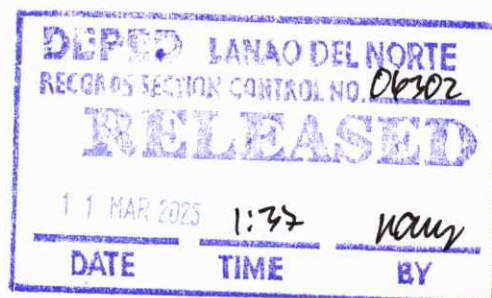




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF LANA O DEL NORTE



10 March 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 165 , s. 2025

**DISSEMINATION OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 157, s. 2025
(CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL POSTER MAKING CONTEST, ESSAY
WRITING, AND ORATORICAL CONTEST IN LINE WITH THE 83rd
COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN
AND 2025 PHILIPPINE VETERANS' WEEK)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
CID Personnel
Public Secondary School Heads
Secondary School Teachers
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-13-01062, titled **Conduct of the National Poster Making Contest, Essay Writing, and Oratorical Contest in Line with the 83rd Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan and 2025 Philippine Veterans' Week**, this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division, enjoins all secondary schools/ integrated schools to participate in the following activities:

| NO. | ACTIVITY | DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Poster Making Contest | March 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. |
| 2 | Essay Writing Contest | |
| 3 | Oratorical Contest | |

2. The entries must depict the lives, works, and heroism of our Filipino heroes who fought for our country and adhere to this year's theme, "**KABAYANIHAN NG BETERANO: SANDIGAN NG KAUNLARAN AT KASAGANAAN NG BAGONG PILIPINAS**".
3. All entries shall be submitted through this link: <https://shorturl.at/m1yuf> not later than March 13, 2025 at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon .
4. The contest mechanics of the activities are provided in Enclosures 1, 2, and 3 of DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-13-01062 respectively.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of and strict compliance on the contents of this Memorandum is enjoined.


EDWIN R. MARIBOJOC EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosures.: As stated (Paragraph)
Reference: DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-13-01062
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DIVISION SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS TEACHERS
ARAWNG KAGITINGAN PHILIPPINE VETERANS' WEEK CELEBRATIONS

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March 10, 2025



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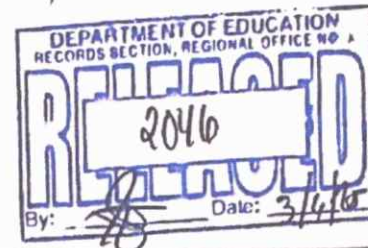
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| | ANGELITO D. BARAZONA | EPS |
| | IVY S. MADRONERO | EPS-II |
| | MYLES M. SAYRE | PDO-II |
| ESSAY WRITING CONTEST | ROTSSEN V. ESCORIAL | EPS |
| | MONISA P. MABA | EPS |
| | ROWENA E. LONTAYAO | EPS |
| | MARIFE B. VICOY | EPS |
| | KRISTINE J. TIMO | EPS-II |
| ORATORICAL CONTEST | JANE CHARITY E. MADRONERO | EPS |
| | CAROL R. BALWIT | EPS |
| | DENNIS B. DOZANO | EPS |
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO



March 3, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 157, s. 2025

CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL POSTER MAKING CONTEST, ESSAY WRITING,
AND ORATORICAL CONTEST IN LINE WITH THE 83RD COMMEMORATION
OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND 2025 PHILIPPINE VETERANS' WEEK

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
SGOD Chiefs
Divisional Learner Rights and Protection Focal Persons
School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Regarding the attached **DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-13-01062** from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations, the Department of Education (DepEd), through its External Partnership Service (EPS), in cooperation with the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP), will conduct a **National Poster Making Contest, Essay Writing and Oratorical Contest**.

2. This initiative, anchored on the theme "Kabayanihan ng Beterano: Sandigan ng Kaunlaran at Kasaganaan ng Bagong Pilipinas," seeks to honor the unwavering sacrifices of the veterans.

3. To ensure broad participation, all public and private schools are strongly encouraged to take part in this initiative by submitting their entries to their Schools Division Offices (SDOs) for selection and deliberation and submission to the Regional Office (RO) on or before March 18.

4. The competition will follow a structured, multi-level selection process:

a. Division-Level Screening

i. The winning entries will proceed to the regional competition.

ii. Each division is allowed to submit a maximum of

- (1) Two entries for the Poster Making Contest,
- (2) Two entries for the Essay Writing Contest, and
- (3) One entry for the Oratorical Contest.

b. Regional Competition

i. The DepEd Region X panel will assess the division-level winners in each category.



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- ii. The top entry for the Oratorical Contest and the top two entries for both the Poster Making Contest and Essay Writing Contest will be declared regional champions and will earn the opportunity to represent DepEd Region X in the national competition.

c. National Level

- i. The regional champions will compete against other winners from across the country in the final stage of the competition.
5. The final schedule for the regional judging of all categories will be officially announced through a separate regional memorandum.
 6. For clarifications and coordination, please contact the following:

Office of the Chief

Education Support Services Division
Third floor, DepEd RO-X Building, DepEd ROX Complex
Zone 1, Upper Balulang, Cagayan de Oro City
Telephone Number: 09166590690
Email Address: essd.region10@deped.gov.ph

7. Please see the attached Memorandum for complete details.
8. This Office directs the immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum.

DR. ARTURO B. BAYOCOT, CESO III
Regional Director

DR. FEDERICO P. MARTIN, CESO V
Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

ATCH.: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ARAW NG KAGITINGAN CELEBRATIONS

RE: Conduct of the National Poster
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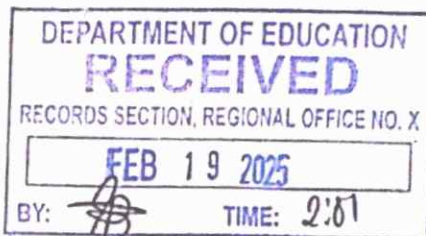
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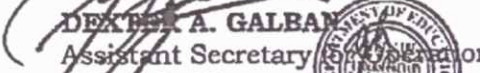
OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS



MEMORANDUM

DM-OUOPS-2025- 13- 61062

TO : Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School
Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM : 
DEXTER A. GALBAN
Assistant Secretary for Operations
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the
Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT: **CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL POSTER MAKING CONTEST,
ESSAY WRITING, AND ORATORICAL CONTEST IN LINE
WITH THE 83RD COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG
KAGITINGAN AND 2025 PHILIPPINE VETERANS' WEEK**

DATE : February 12, 2025

1. The 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan*, also known as Day of Valor, commemorates the heroism of Filipino and American soldiers during the fall of Bataan in 1942. This day, observed on April 9th, honors those who fought bravely in World War II, highlighting the sacrifices made for freedom. Concurrently, the Philippine Veterans Week celebrated from April 5 to 11, 2025, pays tribute to all veterans who served in the various conflicts, recognizing their unwavering dedication and service to the nation. These events serve as poignant reminders to the courage and resilience embedded in the history of the Philippines.
2. The said celebrations are pursuant to Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987, titled Providing a List of Regular Holidays and Special Holidays and Special Days to be Observed throughout the Philippines and for other Purposes which declared the 9th day of April as *Araw ng Kagitingan* (Bataan and Corregidor Day), Presidential Proclamation (PP) No. 66, s. 1989, titled Declaring the Period of April 5 to 11 of every year as Philippine Veterans Week.
3. The celebration of the **2025 Philippine Veterans' Week** and the **83rd commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan** will be on April 5 to 11, 2025, respectively.

4. The celebration aims to instill in the minds and hearts of the Filipino people, especially the youth, the understanding that the freedom they enjoy today was made possible through the blood and sacrifices of their veteran forefathers.
5. In support of said commemorations, the Department of Education (DepEd), through its External Partnerships Service (EPS), in cooperation with the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) shall conduct a Poster Making Contest, Essay Writing, and Oratorical Contest as part of said celebration. The contests mechanics are provided in the attached Enclosure 1, 2 and 3, respectively.
6. To make this commemoration more meaningful, all public and private schools are encouraged to join/participate in local activities/celebrations.
7. Travel and other incidental expenses incurred by the participants, coaches, and contestants during the activities/competition shall be charged against local funds, regional/division MOOE, PTA/PTCA funds, local school board funds, and other sources as available, while the travel expenses of the DepEd Central Office Technical Working Committee, shall be charged against BPLP Fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. For any concern, you may contact, Office of the External Partnerships Service-Special Events Unit (EPS-SEU), through email at external.partnerships@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8638-8639, 0905 345 7489.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Enclosure 1

**83RD ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK
CONTEST MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES**

NATIONAL POSTER MAKING CONTEST

1. Background and Objectives

In celebration of the 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* and Philippine Veterans Week, the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) are sponsoring a National Poster-Making Contest.

These contest aim to showcase the historical sites across the country from the Second World War II era, where significant landmarks and memorials now stand. This initiative seeks to cultivate a sense of pride and reverence among Filipinos for the sacrifices made by our veterans, serving as a poignant reminder of the valuable legacy that has granted us the freedom we cherish today.

2. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 11 & 12, learners enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. Private school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all DepEd-Special Events Unit- organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

3. Scope/Theme

The entries should depict the life, works, and heroism of our Filipino heroes who fought for our country and should be in line with this year's theme, **"KABAYANIHAN NG BETERANO: SANDIGAN NG KAUNLARAN AT KASAGANAAN NG BAGONG PILIPINAS"**

4. Entry Specification

Only submitted entries that satisfy the requirements and specifications of the contest will be considered official.

- 4.1 The poster should be on a 15"x 20" illustration board.
- 4.2 Contestants may use any medium of his/her choice, (e.g. oil paste, crayon, and watercolor)
- 4.3 The poster must be described in one or two sentences. The description must be typewritten and printed on a ½ A4 bond paper and posted at the back of the entry together with the following information:
 - 4.3.1 Name of Learner
 - 4.3.2 Contact Number
 - 4.3.3 School
 - 4.3.4 Division
 - 4.3.5 Region
- 4.4 The Philippine Flag should not be used as the background of the poster. If used as part, it should be placed in a conspicuous place to show its importance to the artwork (please refer to Sec. 39 - Prohibited Acts under Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 titled "An Act

Prescribing the Code of the National Flag, Anthem, Motto, Coat-of-Arms and Other Heraldic Items and Devices of the Philippines.”).

5. Criteria

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|-----|--|-------------|
| 5.1 | Adherence to the Scope and Objective ----- | 25% |
| 5.2 | Creativity and Originality ----- | 30% |
| 5.3 | Composition ----- | 25% |
| 5.4 | Visual Impact ----- | 20% |
| | Total ----- | 100% |

6. Registration of Entries/Uploading of requirements

Please upload your entries and requirements through this link bit.ly/83rdKagitingan. Ensure that the files are in the PDF format, all files must be clearly labeled. Your submission will be securely stored and reviewed upon submission. If you encounter any issues during the upload process, please contact External Partnerships Service through the Events and Special Projects.

7. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant who achieves the highest score shall be considered the National Champion, the contestant with the second highest score shall be declared the first runner-up, and the contestant with the third highest shall be declared the second runner-up, and so forth.

Winners will be announced after the final judging on March 28, 2025. The names of the winners, along with other details, and the process for claiming their prizes will be announced in a separate memo.

8. Submission of Entries

- 8.1. The deadline for the submission of entries in the Regional office, will be on **March 18, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.**, and shall be submitted to the External Partnerships Service at DepEd Central Office on or before 5:00 p.m on **March 25, 2025**.

Attention: Anna Liza Awa-Jorduela
External Partnerships Service
Department of Education, DepEd Central Office
Ground Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco
Avenue Pasig City
Tel. No.: (02) 8638-8639), 0905 345 7489

- 8.2. Only two (2) entries **PER REGION** are allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:
- 8.2.1. Endorsement from the Regional Director
 - 8.2.2. A certification from the school principal that the contestant enrolled in the current School Year (2024-2025).
 - 8.2.3. Scanned images of the student ID, Principal's ID, and accomplished registration form to the **given link**.

8.3. Privacy Notice

8.3.1. The Department of Education, External Partnerships Service is collecting learners' personal data (name, address, contact details) for contest purposes only.

8.3.2. The collected personal data shall be used solely by the Central Office and should not be forwarded to external parties, unless in case of an emergency. The records shall be maintained and disposed of in accordance with established procedures of the Department in records handling.

9. Prizes

Winners for this year's competition will receive cash prizes subject to the approval of management and compliance with the DepEd accounting and auditing rules and regulation.

| Rank | Prizes |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1st Place | PhP 10,000.00 |
| 2nd Place | PhP 8,000.00 |
| 3rd Place | PhP 6,000.00 |
| 4th to 13th Place | PhP 3,000.00 |

10. Copyright

The organizers DepEd, and VFP) have the right to publish and own the entries.

11. **The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.**



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Enclosure 2

83RD ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK CONTEST MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES

NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Subject to such changes as may be determined appropriate, the following general rules shall apply:

1. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 learners enrolled in any public and private elementary schools nationwide. Private school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all DepEd-Special Events Unit-organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

2. Theme and Content

The oratorical piece must be in **Filipino**, original, never been published, and expounding on the theme: "**KABAYANIHAN NG BETERANO: SANDIGAN NG KAUNLARAN AT KASAGANAAN NG BAGONG PILIPINAS**".

The piece must be delivered for a **minimum of five (5) minutes** and a **maximum of seven (7) minutes**.

The oration **MUST NOT**, in whole or in part, whether express or implied, offend any race or religious freedom, nor should it be against the environmental laws, honor, dignity, or the moral standards of Filipinos.

3. Criteria

| | |
|---|-------------|
| 3.1. Content ----- | 50% |
| Sincerity, originality and relevance to the theme | |
| 3.2. Delivery ----- | 40% |
| Posture, gesture, eye contact, facial expression, pronunciation, volume and mastery | |
| 3.3. Persuasion and Stage Presence ----- | 10% |
| TOTAL ----- | 100% |

4. Regional Qualifier

Each Region should have one contestant in the Oratorical Contest to represent the region in the National Level. Regions may conduct a Regional Level Competition or select a regional representative to compete in the National Level.

5. Attire

During the final competition, the contestants shall wear the appropriate attire

- o Boys – Barong
- o Girls – Simple *Filipiniana* Dress

6. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant who achieves the highest score shall be considered the National Champion, the contestant with the second highest score shall be declared the first runner-up, and the contestant with the third highest shall be declared the second runner-up, and so forth. Winners will be announced after the final competition on April 2, 2025, venue to be announce.

7. Submission of Entries /Registration and other requirements

7.1. All regional representatives to the National Level Contest shall submit four (4) copies of their oratorical piece to the External Partnerships Service-Special Events Unit secretariat upon their arrival at the contest venue.

7.2. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:

7.2.1. Endorsement from the Regional Director.

7.2.2. A certification from the school principal that the contestant is enrolled in the current School Year (2024-2025).

7.2.3. Scanned images of the student ID, Principal's ID, and accomplished entry form to the given link

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Enclosure 3

83RD ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK CONTEST MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES

NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

1. Background and Objectives

In celebration of the 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* and Philippine Veterans Week, the Department of Education and the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) are sponsoring an Essay Writing Contest. These initiative aim to raise awareness among the learners about the significance of honoring the *Araw ng Kagitingan* as a remarkable testament to the courage and unwavering commitment to freedom demonstrated by our World War II veterans.

2. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 7, 8, and 9 students enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. Private school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all DepEd-Special Events Unit- organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

3. Scope/Theme

The entries should depict the life, works, and, heroism of our Filipino heroes who fought for our country, and should be in line with this year's theme, **"KABAYANIHAN NG BETERANO: SANDIGAN NG KAUNLARAN AT KASAGANAAN NG BAGONG PILIPINAS"**.

4. Entry Specification

The essay must be crafted from this year's theme. It should:

- 4.1. be written in Filipino
- 4.2. be typewritten on an A-4 bond paper
- 4.3. have single-line spacing
- 4.4. have one (1) inch margin on both sides
- 4.5. use Times New Roman, font size 12
- 4.6. have a minimum of three (3) pages and a maximum of four (4) pages.

5. Criteria

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5.1. Substance and originality----- | 50% |
| 5.2. Style and language ----- | 30% |
| 5.3. Organization ----- | 20% |
| TOTAL ----- | 100% |

6. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant who will get the highest score shall be considered the National Champion, the contestant with the second highest score shall be declared as the first runner-up, and the third highest shall be declared as the second runner-up, and so on and so forth.

- Winners will be announced after the final judging **March 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** The names of the winners, other details and the process of claiming their prizes will be announced in a separate memo.

7. Submission of Entries and Registration form

- 7.1 The deadline for submitting entries/contest pieces, along with all requirements, is March 25, 2024, via email to specialevents@deped.gov.ph
- 7.2 Only two (2) entries **PER REGION** is allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:
- 7.2.1 Endorsement from the Region or Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) or the Chief of the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD).
 - 7.2.2 A certification from the school principal that the contestant is enrolled in the current School Year (2024-2025)
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8. Prizes

Winners for this year's competition will get cash prizes subject to the approval of the management and to the usual VFP accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

| Rank | Prizes |
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| 1st Place | PhP 10,000.00 |
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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23

CREATING A STEERING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL OBSERVANCES

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition;"

WHEREAS, memories of historic events that shaped the nation constitute the soul of a people, giving meaning to their collective life and aspirations;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10086 mandates the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to determine all factual matters relating to official Philippine history as well as develop and implement educational materials in various media for the popularization of Philippine history;

WHEREAS, every year the NHCP initiates, through separate presidential issuances, the organization and implementation by different inter-agency committees of national observances to celebrate important events and honor key historic figures;

WHEREAS, a single directive creating a permanent planning committee will facilitate the necessary preparation and implementation, and dispense with repetitive presidential orders year to year; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Administrative Code of 1987 empowers the President of the Philippines with the continuing authority to reorganize the Executive Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Committee. A Steering Committee on National Observances shall be established to plan, organize, and undertake the commemoration of selected historical events.

SECTION 2. Composition. The Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the NHCP and composed of officers from the following



department or agencies with a rank not lower than Assistant Secretary, duly authorized to represent their respective Secretaries:

- a. • Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- b. Department of Education (DepEd); and
- c. Department of Tourism (DOT).

The Committee may also invite other government agencies, which it deems necessary, according to the thrust and requirements of each commemoration.

SECTION 3. Coverage. The Committee shall take charge of the following national celebrations:

- a. Araw ng Kagitingan;
- b. Independence Day;
- c. National Heroes Day;
- d. Bonifacio Day;
- e. Rizal Day; and
- f. Other historical celebrations in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. Power and Functions. The Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Formulate, organize and prescribe the manner of yearly celebrations of historical events;
- b. Draw up a mechanism among various national departments, local government units, and the private sector for effective mobilization and coordination of commemorative programs;
- c. Monitor, evaluate and submit quarterly reports to the President on all programs of the Committee; and
- d. Perform such other powers and functions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Administrative Order.



SECTION 5. Assistance and Cooperation. All other government agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with and fully support the activities of the Committee.

SECTION 6. Funding. The Committee shall operate under the existing budget of the NHCP, except for the commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan, which shall be charged against the funds of the Department of National Defense (DND). Any deficiency shall be charged against the regular budget of the participating agencies.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Administrative Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

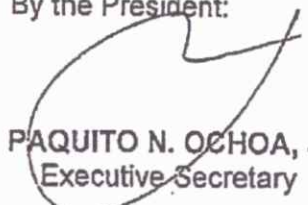
SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Administrative Order, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

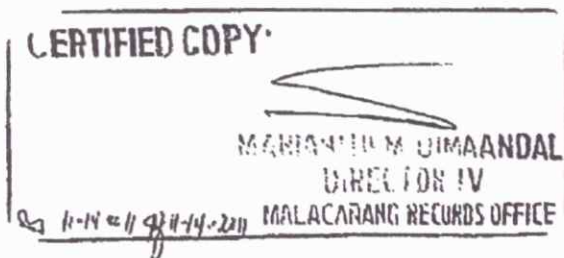
DONE in the City of Manila this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven.



By the President:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary





Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES
Manila

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 01 s. 2025

By virtue of the authority granted under Administrative Order No. 23 s. 2011, with subject: *Creating A Steering Committee on National Observances (SCNO)*, the Chairperson of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines is designated and directed to constitute the Technical Working Committee to support the SCNO in the planning and implementation of activities related to the Observance of the *Araw ng Kagitingan* and other historical celebrations in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

Relatedly, Presidential Proclamation No. 466-A, s. 2007 declares the period April 5 to 11 of every year as the Philippine Veterans Week (PVW) and has been observed nationwide with the *Araw ng Kagitingan* as the highlight of its activities.

Pursuant to and by virtue of the authority granted under Administrative Order No. 23 s. 2011, the 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* and 2025 Philippine Veterans Week Technical Working Committee (83rd ANK and 2025 PVW TWC) is hereby constituted to support the SCNO. The following officers of the National Government Agencies and private individuals or entities shall compose the TWC as members:

Executive Group

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| The Secretary, Department of National Defense | Chairperson |
| The Executive Director, National Historical Commission of the Philippines | Co-Chairperson |
| Representative, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government | Co-Chairperson |
| Representative, Office of the Secretary, Department of Education | Co-Chairperson |
| Representative, Office of the Secretary, Department of Tourism | Vice-Chairperson |
| Representative, Office of the Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs | Vice-Chairperson |
| Representative, Office of the Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Secretary, Presidential Management Staff | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Chief, Presidential Protocol Office | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Commander, Presidential Security Command | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Director, Veterans Memorial Medical Center | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines | Member |



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| Representative, Office of the Director-General, Philippine National Police | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Commander, Philippine Coast Guard | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Director-General, Philippine Information Agency | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Chairperson, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Chairperson, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office | Member |
| Chairperson, National Youth Commission | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Governor, Province of Bataan | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Governor, Province of Cavite | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Governor, Province of Tarlac | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Mayor, Mariveles, Bataan | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Mayor, Pilar, Bataan | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Mayor, City of Cavite, Cavite | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Mayor, Capas, Tarlac | Member |

Veterans Cluster

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| Representative, Veterans Federation of the Philippines | Chairperson |
| Representative, Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Filipino War Veterans Foundation, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Association of Vietnam Veterans of the Philippines, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Philippine Veterans Legion | Member |
| Representative, Association of Generals and Flag Officers | Member |
| Representative, Veterans Federation of the Philippines Sons and Daughters Association, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Board of Trustees of Veterans of World War II | Member |
| Representative, Kampilan Peacekeepers Brotherhood Alliance, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Eastern Rizal AFP Retirees and Pensioners Association, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Alliance of Former Marines, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Saranco ATBP | Member |
| Representative, The Last Watering Hole Association, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Philippine Association of Soldier Widows, Parents, Orphans, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Hunters ROTC Association, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, USAFIP-Northern Luzon, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, PEFTOK Veterans Association, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Philippine Association of War Widows, Parents and Orphans | Member |
| Representative, AFP Retired Veterans Association of the Philippines, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, FAIT Veterans Legion, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Gold Star Mothers and United Widows and Orphans Association of the Philippines | Member |
| Representative, Filipino Disabled Veterans Association | Member |
| Representative, ECLGA Veterans Association, Inc. | Member |
| Representative, Confederation of Filipino Veterans | Member |
| Representative, Cavaliers Association of Veterans, Inc. | Member |

Resource and Advisory Group

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| Representative, Mt. Samat Flagship Enterprise Zone - Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Chairperson, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority | Member |
| Representative, PHIVIDEA Industrial Authority | Member |



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| Representative, Philippine Veterans Bank | Member |
| Representative, Filipino-American Memorial Endowment | Member |
| Representative, Maritime Historical Branch, Fleet-Marine Warfare Center, Philippine Navy | Member |
| Representative, Marine Historians Office, Philippine Marine Corps | Member |
| Representative, History and Heritage Branch, OG3, Philippine Army | Member |
| Representative, Office of the Chief Historical and Cultural Activities, Philippine Air Force | Member |

- The constitution of the 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* and the 2025 Philippine Veterans Week Technical Working Committee shall take effect immediately and the committee shall subsist until the full performance and completion of its responsibilities and activities.



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and
Chair, Steering Committee on National Observances