determined. Everyone, we are sure, looked forward to this bi-monthly gathering of Mistahs, in celebration of birthdays of the hosts and other surprises.

With the avowed goal of "Strengthening The Bonds" emblazoned on the giveaway golf shirt, PMAAAI kicked off this year's edition of The Games of the Cavaliers with the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course leg playdates of October 25 to 29. At stake were Individual and Team Awards for alumni and Individual Awards for friends and guests of alumni.

Wielding the golf clubs for Team Mapitagan were George Regis, the Team Captain, and members Larry Dela Cruz, Ces Ordoyo, Emil Sarmiento, Bong De Asis, Ted Torralba, Herbert Yambing, Dante Balao, Paco Francisco and Onel Lleno. The Mapitagans vied for the team championship under the

Senior Tac-O Division against Classes 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982 and 1983.

The Philippine Navy Golf Course leg followed later on November 4 to 8. The Golf Fellowship Tournament culminated with the team Championship of the PMA Classes in the morning of November 12 at the Villamor Golf Course. At noon, awarding of the team and individual champions as well as other category winners followed.

As expected, Team Mapitagan poured their hearts into the game, "where we triumph as considerate victors and lose with determined grace and a determined will to win."

The stoutest heart belonged to Team Captain George who brought honors to the Class by being the Individual Runner-Up in the Senior Tac-O's Division composed of Classes 1978 to 1983, with an over-all total score of 101 points (49 CAGC, 52 PNGC), just a mere shade below the 102 score of the Individual Champion Villamor Bumanglag '79. Congratulations, PB George! Ang galing mo! 🎉🎉

In the other side of the world, ten Mapitagans, based in the US/Canada, namely: Mike Agudo, Jun Ancheta, Oby Antonio, Caloy Cariaga, Noel Dominguez, Jess Lomeda, Del Lorenzo, Allan Sta Ana, Jun Tagulao and Edwin Talens, attended the Botong's Cup last 05 November 2023 at Legacy Resort Phoenix in Arizona, USA.

The event, a yearly golf tournament for bugo-bugos and invited guests, is held every November, the birth month of Rodolfo "Botong" Silva '78, the organizer whose birthday falls on November 11.

The Mapitagan class happens to have two classmates in the area, namely: Mike

Agudo and Caloy Cariaga, a long lost Mistah. The two took care of all the needs of the participants to make their stay comfortable and enjoyable: shuttling them from the airport for those arriving by plane, bringing them to the airBnB rented place paid for by both with Del Lorenzo for a three-day stay. We heard the ref was well-stocked and never ran out of boodles, beers, and sodas. Red wine overflowed over non-stop stories, most were rehashed but always elicited laughter, reminiscing about plebehood and of course, magan upperclassmen. Time flew so fast for them that sleep proved elusive as

they must prepare for the practice round and tournament on the following day.

Also present in the Botong's Cup were Roda, the wife of Allan; Jess Altuna '78, the buddy of Edwin; Bong Golez '79 and Gerry Tenazas '76 – the car-pool passengers of Noel D.

Mike Agudo emerged as the Champion for Class B Category of the tournament, by breaking 90. Big congrats, Bai Mike! Lami kaayo, no? Hehehe...

Lastly, in the spirit of the Christmas season, we greet all Mapitagans and their respective families, a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2024! Cheers to all!!!



The ten US-Based Mapitagans that attended the Botong's Cup on 05 November 2023 at the Legacy Resort Phoenix in Arizona, USA, with the gracious host: Rodolfo "Botong" Silva '78 (center). Left to right: Oby Antonio, Del Lorenzo, Jun Ancheta, Allan Sta Ana, Caloy Carriaga, Botong '78, Jess Lomeda, Jun Tagulao, Noel Dominguez, Edwin Talens, and Mike Agudo.



IT JUST GETS BETTER FOR THE DIMALUPIG

If there is any thing to describe the members of the Dimalupig of Class 1981 these days, it is they know how to have fun and enjoy their retirement. This can be best described in pictures more than words. As they say, a picture paints a thousand words. With pictures, we cannot be contained by a one page, 800 words Class Call to show all what the class is doing.

A testament to the fun is the celebration of the birthdays of all Dimalupigs born in

the 2nd and 3rd quarter of the year. The joint celebration dubbed as Octoberfest when the Dimalupigs dined, drank and danced the night away with abandon that

no hypertension, blood sugar, painful joints and other senior woes could stop. The Manlulupig just cannot be outdone and still do it better in every way.



Whenever, wherever they are, whoever they are with....



For growing and extending families....

Exchanging visits...



Homecoming of a Mistah...



Rallying to be only and ever the team to beat in the Golf Course ...

Or saying a sad farewell to a departed Mistah...



**Mark your calendar for a
magical celebration of joy
and thanksgiving.**

**Colorful Shimmering
DIMALUPIG Christmas 2023**

**December 10, Sunday
Ogbinar Hall, PNGC
11am-3pm**



The Dimalupigs celebrates life
together with no care for the
short road ahead.

They look forward again to
celebrating Christmas like
they never did.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!!**





Now inching towards halfway of becoming senior among seniors, some members of the class still have enough breath to wow even the global crowd and earn accolades of praises from an engagement that require massive capacity of endurance, acuity of senses, discipline and grit: a demanding job that requires endless vigil, teamwork, steep level of standard [zero tolerance of failure] and commanding presence. The successful hosting of the Philippines of the International Federation of Basketball Association (FIBA) can, in no small measure, be accorded to the efforts of Henry Sabarre, the Overall Chief Security of the Local Organizing Committee of the Multi-Agency Coordinating Center of the event, and his able Operations Chief, Aleto Jeremy Mirasol. It was a herculean task much daunted for the challenges it was expected to bring to bear to our already local system of facilities and infrastructures in a crunch. Being a nation known for its obsession and unexplainable compulsion to see basketball in person and the influx of the international crowd fixed on cheering their team could liken the event to international music celebrities holding concerts in different venues all at the same time for a week. The event, going through its activities in smooth fashion without any major disruption is a statement of excellence to behold.



With everyone almost not busy with work both publicly and privately, for



Victory Party/Culmination of the event



26th (Last) Critique/ Debriefing Session at MACC

some, a golf course has now evolved to be a watering hole: a place to recharge, stretch, get sustenance and for the more competent ones, a livelihood. Despite the challenges offered by the steady and numbing rate

of inflation, the class has maintained to keep its monthly golf fellowship going. And as some have hanged up their golf clubs and other tools for varying alibis, monthly fellowship is also getting to be a trend





even for non-golfers. Notwithstanding, it came as a no surprise that the class moved like migrating lemmings on the call to participate in the Game of Cavaliers. Without much prodding, a total of 44 enlisted to participate in the game. So far, the performance of the Matikas Turfers is, as can be expected, superb. Now we are entering into the championship league with 10 points ahead. But win or lose our fondness for the game and the camaraderie that we get from each other for each of our monthly encounters here and abroad reign supreme...

Not to be outdone, there are still some among us that have maintained their competence in a sports that requires stamina not naturally available for men of our age: Badminton. And yet the freakish (in an excellent positive way) performance



of **Jue Hautea** in the Games of Cavaliers stunned us to disbelief when he grabbed the honor as the Class E Champion besting younger equally determined others.

Now that we feel the chill of Amihan breeze on our face, glance at the hypnotic blinkers of lights on the roadside, and hear the ever classic music of Jose Mari Chan in the air, we know that the most awaited season of Christmas is near. As usual, the necessary preparations are now put in order and the most competent social beings are tapped to again do their magic to make real the cheer on the birth of man's greatest gift of salvation. While the Board



of the Class has Chosen Bong Masmela as the man in charge for the event, he feels compelled to get his buddy to make the preparations spot on and flawless, JayAr Parra. But this time they intend to weave a thread out of the ordinary. For the first time, they will be inviting the members of our Brats. In the pursuit of one of our most awaited venture, we would finally take the first and maiden step in bringing life to our Progeny Project. To coordinate, Bong Visaya invited some select members of the Matikas Brats to let them witness the dynamics of their dads as we coordinate for the salient points of the Matikas Christmas Party and hear the vision that we have charted for them. Needless to say,

they were excited and moved to bring the rest of their gang. And talking about the gang, we would like to share to everyone the honor that our mistah Ronald Albano on the accomplishment of his son Patrick for passing the USRNA exam as a Behavioral Health Coordinator. Like most highly specialized profession that is taken by millenials, what he has accomplished is something that we cannot describe or discuss at length by our sheer ignorance [due to the blistering rate of changes in our surroundings] but one that we can all admire and

Give our best appreciation. Again, congrats Patrick and we wish and pray for your for more power.





Finally! **Badong Mison** had already been appointed as Undersecretary at DND. Congratulations, mistah. You are the latest on the list of Maharlikans who are back in the government service. The bulk of Maharlikans are already in the service of their better halves.

In the month of October, we lost our mistah **Ed Collado** due to lingering disease. Our condolences to the family, and rest in peace, mistah Ed. May the Almighty God grant you eternal peace. Times like these always remind us to take care of our health, to take care of our bodies. We know that health issues are likened to rapid fire, yes, not just single shot, when we reach senior citizen age. They just pop out every now and then. Well, we can only defend ourselves from these host of sicknesses attacking us often by living a healthy life. Use of food supplements, special medicines and herbs supposed to provide wonders is, I think, common to many of us now. We need it badly. We use it badly. I hope it is not "we use badly"!

The past quarter of the year 2023 is marked by fundraising activities of the Class and the Companies, too. Topping the list are golf tournament and sale of apparels with Class seal. These are all in preparation for our 40th year graduation anniversary celebration in Baguio City in March 2024. Yes, with a bang! But not

"bang your head on the table"! Hopefully, all Class uniforms shall have been delivered to concerned members before the year ends. Please, allow us enough time for adjustment purposes - - - trim down or have it repaired. Afterall, Maharlikans believe in golf dictum that "if you cannot play, display!"

The country had been busy in October due to elections for Barangay Captains and Kagawads and SK (Sangguniang Kabataan). In October 30, voters across the country elected their leaders of choice. One Maharlikan, a silent ladies' choice, is now the people's choice of Brgy Dicklum in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon. Congratulations, mistah **Kap Rey Mutiangpili**. Good luck in your political journey! I knew some Maharlikans also ran in these elections as Barangay Kagawad, but I have not received any update yet. How about for SK? None, sir! We are already senior citizens, and could well qualify for SK, yes, but SK as in Sobrang Kunat.

I will be remiss if I fail to mention again my colleagues in the corporate world in this issue of our Class call. **Rey Guerrero**, welcome to the club of happy and contented Maharlikans. Up there in northern Luzon area, **Ed Maningding** is busy touching base with LGUs and other agencies for company projects and concerns. **Bernie Sun's** hands are also full in central Luzon coordinating with business units in the area. Did I see **Noel Mislang** aboard ship going somewhere else? He is based in Metro Manila, but his area covers the whole country. **Martin Pinto**, where art thou? I heard you're very busy somewhere out there in Palawan area. **Caloy Tabo** is still secretive of his activities, reminiscent of his work before he retired from the active service few decades ago, I mean years

ago! How can I forget our tireless Class President **Banji Ramos**? He is always on the go interacting with concerned agencies especially the security-related sector. Me (**Jesse Alvarez**)? My work-related travels bring me to different areas in Regions 10 and 13 (Caraga), while I spend my free time doing charcoal portrait and acrylic paintings. My latest passion! By the way, **Joey Kakilala** and **Roy Antonio** are still working in a mining company operating in Region 12.

As promised, I will feature the list of avid Maharlikan golfers. This is not arranged according to handsomeness, nor by age, but by level of skills demonstrated recently. And I mean, at most the top 10 only! Hahaha. Here you go: 1. **Elmer Quiros** (there's a saying that "the first shall always be the last"), 2. **Ronald Santos**, 3. **Manny Prieto**, 4. **Joel Pagdilao**, **Noli Taliño**, 5. **Ronnie Estilles**, 6. **Gerry Amante**, 7. **Ernie Lopena**, 8. **Jun Perez**, 9. **Pat Morales**, 10. **Ding Ferreira**, 11. **Jerry Alfante**, 12. **Ike Eslao**, 13. **Gene Cerbo**, 14. **Paeng Mariano**, 15. **Atong San Juan**, 16. **Bob Aligayay**, 17. **Noelito Albano**, 18. **Nelson Chidrome**, 19. **Jess Galapia**, 20. **Jun Marquez**, 21. **William Uy**, 22. **Gilbert Sosa**, 23. **Ranier Idio**, 24. **Noel Armilla**, 25. **Others**, including newly minted Maharlikan golfers.

I always reserve the best for last. We have one accomplished senior amateur golfer in our rank. He was a member of Team Philippines that won the Net Championship in World Senior Golf in California, USA in 2022. He also won gold medal in the individual competition category of his age-group in the 37th ASEAN Senior Amateur Golf Championships in Singapore. Maharlikans, please, help me welcome my squadmate senior (citizen) golfer **Richard Albano**! Congratulations, mistah.



SWING WITH PMA SINAGTALA 86

Sinagtala Class 86 has conducted our Golf Fund raising activity in the Langer Course of Riviera Golf Club Silang, Cavite Last July 27, 2023. This was conceptualized to generate fund to support the family of our departed Mistahs, as well as to those who have unhealthy conditions.



Rollie Manalo '86 won our 1st prize in the Major Raffle Draw.

This was participated in by 144 golfer enthusiasts who in spite of rainy morning conditions fought it out to finish the entire 18 challenging holes of this rolling golf fairways and its undulating greens.

Our esteemed classmate Sen Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa during the closing ceremony, thanked all those who supported this noble undertaking. Our sincere appreciations to Mr. Ramon Ang who was our Tournament Sponsor and other generous friends who contributed to make this event a whooping success.

Additionally, it was 3rd BN led by Tim Pacleb's great shot that won in the Inter BN Golf tournament, likewise it was Rollie Manalo who won the major prize which was the 65" LG colored TV.

After the awarding ceremony, most of the Mistahs who played, stayed behind to be serenaded by our Lady Singer as well as to sing along with her.



Sinagtala's poscel as a Group during Breakfast before teeing off.



As we prepare to tee off.



Posing with the Tarpaulin of our Tournament Sponsor, Mr. Ramon Ang of SMC.



With Sen. Bato during lunch.



with our class President, VM Ted Carranza of Silang, Cavite and Sen. Bato.



ERNESTO C TORRES, JR
President
ADONIS R BAJAO
Class Historian

Over 30 years have come and gone since we bid a solemn farewell to the revered Borromeo Field; our conclusive cadet pass-in-review forever imprinted in our minds. Presently, a myriad of distinct journeys have unfolded. Several among us, having achieved distinction through unwavering commitment, have hung up their uniforms, taking on the mantle as officials in civilian government, putting to work the experience and expertise arising from their hard-earned accomplishments.

Others have chosen to continue their relationship with active military service, finding refuge in golf courses, shooting ranges, and other active pursuits, which aid in managing the pressures that come along the way.

Additionally, there are those who have opted for the calming course of savouring intimate bonds with their treasured loved ones, capitalizing on their time as leaders in the corporate and industrial sectors.

There too are those among us who have preferred to steer away from the public eye, revelling in their private lives. These individuals have been exploring newer, more scenic vistas in their retirement.

Though it would not be necessarily be chronologically presented, our roll call will proceed based on our respective services as soldiers on the ground, airmen, navigators - encompassing coast guards and marines, police force officers and honorary members. Our shared memory of service continues to be the thread that binds us together.

ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE AGAIN - RECALLED FROM RETIREMENT

(ARMY)

In the realm of Government Service, the former Commander of the Northern Luzon Command, AFP, who also led the 10th Infantry "Agila" Division and the AFP Civil Relations Service, Cav Ernesto Torres Jr, has been appointed as the Executive Director of the government's anti-insurgency task force, NTF-ELCAC. Under his leadership, the government is poised for a resounding victory over its adversaries.

After serving as the Commander of the 6th Infantry "Kampilan" Division, Cav Juvymax Uy has taken the oath of office as Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs while Cav Francisco Ariel Felicidadario, former Commander of the Special Operations Command, now contributes as a consultant to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity.

Cav Rodolfo Batang currently holds the position of Executive Director for the 1-RIDER Party List, where he tirelessly champions the rights of motorists in the Congress. As such, his organization focuses on enhancing road safety and protecting motorists from abusive traffic enforcers.

Cav Noel Plaza, after decades of unwavering dedication and fulfilling service within the intelligence community of the AFP, has also returned to the realm of government service, as he assumed the pioneering role of the inaugural Regional Director of NICA BARMM.



Sharing the joyous occasion with our wonderful ladies during TDCSAFP's birthday celebration.

Cav Ramil Bitong diligently serves with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), working to combat drug-related issues, while Cav Lincoln Tagle currently occupies the Chairman position of the Special Forces Alumni Association aiming to promote the general welfare of the Special Forces community.

(AIR FORCE)

Our Class Representative to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for Organizational Transformation, Cav Augusto Dela Peña, now shoulders additional responsibilities as an Undersecretary, overseeing Human Resources and Environment Law Enforcement Protection Service.

(NAVY-COAST GUARD)

Cav Ariel Caculitan, appointed as the Undersecretary of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Military Affairs (OPAMA), brings with him a distinguished military career and honor of being a top graduate of the AFP Command and General Staff Course and as the former Commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps.

Cav Reginald Rapanan has assumed the role of Director IV in the Department of Transportation's Office for Transportation Security, while Cav Camilo Balutan, the Director of the National Intelligence Coordination Agency-Cordillera, stays firm in preserving security and stability in the Cordillera region.

Cav Ruben Candelario also serves at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as consultant.

(HONORARY MEMBERS)

Rolly Rulloda stands at the forefront of disaster response and management as a member of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (DRRMC), ensuring



Civil servants, active military professionals, business entrepreneurs, and private citizens unite for an enjoyable round of golf.

the safety and resilience of communities in the face of natural calamities in La Union. Glee Juan established connection and works with the Business Permit and Licensing Office of LGU-Lasam.

The esteemed lawyer Atty. Raul Cortez is presently serving in the ranks of the Philippine Marine Corps.

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

While most members of our class are enjoying their "retirement" mode, seeing themselves in golf courses and farms, exploring the beauty of what the world can offer, and fulfilling their "apolistic duties", some are still in the active service.

(ARMY)

Notably, Cav Romeo Brawner Jr, the incumbent Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, remains a steadfast advocate for UNITY signifying Unification, Normalization, Internal Security Operations, Territorial Defense, and Youth.

Meanwhile, the flame of idealism continues to burn brightly under the watchful eye of Cav Rowen Tolentino, the dedicated PMA Superintendent. Cav William Gonzales takes the helm as the new Commander of the Western Mindanao Command, overseeing crucial military operations in the volatile region.

Cav Efren Baluyot and Cav Greg Almerol, in their roles as Southern Luzon Commander and Eastern Mindanao Commander respectively, play pivotal roles in safeguarding the southern part of Luzon and eastern part of Mindanao. At the same time, Cav Marvin Licudine perseveres in pursuit of excellent education and training as the Commander of the AFP Education, Training, and Doctrine Command.

In the Samar-Leyte peninsula, Cav Camilo Ligayo and in Bicolandia, Cav Adonis Bajao are working tirelessly in tandem, striving to bring an end to the decades-long insurgency in these mutually reinforcing areas of operations.

Cav Bayani Fernandez is still active down under as an officer of the Australian Defense Force.

(NAVY-COAST GUARD)

Cav Toribio Adaci Jr currently serves as the Flag Officer-in-Command of the Philippine Navy while Cav Alberto Carlos holds the position of Western Command Commander. Together, they steadfastly



Selfie during Commander, Western Mindanao Command's assumption. That's Entertainment Wednesday Group at the background.

safeguard Philippine sovereignty within the nation's maritime domains.

Cav Charles Gaerlan assumed the role of The Deputy Chief of Staff, AFP while Cav John Garana serves as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Financial Management, AJ10. They both assume important roles in advancing AFP's plans and programs.

(POLICE)

Cav Rhodel Sermonia presently serves as the Deputy Chief PNP for Administration – the last man standing for the Makatao Police Force.

(HONORARY MEMBERS)

And, forming part of the US Armed Forces are Jong Marcelo and Randyll Fernandez.

BUSINESS SECTOR

(ARMY)

Cav Ace Esmeralda, Cav Alex Tuprio, Cav Nick Pongos, Cav Ric Bayhon, Cav Mao Licudine, Cav Kiram Grajo, Cav Mon Tampil, Cav Leo Ramoran, Cav Kiko Baldazo, and Cav John Oberio are collectively unleashing their entrepreneurial prowess in the world of business.

Further, Cav Dan Barotilla plays an esteemed role within the Council of Advisers, ensuring the seamless operation of Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club.

(AIR FORCE)

Likewise, Cav Connor Canlas is presently engaged in key roles within the Air Cavalier Credit Cooperative (ACCC) as a member of the

Board of Directors and Trustee of AFPSLAI. Concurrently, he upholds his prowess in both golf and motorcycling, indulging in these passions with mucho gusto. Cav Jerry Cabe still works in Gulf Helicopters Company, currently stationed at Doha, Qatar.

For Cav Caloy Cristobal, except for graying hair, not much has changed. He is still in General Aviation flying the ACH130 T2 Helicopter. Cav Criz Marquez continues to be a dynamic force in Lipa City, Batangas, actively participating as a Board of Directors member in their Homeowners' Association. Additionally, he lends his support to the PNP Air Unit by serving on its Multi-Sector Advisory Board.

Cav Paul Mendoza maintains a highly active career as an international pilot, holding the prestigious position of Captain at HKC Air Cargo Carrier Ltd, where he commands Airbus A330/A350 aircraft. As an experienced pilot based in Hong Kong, he frequently takes to the skies traversing Asia, the United States, and Europe.

Cav Leo Peralta is active with SunLife Insurance Company as part time financial advisor. Alongside, he is also the Chairman of the Multi-Sector Advisory Board (MSAB) of the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) and PAF Human Resource Center (PAFHR).

Whilst, Cav Aldrick Dela Torre is relishing a joyous retirement alongside his cherished family in Cabanatuan City. He is still active in showbiz as a stage father.

(NAVY-COAST GUARD)

Cav Nick Driz keeps himself busy by holding the position of Executive Vice President and General Manager at AFPSLAI, while Cav Chappy Reyes serves as the Group Security Head at Filinvest Development Corporation.

Cav Eugenio Hernandez is the Security Consultant of San Miguel Global Powers of



With the Chief of the Philippine National Police alongside the Director General of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.

SMC, and Cav Dorvin Legaspi has taken on the role of VP Head Insurance and Sales Division at AFPMBAI. Cav Artemio Aurelio is engaged with Security Specialist Agency and Valley Security Management Services, contributing to the private security industry.

(POLICE)

Cav Chiqui Malayo holds the esteemed position of President at Public Safety Mutual Benefit Fund, Inc or PSMBFI, with both Cav Bart Bustamante and Cav Rex Dela Rosa serving as members of the Board of Trustees in both PSMBFI and AFPSLAI. Cav Bert Ferro is currently employed at the Okada Hotel and Casino.

(HONORARY MEMBERS)

Jojo Solomon will serve as Security Manager of soon to open Makati Life Medical Center. His namesake, Jun Solomon, is working at Qantas Airways Ltd. in Sydney, Australia. Totie Salamat also stands as one of the Council of Advisers of the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club.

Moreover, Doc Joey Acedera is busy with the Securiforce Security Services as its President. He is also the President of the AcreedA Enterprises. Tony Lambino took office as the President of the Ayala Foundation on 01 August 2023. Before this role, he served as the Managing Director for Strategic Communication at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

ON FULL RETIREMENT (ARMY)

Basking in the bliss of retirement are Cav Wibo Mamawag, Cav Alex Luna, Cav Mike Taningco, Cav Albert Desoyo, Cav Lowell Tan, Cav Roger Migote, Cav Eman Magpayo, Cav Joey Narciso, Cav Joshua Santiago, Cav George Lalaquil, Cav Manny Sequitin, Cav Leomar Doctolero and Nick Suemith. They are all silent but still deadly.

Additionally, Cav Rizaleo Asuncion, Cav Jess Rosete, Cav Ricky Carlos, Cav Joji Raymundo and Cav Alan Borlasa have chosen to explore foreign horizons for greener pastures.

(AIR FORCE)

Cav Nesty Rayos is currently very busy with his new house construction project while enjoying golf once in a while in their picture-perfect world-class subdivision golf course. Cav Larry Tianchon is enhancing his proficiency in golf while being very much active in his passion for gardening and home-making.



Reuniting with our Class Adviser, Cav Delfin Lorenzo '80, and our Mistahs from abroad.

Cav Lito Villanueva, per his own words, claims to be jobless but happy. Nevertheless, we have come to discover that he is actually quite occupied, diligently looking after his 'hacienda' in Batangas.

(NAVY-COAST GUARD)

Likewise, Cav Raul Caldez, Cav Rei Picar and Cav Ferdz Velasco cruise on motorcycles, while Cav Ed Fabricante vigorously swings his golf clubs. Likewise, Cav Marz Marcelino soars high in the EAGLE community. Cav William Isaga tends to the fields in Bohol. Cav Butch Lobaton, on the other hand, is enjoying his second retirement.

Cav Valentin Abellera now resides in the United Kingdom, while Cav Orville Piol has settled in Australia. Cav Rey Barraca, Cav Nonon Suñiga and Cav Maeng Climaco are now based in the USA.

(POLICE)

Cav Jun Azurin is jet-setting across foreign lands with his loved ones. Cav Erwin Robles oversees his thriving diving spot, and Cav Ed Paras is making a splash in the business world in Lipa City. The potential statesman, Cav Manny Abu, is carefully preparing himself for future appointments. Meanwhile, Cav Jireh Fidel embarks on a European adventure as a retirement gift to himself and Cav Val De Leon is now relishing precious moments with family and friends in his retirement.

In the bustling metropolis, Cav Bert Solomon basks in the beauty of Rizal Province's landscapes. Going north, Cav Uly Gohel enjoys the cool embrace of Baguio City and reunites with mistahs from time to time.

Cav Jess Cambay revels in the sun's warmth on his farm, while Cav Sterling Blanco is enjoying the beauty of Abra and Ilocos and at the same attending to his APOstolic duties. Cav Mario Sinocruz quietly rests in Cagayan.

Heading to the Visayas and Mindanao, Cav Toto Uly Caton savors the sea breeze in Iloilo while Cav Manny Chu unwinds in General Santos. Cav Jun Borro continues his dedicated ministry work, while Cav Jojo Acierto and Cav Hammy Geonzon remain elusive, perhaps busy fulfilling their own unique journeys.

(HONORARY MEMBERS)

Atty. Dexter Emperador enjoys himself in the fields of golf course, just like many others; while Francis Gabudao tends to his store.

On the other hand, Ronald Mendoza is in Italy while Bookie Oandasan, Floro Lozano, John Lumicao, and Brix Nabuhat are now all USA-based.

COMMEMORATION

Since we have just commemorated the All Souls' Day, it is but fitting to honor the memories of our mistahs who have gone ahead to the Great Beyond:

For the Army mistahs: Nonoy Zuñiga, Nonoy Luna, Dodong Baliota, Benjie Enriquez, Julius Refran, Chito Corpus, Bagnus Gaerlan, Danny Olay, Alan Cordova and Emil De Leon;

For the Air Force mistahs: Glenn Bihag and Ferdz Macasaet;

For the Navy mistahs: Teody Teodoro and Jun Unson;

For the Police mistahs: Perfecto Sagun and Allan Flores; and

For our honorary members/mistahs: Odie Cabillan, Dominic Cabalza and Jun Leuterio.

Finally, we extend our sincerest wishes to all MAKATAOs, for a life filled with happiness and a sense of accomplishment. May they relish moments spent with their loved ones and be bestowed with an abundance of love, joy, tranquility, success, exceptional health and prolonged contentment. Let the spirit of the MAKATAOs thrive!

To God be all praises and glory!



Paying our respects to a dearly beloved Mistah Baggy.



DENNIS GODFREY F GAMMAD
President
CRISOSTOMO S BAS JR
Secretary

As the year 2023 draws to an end, the class aims to undertake two class activities: class project and Christmas party. Our upcoming class project: The PMA BIGKIS LAHI CLASS 1990 CUP is managed by Alex Sintin, as chairperson, with the backing of the PNP team. This is a PPSA sanctioned Level 2 shooting match, having eight courses of fire to be held on 16-17 December 2023 at EMSA Firing Range, Brgy. Culpit, Tarlac City. We give thanks to Alex for doing all the work to ensure all operational requirements of the event are in place. While the overall success of this class project is hinged entirely on the individual contribution of each member of the class to generate sponsors. This is the second of a series of class projects that the class will undertake in preparation for PMA Homecoming 2025.

The class project is designed to create bonding moments for mistahs who will participate in the event while at the same time invite other shooting enthusiasts to enjoy and participate. Each service branch is required to form their 5-man shooting team for the inter-service branch competition. It is the responsibility of the service branch representatives to form their respective teams and plan for required logistics.

A class Christmas party will highlight the end of year 2023. We give thanks to Roy Galido for graciously allowing us to use the Philippine Army Officers Clubhouse for this event to be held on 09 December 2023. Fun and surprises surely awaits everyone as the event will be handled by Benjie Hao. One of the highlights of the Christmas party is the oath-taking of honorary and associate members of the class. This is to officially recognize those who has had shown their interest and officially submitted their intent to join us as such. As PDennis, along with the class officers, resolved that they are allowed to attend and participate on class activities, except for those activities that are reserved solely for PMA Alumni or those that PMAAAI rules and regulations disallow.

The profile of the status of the living members of the class is skewed to being retired than active. Overall, 31 percent of the class are still in the active status; with the Army having the highest active status of 42 percent of its total strength, the Navy with 30 percent, the PNP with 23 percent and the Air

Force with 17 percent. There is also a small (currently 1 percent) yet evidently growing in number of our mistahs in each coming year who are among the senior retirees.

Golf is the most sought after sports by the majority of mistahs, both active and retired. Bonding and fellowship usually happens in golf courses anywhere at anyone's delight and opportunity. Big gatherings of mistahs happened during golf competitions like the Game of Cavaliers 2023, the hosting of the fellowship golf by Roy Galido on 30 October 2023 at Philippine Army Golf Course with dinner after the game at the CGPA's quarters, and the co-hosting by Roy Galido and Toinks Valencia on 01 November 2023 at the Philippine Navy Golf Course with breakfast and lunch for all.

This is the current whereabouts of the class members by branch of service.

For the Army: LTGEN Roy Galido (CGPA), LTGEN Benedict Arevalo (CENTCOM), MGEN Bong Viray (1ID), MGEN Bert Capulong (2ID), MGEN Poker Cuerpo (4ID), MGEN Audrey Pasia (5ID), MGEN Andrew Costelo (7ID), MGEN Joel Nacnac (J9), MGEN Lando Nerona (J10), MGEN Steve Crespillo (TIGAFP), MGEN Tony Nafarrete (on leave status), MGEN Romulo Manuel (COMARESCOM), MGEN Dong Palafox (COMARMORDIV), MGEN Roger Ulanday (COMASCOM), MGEN Rex Bergante (COMTRADOC), MGEN Rommel Tello (IGPA), BGEN Leo Guinid (VCPA), BGEN Benjie HAO (COMCMOR), BGEN Mandy Teofilo (Duty OCGPA), BGEN Bong Villareal (ADC2ID), BGEN Joven Gonzales (ADC6ID), BGEN Buddy Abawag (ADC9ID), BGEN Jinx Enginco (BRIGCOM2ID), BGEN Doming Gobway (IMCOM), RET MGEN Glen Cruz (tambay sa golf course and taga-alaga ng apo), RET MGEN Noli Mempin (USEC DEPED),

RET MGEN Lawrence Mina (enjoying the nature of Romblon), RET BGEN Randy Sinocruz (just retired; Cebu area), RET BGEN Raul Villanueva (PAGCOR, AVP for Security), RET BGEN Oliver Artuz (Pinas-Calgary-Pinas), RET BGEN Noel Baluyan (ASEC DEPED), RET BGEN Benjie Batara (DIR PCTC), RET BGEN Marlo Guloy (USEC DDGO, NSA), RET BGEN Russel Pompa (rider and carpenter); RET COL George Domingo (silently enjoying retirement); RET COL Greg Docil (silently enjoying retirement too), RET COL Dennis Gammad (DIR NICA-NCR), RET COL Willy Villahermosa (after his Covid challenge, enjoying Dumaguete), RET COL Teody Toribio (enjoying retirement after minor medical issue), RET COL Toods Detoyato (VPOPNS Yulo GOC), RET COL Roger Percol (farmer; with great experience in the recent BSKE), RET COL Alex Bravo (back to work on security-related job), RET COL Ernie Cruz (UN Security), RET COL Cris Calulot (resort manager; PAFCPIC Board), RET COL Gengen Hidalgo (COMMO PCG Auxiliary and carpenter), RET LTC Thad Salazar (Chief Security), RET MAJ Bai Bas (peace and discipleship), RET MAJ Noel Biyo (family business-US), RET MAJ Roland Garin (Canada), RET LTC Noel Lontoc (MARELCO Board), RET MAJ Bernard Valmonte (mining), RET MAJ Danny Aquino (Chief Security), RET MAJ Ariel Laguardia (Chief Security; serious golfer), RET MAJ Bunny Cabanayan (Chief Security in Pagudpud), RET MAJ Santee Cababasay (entrepreneur), RET MAJ Omots Crisostomo (Chief Security, SM Manila) and RET CAPT Alex Nagrampa (NZ).

For the Philippine Navy: RADM Toinks Valencia (VCPN), RADM Rene David (CPF), MGEN Chito Rojas (CPMC), MGEN Noel Beleran (J8), MGEN Epoy Cuison



Representing the class for the Game of Cavaliers 2023.



Golf fellowship at PAGC and PNGC.

(NAVRESCOM), MGEN Jonas Lumawag (TNIG), COL Rodyer Dela Pena (Deputy AFPTIA), Tonio Palces (Cavite), RET RADM Danilo Fuentes Jr (Ontario, Canada), RET RADM Norman Reyes (Pangasinan), RET VADM Oca Endona (Manila/Mexico), RET MGEN Ed Arevalo (Consultant SMC & Manila Times columnist), RET BGEN Robert Velasco (Cavite/Naga City), RET COMMO Ruben Fajardo Jr. (Cavite), RET COL CAV Danny Palma (Security Consultant), RET COL Ric Petrola (Pangasinan), Mr. Rogie Reario (UN Staff), Mr. Bob Ruaro (Loudoun County USA), CAV Robert Guarinia (California USA), CAV Jason Malilay (business), CAV Edwin Celzo (Industrial Park Administrator), CAV Joseph Calderon (Pilot, Paranaque City), CAV George Alvarez (Cavite) and CAV George Frogoso (Ft Bonifacio).

For the Philippine National Police: PMEN Ritchie Medardo Posadas (DIR NPTI; Cebu and Baguio), PMGEN Ato Bisnar (OCPNP;

Quezon City), PMEN Oliver Enmodias (DIR DRD; Baguio City), PBGEN Flynn Dongbo (DEP DIR, DRD; Pampanga), RET PLTGEN Pipoy Natividad (Quezon City), RET PMGEN Eli Cruz (Cabanatuan), RET PMGEN Ronnie Olay (Quezon City), RET PMGEN Nickson Muksan (won Brgy Capt in De Mariki, Zamboanga City), RET PMGEN Alex Sintin (Tarlac), RET PMGEN Eden Ugale (Tarlac), RET PBGEN Roland Anduyan (Rizal and CDO), RET PBGEN Roland Miranda (Bulacan), RET PBGEN Pacs Munoz (Antipolo City), RET PBGEN Renz Ortilla (Gensan), RET PBGEN Jong Ramos (Tarlac), RET PBGEN Benjie Villasis (Pangasinan), RET PBGEN Ronnie Ylagan (Quezon), RET PBGEN Marlon Madrid (Chief Security; La Union and Quezon City), RET PCOL Bobby Mesa (Rizal), RET PCOL Mitch Filart (Manila), RET PLTCOL Oscar Buenaobra (Pagadian), RET Alex Flores (US), RET Arnold Silva (UNNY-US), RET Simon Fernan (INTERPOL-France), RET Ronald Olarte (ran in the BSKE; Batangas).

For the Philippine Air Force: LTGEN Art Cordura (VCSAFP), LTGEN Fernyl Buca (NOLCOM), MGEN Arf Musico (COMACC), MGEN Teejay Talja (COMAFRC), BGEN Rocky Binag (WCROWNOL), RET MGEN Boyet Amano, RET BGEN Ralph Mamauag, RET Roy Agarrado (Pilot), RET Alex Espinosa (Pilot), RET Chito Mayuga (Pilot), RET Ferdinand Simong Rosimo (Pilot), RET Arnel Santos (Pilot), RET Bonifacio Sales (Pilot), RET Honorio Forms Formantes (Pilot), RET Bonavs Bonavente (US), RET Noel Vinoya (US), RET Rainier Delas Llagas (RN-Canada), RET Bruce Concepcion (OSETC), RET Federico Otik Ortiz (AIROPNS UNPKM), RET Jose Bong Oliva (CAAP Consultant), RET Jel Valbuena (US) and RET Jojo Lemos.

We have been looking for information on some mistahs, as of this writing – Lito Albino, Verbo Cabus, John Lavetoria, Bernard Lagmay and Anton Pineda – hoping that we can get connected with them soon.



JOSE MELENCIO C NARTATEZ JR
President
ARVIN R LAGAMON
Secretary

Tanglaw Diwa '92 Class Update: Fostering Excellence Across the Armed Forces

In the latest update from Tanglaw Diwa '92, the Army Group now have a total of four Major Generals at the forefront of shaping the AFP's strategic landscape. Rey (J4), Arvin (J7), Freddie (SOCOM), and Edmund (ISAFP) are all at the helms of units and offices that have extensive reach and influence on the entire Armed Forces. The Army group also prides itself with 25 Brigadier Generals spread across the Army and the wider AFP. Special mention is deservedly given to the contributions of our Mistah, Alvin Flores,

who recently retired from his role as TRADOC's Deputy Commander after over 30 years of dedicated service. His impact on Doctrine Development and Training Programs has been substantial. Safe to say, his impact will be carried by the thousands of Army students who benefitted from his contributions.

The Navy Group proudly celebrates the promotion of key figures, such as Cav Mac Racacho to Rear Admiral, Cav Allan Javier to Commodore, and Cavaliers Eric Macaambac and Chuck Mongoroban to Brigadier General of the Philippine Marines, while Cavaliers Rihd Gonzaga and Buddy Lavapie are awaiting for the CA approval of their nomination to Flag Rank. All of these highlights the professional achievements within the Navy Group.

As always, the group remains active in fostering camaraderie. Events like the Fellowship Shootfest and Dinner, dedicated to Cav Willie Chavez, showcased

the PN Group's shooting skills and further strengthened its solidarity. Hosting TD92's Annual Shooting Competition proved successful in raising over a million pesos for the Class, thanks to the support of friends, sponsors, and participants. All of these arranged gatherings are on top of less formal meetings made more frequent by the generous hosting of Cav Sam Pallorina in his BGC abode.

Meanwhile, the Airforce Group reports stability in its operations, with members holding key positions and ensuring the smooth functioning of current activities within PAF and across the greater Armed Forces organization.

As the PNP group reflects on its 2023 achievements and anticipates 2024, attention centers on the 14 Tanglaw-Diwa '92 stalwarts, which include PBGen Matthew Baccay, PMGen Bernard Banac, PMGen Mafelino Bazar, PMGen Romeo Caramat Jr., PMGen Jonnel Estomo, PBGen

Leo Francisco, PMGen Sidney Hernia, PBGen Ronald Lee, PMGen Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr., PBGen Eric Noble, PBGen Patrick Obinque, PMGen Mario Reyes, PMGen Belli Tamayo, and PBGen Sidney Villafior.

In the small, but very proud group of the Coastguard, Cav Artemio Abu brings immense honor to the class as he completes his tenure as the outgoing PCG Commandant. His stint as the Commandant has been characterized by his pragmatic approach to pressing issues, timely implementation of innovative strategies that enhance maritime security, and superb coolness under pressure despite being at the very forefront of safeguarding our national interests against foreign aggressors.

We are all witnesses to Art's journey from our days at the academy to his leadership role in the Philippine Coast Guard, which has been nothing short of exemplary. Suffice to say, his unwavering dedication to duty, steadfast commitment to service, and exceptional leadership skills has earned him the respect of both peers, subordinates, and the countless other people who have the privilege of working with him. Most importantly, his legacy as a stalwart defender of our territorial integrity will always be a source of Tanglaw Diwa's pride.

The Class' veterans group welcomes yet another batch of retirees this 2023. Despite the one-year extension brought upon by the new AFP retirement law, the directory of the veterans is steadily increasing as our class approaches its professional finish line. Beyond the uniformed service, Tanglaw Diwans are continuously upholding excellence in various fields. Noteworthy is the recent appointment of Cav Ted Quinzon as the new VP for Security of the Philippine Airlines, who replaced the retiring upper-class LTGEN Ronnie Ordoyo.

Christmas Message

Dear Mistah,

As we approach this festive season, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared since our days at the Philippine Military Academy. Christmas serves as a poignant reminder of the values that bind us - camaraderie, service, and sacrifice. In the spirit of the season, let us take a moment to appreciate the unique bond we share as classmates and, more importantly, as dedicated members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

This Christmas, let us draw inspiration from the spirit of this season, that is, love and selfless sacrifice. Let us renew our



commitment to leaving a legacy founded on such values, while maximizing our tangible contributions in the remaining years of our military careers. Let us remind ourselves that our expanding roles within the Army, Navy, Airforce, PNP and PCG are not merely jobs, but rather, a deeper and more solemn vocation in the service of something bigger than ourselves and our personal aspirations.

In the true spirit of Christmas, let us embody the principles of unity, integrity, and excellence that have defined our class. May this season inspire us to continue making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve and lead. Together, let us forge ahead into the coming year with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to leave an enduring legacy within the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Wishing you all a joyous Christmas filled with the warmth of camaraderie and the satisfaction of knowing that, together, we are making a difference.

Warmest regards,

CAV Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr.
Tanglaw Diwa '92 Class President



RONIE D PETINGLAY
President
ULYSSES S MARQUEZ
Secretary

Greetings to all Maalabs!

Through this class call, we are able to get an updated info on how is everyone and where we are and what we have been doing since the last class call had been published a quarter ago.

Maalabs connect with one another despite geographical distance. Thanks to the available technology and social media platforms, getting connected has been made easier. One by one, the Maalabs are hitching their wagon to the star and are given major assignment. The month of October seemed to favor some of our Mistahs.

Maalab Federico "Eking" Enriquez accepted anew the stewardship of Tactical Operations Wing Central when he was designated as the Wing Commander on 04 October 2023. Way to go, Mistah Eking.

Maalab Loreto "Toots" Pasamonte was catapulted as the new King Bluebird as he became Wing Commander of 250th Presidential Airlift Wing on 17 October 2023.

Keep up the good job, Mistah Toots.

Meanwhile, Maalab Jesus Nelson "Masang" Morales was entrusted the great responsibility of securing the Chief Executive of the highest seat of the government by being designated as the new Commander, Presidential Security Group last 18 October 2023. We are proud of you, Mistah Masang! Show them all how a Maalab takes the action.

On 19 October, on the other hand, Maalab Ronnie Gil Gavan earned his four-star



rank as he took the helm of the Philippine Coast Guard as its 30th Commandant. Our big big Congratulations, Mistah Toto Ronnie!

The blessings keep on pouring for the class as Maalab Allan Victor Dela Vega earned his Vice Admiral (3-star) rank and the top-3 man of the PCG as Deputy Commandant for Admin on 20 October 2023. Godspeed, Mistah Allan!

Another milestone for the class took place when Maalab Arsenio "Arseng" Sadural took the reign of 901st Infantry Brigade on 27 October 2023. A new star is nearly to fall on your shoulder, Mistah Arseng.

Topping these October blessings was the oath taking of 11 newly promoted Maalab Brigadier Generals and Commodores





at the Malacañan Palace with President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. officiating. The Maalabs honorees with their gorgeous ladies are BGen Ulysses Marquez, BGen Jesus Nelson Morales, BGen Peter Burgonio, BGen Marion Angcao, BGen Joey Escanillas, BGen Elmer Suderio, BGen Christopher Tampus, BGen Felix Ronnie Babac, MGen Fabian

Pedregosa, Commo Edward Ike De Sagon, and Commo Dwight Steven Dulnoan.

Just recently on 07 November, the appointment to the rank of Commodore by the Commission on Appointments of Maalab Peter Jempsun De Guzman being the AJ3, AFP has been approved by the President of the Republic of the Philippines. Cheers to

you, Mistah Jempsun!

To all those mistahs who gained promotions ahead of the others, you are asked to continually and fervently pray for other mistahs to follow soon through steadfast love and guidance of our Lord God Almighty.



ADRIANO SJ DUADICO
President
IVAN R PAPER
Secretary

The Army Group of the Class conducted their early Christmas Party at the Pavilion Hall of the PA Officers' Clubhouse on November 25, 2023, through the leadership of Vincent Arnold O Dy, the new Army Group President. This was attended not only by the Army Bantay-Layans but also their dependents.

The Bantay Layans also conducted a Fellowship Golf in honor of the recently promoted Generals of the class. Led by Admiral Joseph Coyne and hosted by NISF Commander CAPT Gerry Garrido, the golf event was successfully conducted





last December 02, 2023 at PNGC. More than 25 Bantay Layans took their flight in the afternoon in a cloudy golfing weather that everyone enjoyed. Fellowship dinner followed at the NISF Firing Range with sumptuous meals as the attendees were entertained by the very talented PCG Band. The Honorees were BGen Maynard Camarao PA, BGen Chute Adecer PN(M), BGen Gani Criste PA, BGen Mon Flores, PA, BGen Ivan Papera PN(M), and BGen Ace Ventura PAF.

The result of our concluded Bantay Laya Golfer's Fellowship and Testimonial to our Mabangis 07 Mistahs are as follows:

CHAMPION (4th Bn)

Enyong - 79
Alex - 82
Joel - 88

1st Runner Up(3rd Bn)

Gino - 78
Archog - 88
Monjie - 91

2nd Runner Up(2nd Bn)

Ipe - 94
Berong - 97
Dy - 97



Individual Awards:

Lower Gross - Gino (78)
Lowest Net - Enyong (79)
Class A - Tamayo (88)
Class B – Monjie (91)
Class C – Merchs (100)

The night ended with a merry celebration of Monjie Monajardin's natal day as the group was serenaded with the golden voice of Admiral Coyme. It was a surely fun-filled and memorable event as we look forward to the next batch of O7s/ O8s among the Bantay Layans.



HOSTILLO AE CORNELIO
President
IVAN V SAN JOSE
Secretary

PMA MARILAG CLASS OF 1995'S VIBRANT REUNION: A HEARTFELT WEEKEND IN LA UNION

In a heartwarming gathering of camaraderie and shared memories, the PN-PCG Marilag mistahs of the Class of '95 recently concluded their much-anticipated 4th Quarter Socials celebration in La Union. The event was a resounding success, brimming with overwhelming support, infectious joy, and an unwavering sense of togetherness.

A significant factor behind this memorable event was the collaborative efforts of several key figures, each playing

a pivotal role in making the occasion an outstanding success. Among them, Mistah Norman Mutia shone as the exceptional host, demonstrating remarkable leadership in preparing the venue. His dedication and meticulous attention to detail transformed the billeting rooms and the Sailors' Cafe

into stunning settings, setting the stage for a memorable time. Norman went above and beyond, not only in organizing the Q4 socials dinner but also in facilitating a welcome dinner, breakfast, and yet another breakfast to ensure a continuous thread of delight for all attendees.





Adding an adventurous touch to the event, a group tour of LU attractions via a Rosa Bus was provided, enabling everyone to experience the local charm and beauty of the area. The coordination and supervision of food preparation, room arrangements, and tour planning were flawlessly executed, thanks to the invaluable contributions of Mistah Joan who provided essential support to Bok Norman.

The celebration was further elevated by the gracious contributions of birthday celebrators, both present and absent. Their financial and resourceful support ensured the event's success and the creation of a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

A total of 13 mistahs, accompanied by 12 ladies and five children dependents, graced the celebration, infusing it with an extra dose of joy and warmth. Despite challenging weather conditions that momentarily hindered the planned activities, the mistahs found solace in nostalgia, laughter, and heartwarming conversations, making the evening unforgettable.

While some were unable to attend due to prior commitments, their presence was missed, and the hope remains that they'll join the upcoming Q Socials, ensuring no one misses out on the fun and laughter shared among friends.

Looking ahead, the PN-PCG Marilag mistahs eagerly anticipate the forthcoming Christmas Party in Clark, followed by the Q1 Socials in Baguio City, eager to continue fostering the bonds of friendship and shared experiences.

In a notable side event, Mistahs Norman, John E, and Miles S set aside personal comfort to inspect the fairways of the Thunderbird Golf Course, foregoing the LU tour to make the inspection alongside Mistah Ryan. Their sacrifices under grueling heat were not in vain, as the game concluded with surprising results, a testament to their spirit of unity and camaraderie.



As the mistahs have returned home safe and sound, carrying with them a treasure trove of cherished memories, the spirit of togetherness and camaraderie

continues to thrive, setting the stage for more heartwarming reunions in the future.

Warm regards and Camaraderie:
Cavalier Troy Cornelio '95





The PMA Masikhay Class of 1999 embarked on their extraordinary journey when they graduated from the Philippine Military Academy on March 28, 1999. Since then, their dedication and prowess have left an indelible mark on the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). As the class approaches its 25th-year graduation anniversary, it's fitting to delve into their remarkable odyssey and spotlight their present roles and ranks.

After their graduation, the fledgling officers of Class 1999 were deployed to various branches of the AFP, where they underwent additional training and honed their skills. Their unwavering determination and pursuit of excellence didn't go unnoticed, foreshadowing a bright future for the class.

Army Group:

Gonz - CS CMOR, Dems - Chief ACPA, Cacucens - G3 CMOR, Garic "B" CO 56IB, Langcs - Chief, Inspection Div, OTIG, AFP, Obaob - Chief, RDT Div, OTIG, AFP, Kc - G8, 2ID, Divines - ExO, OG4, PA, PEPE - Commandant, Infantry School, TRADOC, PA, Joey B. - Ex-O, OG9, PA, Ocampo - G6, 10ID, PA, Suma - CO, 60IB, 10ID, Orbits - from G3 TRADOC to MNSA student, Belen - Chief, 5FSFO, FCPA, Baquiran - Cmdt, 11DTS, 11ID, Ottos - G8, 7ID, Catipay - Cmdt, Artillery Training School, AAR Tulics - CO, 554EBn, 55E, Mabs - Chief, TISD, OJ2, Robs - CO, 35IB, Sulu, Neps - Chief, Proj Eval and Mgmt Div (PEMD), AFPREO, Logan - CO, 17IB, Awi - G3, 9ID, Jalbs - G3/GSMO AAR, Seño - MNSA student, Sayong - CO, 6IMB, IMCOM, Bon Jove - CO, Presidential CEIS Bn, CEISSAFP, JTManags - Chief, Source and Projects Management DCI, Pesase - CO 62IB, 3ID, PA, Nida - CO, 545th ECBn, 54EBde, PA, Ondoy - AC of CEIS Staff for Opns, C3, CEISSAFP, Cabahug - Deputy Chief, OIMA, PA,



Severo - FC, DIF, ISAFP, Guzman, Chief, Training Research and Evaluation Division, OJ8, T - Chief, Research, Training and Special Projects, OJ7, Balids - U9, WESCOM, Peng - MNSA, Jerry T - MNSA, Enyaps - G1, AD, Sanchuy - G2, AD, Reno - G5, AD, Tram - CO, 2Mech Bn, AD, Bote - CO, 3Mech Bn, AD, Dencio - CO, AMBn, AD, Jo-ar - Chief, StratCom Division, OJ7, Estring - G3, 6ID, Bantoy - G8, ASCOM, Q - MNSA, Fred C - Chief, Personnel Division ISAFP, Bayong - XO, 1103Bde, 11ID, PA, Viten - MNSA, Maky - MNSA, Patz - DMILAD, UNNYPM, Manay

- CO, 6IB, 6ID, Culvera - Chief, CNN Peace Support Division, AFPPDO, Cadungs - CO, 69IB, 7ID, PA, Iletto-MNSA Student, Garce - CO, 7DCAU, Charlie B. - IMS NPS (US), Calyong - IMS NPS (US), IMS AWC (US), Dan Laynes - Ret (US), Fred Sabobo - Ret (US), Cedong - CO, 6MIB, 6ID, Abutin, ELA - MNSA, Abutin, LRAC - MNSA, Valdot - MNSA, Eriv - CO, 7MIB, Ka Busas - G2, 2ID, Nuylan - CO, 1SF, Ricky C. - MNSA, Paulo - G8, 4ID, Tome - Japan Tobacco Inc, Nemeño - CO, 6SFB, SFR(A).



Navy Group:

Pasia and Cav Nieva - undertaking 2nd post graduate program, Escalona - just completed MNSA from NDCP, Gavilan - Chief of Staff, Naval Sea Systems Command, Japitana - Commander, Naval Reserve Center Eastern Visayas, Labastida, Commander, Naval Reserve Center Eastern Mindanao, Obongen - Commanding Officer, BRP Tarlac (LD601), Lugtu - Chief of Staff, Naval Reserve Command, Balurin - Deputy Commander, Philippine Navy Finance Center, Diego, Cav Lamug and Cav Unay-MNSA students, Palagud, Captain A320/321 Philippine Airlines, Balduman - Assistant Chief of Fleet Staff for Education and Training, F8, DOLOR - Chief, Research and Data Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, J3, Adrales - Chief of Staff, Naval Forces Western Mindanao, Lalisán- Deputy Commander, Naval Special Operations Command, Maglasang, Head, Techno Scientific School, Academic Group, PMA, Santos, Flag Secretary to the Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy, Cloma, Managing Director, SOW Philippines Fulfillment Inc. (PAYO Asia), Buddy Sambalilo, Asst Chief of Fleet Staff for Weapons, Comms, Electronics and Info Systems - F6, Philippine Fleet, De luna - Marine Corps Internal Auditor, PMC

Air Force Group:

Col Dennis Hindang PAF MNSA – DO, 205thTHW Cebu Mactan, Col Cecil Frias - DO Towsol Lucena, Col Lee Sarpamones – Commandant PAF BMS Lipa City, Col Justino Ramolete - Commandant PAF Flying School



Lipa City, Col Claro M Tamayo – C3, AETDC Lipa City, Col Peter George Gelicame PAF MNSA - Commandant PAF OCS Lipa City, Col Christopher Fredeluces PAF MNSA – CO PAF Finance Center, Col Vito Minlo Sarmiento PAF MNSA - CO PAF Procurement Center, Col Marvin Suficiencia PAF MNSA – Deputy A5 PAF HSSG, Col Naldoza - DO 250 PAW, Col Nomer Alinsangan PAF MNSA – A/U PAF HRMC CJVAB Pasay City, Col Marlon M Hardillo PAF MNSA – C3, ACC EAAB, Zamboanga City, Seguin MNSA, Leones - OJ1, Suficiencia - Deputy A5, Mariano - C3 ADC.

Over the years, the Masikhays have epitomized exceptional leadership qualities. Fast-forward to the present, the class has

ascended to prominent positions across the tri-services of the AFP. The Army is proud to have 61 Colonels, the Navy boasts 20 Captains and Colonels, and the Airforce counts 56 Colonels among their ranks. These accomplishments underscore the exceptional capabilities and achievements of the Masikhay Class.

As the 25th-year milestone approaches, let's celebrate their unwavering commitment and remarkable achievements, commending their valuable contributions to the AFP and the nation as a whole. Their legacy serves as an enduring testament to the spirit of service and excellence instilled by the Philippine Military Academy.





MARK RODANIN T ACLETA
President
VENUS C BURGOS
Secretary

The Orange Boys!

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) stands as a linchpin in the intricate web of Southeast Asian geopolitics, wielding a profound influence that reverberates beyond its immediate borders. Situated strategically in the heart of maritime trade routes and amidst escalating territorial disputes, the agency assumes a pivotal role in safeguarding the nation's interests and shaping regional dynamics.

At the forefront of its responsibilities lies the protection and pursuit of maritime governance on the country's extensive coastline, which not only encompasses a vast archipelago but also commands access to vital sea lanes crucial for international trade. This custodial role transcends mere territorial defense operations; it directly influences the economic stability of the nation and has far-reaching implications in the global market.

Moreover, the agency serves as a guardian of maritime security, diligently combating piracy, smuggling, and other illicit activities that threaten the stability of the region. The PCG's multifaceted nature is reflected and reinforced through the REPUBLIC ACT No. 9993 or the PCG Law of 2009. Under this law, the agency has five main functions, namely: (1) Maritime Safety (MARSAF); (2) Maritime Search and Rescue (MARSAR); (3) Marine Environmental Protection (MAREP); (4) Maritime Law Enforcement (MARLEN); and Maritime Security (MARSEC).

As a beacon of law enforcement at sea, PCG actions resonate beyond territorial waters, fostering collaboration with international partners to uphold maritime laws, international agreements and regulations. However, perhaps the most significant dimension of the PCG's role lies in navigating the complex geopolitical landscape, especially concerning the West Philippine Sea (WPS) disputes.

The agency's actions and responses to incursions, infringements, or cooperative efforts directly reflect the nation's stance on territorial integrity, sovereignty, and adherence to international laws. In recent years, tensions have escalated due to competing claims over territories within the WPS, with several nations laying historical and legal assertions to these areas. The



PCG's maneuvers, patrols, and collaborative efforts with allied nations in conducting exercises serve as a tangible manifestation of the country's position in this geopolitical chessboard.

Consequently, the agency's actions not only safeguard the Philippines' interests but also contribute significantly to regional stability. As the geopolitical landscape continues to evolve, the agency's agility, white hull diplomacy, and strategic maneuvers hold the potential to shape alliances, influence

diplomatic negotiations, and mitigate conflicts that could otherwise escalate into kinetic skirmishes. Basically, the agency's role transcends mere maritime enforcement; it embodies the nation's stance on territorial integrity, influences regional dynamics, and contributes substantially to the delicate balance of power in Southeast Asia.

Alongside the PCG's rapid evolution in recent years, it opened its doors for Lateral Entrants from various branches of service with specialized skills. The initiative aimed



to infuse the organization with expertise, skills, fresh perspectives and best practices by bringing in qualified personnel who might not have undergone the traditional career path with the agency. Through the lateral entry program, the PCG facilitates the infusion of new talents and ideas enhancing the Coastguard's capabilities in areas where there might be a shortage of expertise or a need for innovation.

"Masidlak," true to its name which is a Visayan term of the word "shining" and reflecting the class's aspiration to excel and shine in their respective chosen waypoints, seven (7) have responded to the PCG's noble call in 2019 and 2023, respectively. CPT EMMANUEL A SORIA O- 16216 PA, LT MARK B ACA O-16106 PN, LT AVELINO A SIBBALUCA JR O- 16192 PN, LT RANDY L PERIA O- 16159 PN, LT JESUS DANIEL P MARTINEZ O-16156 PN, LT CLYDE JADE M BANGGOLLAY O- 16094 PN and LT KELVIN JOHN U PAGANAJE O- 16032 PN honorably ceased their AFP officer commissionship and were Called to Active PCG Service (CAPS) in equivalence to their last held ranks.

Their transition from military service to law enforcement sphere did not come easy as it posed ambiguity to their individual paths. Clearly, the agency is not their comfort zone. However, navigating ambiguity often unveils a myriad of opportunities waiting to be discovered. In a world where uncertainty is inevitable, it's within these uncertain moments that possibilities flourish. The situation invited them for exploration, innovation, and adaptability, fostering an environment ripe for seizing unforeseen chances. Amidst it, the opportunity for growth emerged unto them. The new environment compelled these officers to embrace change, push boundaries, and acquire new skills. It created a space for learning and provided valuable lessons, fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement. It encouraged them to remain open-minded, adaptable, and ready to absorb new information, leading to personal and professional development.

CG LCDR EMMANUEL A. SORIA is with the Coast Guard Human Resource Management Command since 2020 and was immediately designated as the Superintendent of the Human Resource Management School (HRMS). He made a major and vital contribution of HRMS building construction in the year 2021. The facility is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge training programs designed to meet the needs of the modern PCG. Aside from that, he is also the Vice Chairperson of the Promotional Examination Board (PROMEX) and Chairman of the Performance Governance System (PGS) of CGHRMC.



Recently, the six (6) other members of the class joined the agency and serving the organization according to their expertise or field of specialization. CG LT MARK B ACA and CG LT KELVIN JOHN U PAGANAJE are thriving and leading reforms aboard the Office of Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Intelligence, CG-2. They are excellently performing their duties and responsibilities in accordance to the mandated functions and mission of the PCG intelligence community.

On the other hand, CG LT AVELINO A SIBBALUCA is with the PCG Project Management Office (PMO) embedded in the office of the Department of Transportation (DOTr). He is the Budget and Finance Officer thereat and their shop serves as liaison and lead group for PCG's big ticket projects. Likewise, CG LT RANDY L PERIA has been assigned to the Coast Guard Finance Service (CGFS) as the Deputy Chief of Finance Staff for Plans and Programs, FS-5. He infuses policy and system improvements in the Finance Service.

Moreover, CG LT CLYDE JADE M BANGGOLLAY is with the Marine Environmental Protection Command (MEPCOM) holding the position of the Deputy Chief of Marine Environmental Protection Staff for Logistics, M-4. Lastly, CG LT JESUS DANIEL P. MARTINEZ is with the Coast Guard Special Operations Force (CGSOF) and holding several positions such as Deputy Commander, Counter Terrorism Group, Deputy Chief of Special Operations Staff for Strategic Studies and Modernization, SOF-15, and Assistant Deputy Chief of Special Operations Staff for Education and Training, SOF-12.

It's impressive to see the diverse roles and responsibilities that the members of the PMA Class "Masidlak" Class of 2010 have taken on within the PCG. Their commitment to excellence and specialization in various fields contributes significantly to the organization's overall mission delivery. - OBS '10





ADRIANO ORTIZ
President
KERVIN OED K DIZON
Secretary

Members of PMA BAGSIK DIWA CLASS OF 2022 have reached Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and even overseas. After graduation, they were separated and assigned to several places and chose different paths. As new members of the Officer Corps, they have undergone and are currently in the process of attending seminars and trainings in order to enhance their knowledge and skills. For the past few months, the following are what they have been up to.

Philippine Navy

• Naval Officer Basic Course CL 40

- TOP 1 - ENS KRYSTLENN IVANY G QUEMADO PN
- TOP 2 - ENS CZARINA HENRAE P ESTOESTA PN
- TOP 3 - ENS YYONI XANDRIA MARIE M TIU PN

• Basic Surface Warfare Officer Course

- TOP 1 - ENS KRYSTLENN IVANY G QUEMADO PN
- TOP 2 - ENS YYONI XANDRIA MARIE M TIU PN
- TOP 3 - ENS ROMEL JOHN C LABAGUIS PN
- TOP 4 - ENS IRIS KAYE S STA ANA PN
- TOP 5 - ENS MARK ANGELO L DELDA PN
- TOP 6 - ENS LADY AUSTRALIA M ALIMPA PN
- TOP 8 - ENS JAKE ANTHONY E MOSQUERA PN
- TOP 9 - ENS CHYMEE GRACE C GAGARRA PN
- TOP 10 - ENS RALPH ANTHONY P GILLE PN
- Academic Awardee - ENS KRYSTLENN IVANY G QUEMADO PN
- Non-academic Awardee - ENS JAKE ANTHONY E MOSQUERA PN
- Best in the Field of Anti-Surface Warfare - ENS KRYSTLENN IVANY G QUEMADO PN
- Best in the Field of Anti-Air Warfare - ENS CHYMEE GRACE C GAGARRA PN
- Best in the Field of Anti-Submarine Warfare - ENS MARK ANGELO L DELDA PN
- Best in the Field of Electronic Warfare - ENS LADY AUSTRALIA M ALIMPA PN

• Marine Officer Basic Course CL 45

- TOP 1 (Commandant's Plaque and a 9mm Pistol) - 2LT DREXLER JADE R RAGPALA
- TOP 2 (Superintendent's Plaque) - 2LT MARNYL VAN M OMAMALIN
- TOP 3 (Director's Plaque) - 2LT JONALD K VIRGO
- TOP 4 - 2LT PRECIOUS ANNE M VERGARA
- TOP 5 - 2LT PRINCESS JOY R MAMARADLO
- TOP 6 - 2LT JOHN VINCENT F MENESES
- TOP 7 - 2LT KIM N BURGOS
- TOP 9 - 2LT JULIUS KALLEY C FANUSAN
- TOP 10 - 2LT BRYSON R ZANTUA
- TOP 11 - 2LT KENT LEMUEL O CULTURA
- TOP 12 - 2LT JULLZ ALEXIS L GALENDEZ
- TOP 15 - 2LT JOSHUA MANUEL D MAGPANTAY

• Naval Air Warfare Basic Officers Course Class 02

- TOP 3; Certificate of Merit - ENS IZZAH LEONAH S TACCAD PN
- TOP 5; Plaque of Recognition for Being Best in Non-Academics - ENS CLEMENT JAMES F GUARDIANA PN
- TOP 7 - ENS ANGELA ISABELLE T VELASCO PN
- TOP 10 - ENS JEFFREY G MANZANO PN

• Aircraft Maintenance Officers Course Class 09

- TOP 5 - ENS DANIELLE SHANE L MUSA PN

• Watchstander Officer Course CL 04

- TOP 1 - ENS KEITH GLENNJOY D TUYA PN
- TOP 4 - ENS MARIEL BLESS E BAGTANG PN
- TOP 5 - ENS ANGEL GRACE P PALABRICA PN

• Provost Marshal and Military Police Investigation Course Class 50-2023

- TOP 1 and Commander's Award - 2LT PRECIOUS ANNE M VERGARA PN(M)
- Academic Excellence Award - 2LT PRECIOUS ANNE M VERGARA PN(M)
- Best in Investigation Report Writing Award - 2LT PRECIOUS ANNE M VERGARA PN(M)

Philippine Army

• Basic Airborne Course

- Best Jumper Award: 2LT VINCE JON PHILIPPE S CABAGNOT (INF) PA

• Basic Officer Leadership Course 3

• Infantry

- TOP 1 - 2LT ALFREDO J PENALES JR (INF) PA
- TOP 2 - 2LT IAN JOSEPH V BRAGANCIA (INF) PA
- TOP 3 - 2LT VINCE JON PHILIPPE S CABAGNOT (INF) PA
- TOP 4 - 2LT JESIE MAR L FRIAS (INF) OA
- TOP 5 - 2LT EARL MARS A TALISAY (INF) PA
- Commandants Award - 2LT CHADBERT P LIWAYAN (INF) PA
- Chief of Staff TRADOC Award - 2LT CHADBERT P LIWAYAN (INF) PA
- Chief of Staff TRADOC for Physical Proficiency Awardee - 2LT CHADBERT P LIWAYAN (INF) PA

• Armor

- TOP 4 - 2LT NEILVON R ACOSTA (ARM) PA

• Corps of Engineering

- TOP 4 - 2LT JOHANNES PAOLO EZRA B CANONEO (CE) PA
- TOP 5 - 2LT KYM DANIELLE T DANGANAN (CE) PA

• Field Artillery

- TOP 2 - 2LT DANIELLE B HIZON (ART) PA
- TOP 3 - 2LT KUSHELLA MAE E BRACEROS (ART) PA
- Commandant's Awardee - 2LT KUSHELLA MAE E BRACEROS (ART) PA
- Chief of Staff TRADOC for Physical Proficiency Awardee - 2LT KUSHELLA MAE E BRACEROS (ART) PA

• Signal Corps

- TOP 1 - 2LT JASON G ABAYARI (SC) PA
- TOP 2 - 2LT ELAINE MAREY N PAASA (SC) PA
- Commander, Army Signal Regiment Award - 2LT JASON G ABAYARI (SC) PA

- Commandants Award - 2LT JASON G ABAYARI (SC) PA
- Chief of Staff TRADOC Award - 2LT JASON G ABAYARI (SC) PA

• Ordnance Service

- TOP 5 - 2LT EDY HEART B ANDALOC (OS) PA

• Quartermaster Service

- TOP 1 - 2LT FAITHE H TURIANO (QMS) PA
- TOP 2 - 2LT JANELLA ROSE D ESPEJO (QMS) PA
- TOP 3 - 2LT BERNARD PAUL C SERRANO (INF) PA
- TOP 4 - 2LT RALPH ALLEN A RIVERA (INF) PA
- Chief of Staff, Philippine Army Award - 2LT FAITHE H TURIANO (QMS) PA
- Honor Graduate Award - 2LT FAITHE H TURIANO (QMS) PA

• Adjutant General Service

- Director's Award - 2LT STEPHANY R REBELLON (AGS) PA
- Chief of Staff TRADOC for Physical Proficiency Awardee - 2LT STEPHANY R REBELLON (AGS) PA

• Finance Service

- TOP 3 - 2LT NOREEN L RODILLAS (FS) PA

• Military Intelligence

- TOP 4 - 2LT JOHN ALBERT D DETERALA (MI) PA

• Special Forces Combat Qualification Course 22-2023

- TOP 1 - 2LT VINCE JON PHILIPPE S CABAGNOT (INF) PA
- TOP 2 and "Class Tarzan" - 2LT CHADBERT P LIWAYAN (INF) PA
- TOP 4 - 2LT NICO ALI O CACERES (INF) PA
- TOP 5 - 2LT ELVIN JOHN L OYO-A (INF) PA
- TOP 7 - 2LT JOSHUA C CABALAR (INF) PA
- TOP 8 - 2LT JASON G ABAYARI (SC) PA
- TOP 9 - 2LT IAN JOSEPH V BRAGANCIA (INF) PA

• Scout Ranger Course 220-23

- 2LT DIRK KIRYL A DAVALAN (INF) PA
- 2LT CRIS JUSTINE A GIRONELLA (INF) PA
- 2LT EARL MARS A TALISAY (INF) PA
- 2LT KNIGLE A BASTIAN (INF) PA
- 2LT JESIE MAR L FRIAS (INF) PA

Philippine Air Force

• Air Weapons Controller Course Class 2023A

- TOP 2 - 2LT JOSHUA M BONTO PAF

• 560th ABG Best Officer of the Year

- 2LT JOHN PAOLO D PAGULAYAN PAF

• US MILITARY PILOT TRAINING Student

- 2LT KEVIN JHON O PASTRANA PAF

• Military Pilot Training 2024A T41-D "Mescalero" Primary Trainer Aircraft Soloist

- 2LT KEVIN JHON O PASTRANA O-21382 PAF
- 2LT NERFA A MINONG O-21389 PAF
- 2LT TRISTAN C CHOMAGAG O-21396 PAF
- 2LT CRISTOPHER ERAMUS L FREDULUCES O-21397 PAF

Philippine Navy



Philippine Army



Philippine Air Force



- 2LT JOEL D POGOY O-21403 PAF
- 2LT LIND HOWELLE S PEROY O-21404 PAF
- 2LT BART APOLLO S MONTON O-21425 PAF
- 2LT ADRIANO A ORTIZ O-21426 PAF
- 2LT YLANA THERESE S ELLAZAR O-21441 PAF
- 2LT SONIA NILEA F DOMINGO O-21450 PAF
- 2LT ROYCE LOUIS G CAMIGLA O-21458 PAF
- 2LT EMERSON III L SAAVEDRA O-21465 PAF
- 2LT KERVIN OED K DIZON O-21479 PAF - First Soloist of MPT 2024A
- 2LT RIZZA PAULA P JOVELLANO O-21480 PAF
- 2LT GERARD JASPER V SALAZAR O-21482 PAF
- 2LT MARK NICHOLAS N SUEMITH O-21489 PAF
- 2LT JAYSON P PALOMENO O-21493 PAF
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- 2LT JUSTIN MAYNARD RODRIGUEZ O-21521 PAF
- 2LT ROD JAKE J MARTINEZ O-21525 PAF
- 2LT ANGELICA L VILLALON O-21532 PAF
- 2LT ROSTELL VINCE MARIANNE G RECLA O-21543 PAF
- 2LT JOHN PAUL S TIBON O-21547 PAF
- 2LT ANDREW ALAN R IRAL O-21554 PAF
- 2LT ELRON JOSEPH R PARRA O-21557 PAF

- 2LT MARK DOMINIC S GUMIRAN O-21559 PAF
- 2LT IVAN WREN O RAMIREZ O-21566 PAF
- 2LT JEILORD JAMES L SANTOS O-21571 PAF
- 2LT JOSE MARI P HERNANDEZ O-21589 PAF

They may be a couple of miles apart but the test of distance and time couldn't bear

up against the bond that they have owing to the fact that they have engraved each other in their hearts. They kept shining in their own little ways and no matter where they go, they'll bring a piece of each other along with them.





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1952-59	1985	1997
1960	1987	1998
1976	1988	2000 - 2009
1979	1991	2011 - 2021
1982	1996	2023

*“Be strong and courageous,
for the Lord will be with you
wherever you go.”*

LAST CALL

PMGEN HONESTO P BUMANGLAG '63

17 Feb 1939 - 15 Sept 2023

Former Director of Human Resources and Doctrine Development, PNP, Cav Bumanglag passed away on 15 September 2023 of pneumonia, he was 84. Wake was held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani (LNMB) mortuary and was buried on 19 September still at LNMB. He and his wife Rosalinda left behind their children Rey Jose, wife Suzette; Col Rex Banjo Bumanglag, wife Debra and children Isabelle, Kyle Ryan and Nathalia.



Karina, and three grand daughters namely, Krizzie Mielle, Khloe Mozelle, and Morgan Olivia. Vigil and viewing were held at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary on October 12-16, 2023. He was interned at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig City on October 17, 2023 with full military honors provided by the Philippine Air Force Honor Guards.

LTGEN EMMANUEL R TEODOSIO '72

21 Jan 1950 – 23 Oct 2023

Cav Teodosio passed away on 23 October 2023. He is a recipient of various awards and decorations and one of the most bemedaled Marine Commandants in his generations. A prolific writer, he authored numerous books on leadership, military tactics and doctrines and as Editor-in-Chief of Masigasig Class 1972 Golden Sword.



He left behind his caring wife Choly and children: Noellie, Eliza, Margarette, and Emmanuel Jr. Wake was held at the Heritage Memorial Chapel, Taguig City and interment at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 28 October 2023.

COL RUPERTO C MOLATO JR '67

08 Jan 1944 - 26 Oct 2023

Cav Molato passed away on 26 October 2023 in VMMC due to septic shock after having been confined there for a long time for stroke. Inurnment was held in Manila Memorial Park, Paranaque City on 29 October. He died at the age of 79.



COL ERNESTO T TAN JR '61

24 Feb 1934 – 7 Nov 2023

Cav Tan joined our Creator on Nov 7, he was 89. Wake was at Santuario De San Antonio (Capilla), Forbes Park, Makati. He was the 1st Commander of the Light Armor Regiment, Phil. Army now known as the Mechanized Armor Division based in Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac.



He left behind his caring wife, Elizabeth and children Richard Denis, Patricia Margaret and Ernesto Paulo.

MGEM ARIEL B BERNARDO '80

27 July 1958 – 08 Nov 2023

Cav Bernardo died on 08 November 2023, at V Luna Medical Center where he was confined due to a lingering illness. His wake was at the mortuary in the Libingan ng Mga Bayani, and was laid to rest on 18 November 2023. He left behind his wife Joy, sons Arian Jed and Arvin Jeff, and daughter Marielle Jen.



COL ROMEO A SOLINA '55

26 Jan 1931 – 21 Nov 2023

Cav Solina died on 21 November 2023 leaving behind his caring wife Georgina; and loved ones: Noel, Marilyn, Bea and Caissa; Yvette, David and Khadija Salih; Bernadette, Michael Wolf, Mark, Georgette Joy; Chris and Annette Cabe, children Paolo, Niccolo and Nadine. Wake was at Libingan ng mga Bayani mortuary.



Cav Solina held various government positions including, as a former Director for Social Studies, Development Management Staff, Office of the President; Deputy Managing Director, National Computer Center; Chairman, Special Study Group, Ministry of National Defense and Assistant Secretary for Strategic Assessments, Department of National Defense.

PGEN CAMILO PANCRATIUS P CASCOLAN '86

20 Nov 1964 – 24 Nov 2023

Former PNP chief and Department of Health (DOH) undersecretary Cav Cascolan died on 24 November, he was 59 years old. He died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. In 2020, he was appointed by former President Rodrigo Duterte to be the 22nd chief of the PNP, and was appointed undersecretary of the DOH by President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. in 2022.



The remains of former PNP chief Cav Cascolan were cremated at Heritage Park in Taguig on 24 November.



COL EDUARDO L COLLADO '84

19 Feb 1958 - 05 Oct 2023

Cav Collado died of heart attack on 05 October 2023. He left behind his wife Leonila. Interment was held at Pulong San Miguel Talavera Cemetery, Nueva Ecija. His last position held in the AFP was as commanding officer of ARESCOM in Butuan City.



COL JOSE F GAMOS '76

31 July 1952 - 08 Oct 2023

Cav Gamos died of septic shock due to blood stream infection on 08 October 2023. He left behind his wife Delia and children: Janice, Joanna, Josephine M. Gamos, Maj Jose Napoleon M Gamos PMA '06, and Maj Jose Carlos M Gamos'09. He was interned at Libingan ng mga Bayani on 17 October. His last position held at the AFP was as Deputy Bde Commander of 901 Bde. Cav Gamos was noteworthy for designing the Special Forces Beret still being used today.



2LT ROMEO R TROPICALES '75

19 April 1951 - 09 Oct 2023

Cav Tropicales died of acute coronary syndrome at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City on 09 October 2023. He was survived by his wife Rowena and two daughters, Kristina and





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