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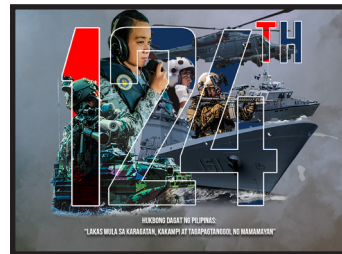
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**Malacañan Palace
Manila**

My warmest greetings to the Philippine Navy as it publishes a special issue of its official gazette, Rough Deck Log, in celebration of the institution's 124th Anniversary.

Given our geography, our country continues to contend with various challenges and threats, both internal and external. I thus recognize the crucial role that our naval forces will play not only in providing defense against such dangers, but also in facilitating our country's social and economic development.

With great pride, I express my utmost gratitude for the immense sacrifice and dedication of each individual who has helped build the Philippine Navy into what it is today. In the fulfillment of your duties, you have contributed immensely to making our nation a safe and healthy place where our people may thrive and lead comfortable lives.

As you celebrate this occasion, I ask you to remain worthy of the honor associated with the institution. May you continue to exude excellence as you secure our shores and seas, and defend our territories for the benefit of the future generation.

I wish you all a happy and meaningful celebration.

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

A MESSAGE FROM
The President of the Republic of the Philippines





**Republic of the Philippines
Department of National Defense
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On behalf of the entire One Defense Team, my warmest greetings to the Philippine Navy on the occasion of your 124th Founding Anniversary!

Your theme this year, “Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas: “Lakas mula sa Karagatan, Kakampi at Tagapagtanggol ng Mamamayan” reflects your continued commitment to defend and secure our maritime nation and people.

As the Secretary of National Defense, I commend the men and women of the Philippine Navy for their achievements and incalculable contributions to our country’s defense and development over the years.

May our sailors, marines, and every member of Team Navy keep up the good work in their quest to become a modern and multi-capable naval force.

Once again, congratulations on your 124th Anniversary and Mabuhay ang Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas!

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A MESSAGE FROM
The Secretary of National Defense





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On behalf of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, it is with great honor that I extend my greetings to the Philippine Navy on the occasion of your 124th Founding Anniversary! The AFP and the Filipino people are grateful for the dedicated service of the Sailors and Marines of our naval force.

Despite the ongoing health crisis, the Philippine Navy personnel remained steadfast in their mission to address the threats and dangers at our maritime borders. Beyond that, the Philippine Navy has continuously safeguarded and secured the future of our countrymen by upholding the sovereignty of our country through the regular conduct of maritime surveillance and patrol of the sea, air and land. The men and women of the Philippine Navy are testaments to the excellence of our maritime force as they remain steadfast against any threat or adversity. Furthermore, in order to keep up with our foreign counterparts, the Philippine Navy has demonstrated its ability to be dynamic and adaptable in the ever-changing and volatile security landscape. Indeed, the hard work and efforts of the Philippine Navy have contributed significantly to the strength and credibility of the AFP as a whole.

The 124th Anniversary theme, "Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas: Lakas Mula sa Karagatan, Kakampi at Tagapagtanggol ng Mamamayan" truly manifests the Philippine Navy's resolve to become the capable naval force of the AFP. To the men and women of the Philippine Navy who have sacrificed their lives time and again, continue making our country proud as you continuously uphold excellence and the highest standards of professionalism in everything you do.

May your achievements inspire you to strive for more laurels for the Philippine Navy in years to come.

Mabuhay ang Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas!


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A MESSAGE FROM

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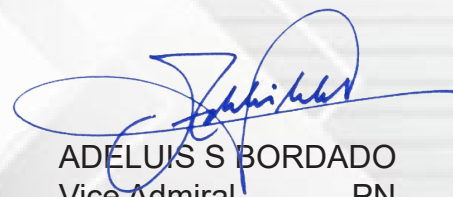


My warmest greetings to the officers, sailors, marines, and civilian human resources of the Philippine Navy on our 124th Founding Anniversary.

As the defender of the seas and the protector of the country's maritime interests, the men and women of Team Navy remain competent and steadfast sources of strength and support to a modernizing naval defense force. As we commemorate this important milestone and juncture in our history, let us continue to strive for transparency and excellence as we execute our unique functions and role in the organization. Modernization implies not only the improvement in the quality and quantity of our naval assets, platforms, systems and processes, but also the aptitude and adequacy of our personnel. Only a well-equipped and agile human capital and force will allow the Philippine Navy to operate and steer in a complex and highly unpredictable Twenty-First century regional security environment.

Even if we were constrained by the disruption and limitations brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, your dedication and commitment during the past years brought us to where we are now – a thriving and resilient organization that is steadily sailing towards becoming a modern and multi-capable naval defense force responsive to our country's defense and development.

Again, happy 124th Anniversary, Philippine Navy! Let us celebrate the gains and accomplishments over the year! Let us also continue working together as partners in our common goal to be of service to our maritime nation. Carry on and keep up the good work! Hooyah! Hurrah!


ADELUS S BORDADO
Vice Admiral, PN

A MESSAGE FROM
Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy





COMMANDING GENERAL
PHILIPPINE ARMY
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My warmest congratulations to the Sailors, Marines, and Civilian Human Resource of the Philippine Navy on the occasion of your 124th Founding Anniversary.

For 124 illustrious years, the sailors and marines of the Philippine Navy remain as the primordial vanguards of our archipelagic nation, vigorously safeguarding our territorial integrity and relentlessly defending our maritime entitlements from the northern frontier of the Batanes Island Group to the southern forefront of the Kalayaan Island Group while vigilantly protecting our sovereign waters against the prevailing security threats.

Amidst the multifarious challenges to our national security, the men and women of the Philippine Navy continuously epitomize the unconquerable resolve and invincible determination of the formidable Team Fleet-Marines.

Noteworthy are the exemplary contributions of the Philippine Navy in securing our maritime domain through the constant upgrading and modernization of naval systems and assets, conducting purposive territorial defense operations, developing innovative cutting-edge naval technologies, and continuing acquisition of game-changer naval equipment.

The theme, “Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas: Lakas mula sa Karagatan, Kakampi at Tagapagtanggol ng Mamamayan” bespeaks of the Philippine Navy’s resolute conviction in pursuing its sworn mandate of transforming and performing as a highly professional, credible, and reliable naval force of the Filipino people and our archipelagic nation.

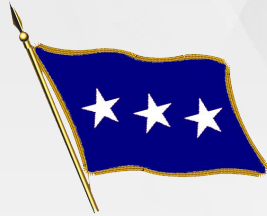
As the men and women of the Philippine Navy commemorates another prolific year, may you continue to accomplish your vital mission of protecting the seas and securing our future with the highest ideals of servant-leadership as committed and faithful sailors and marines of the Filipino nation. Therefore, to the gallant Team Fleet-Marines, sustain your gains, maintain your momentum, and prevail as a modern and multi-capable naval force!

Mabuhay ang Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas!

ROMEO S BRAWNER JR
Lieutenant General PA

A MESSAGE FROM
The Commanding General Philippine Army





ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
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On behalf of the men and women of the Philippine Air Force, I am deeply honored and proud to greet the sailors, marines, and civilian human resource of the Philippine Navy for a resounding 124 years of dedicated and excellent service.

As a maritime nation, our Philippine Navy is earmarked with the tremendous task of securing and defending our nation's maritime border against threats and preserving our maritime interest in the region. Your anniversary theme, "Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas: Lakas mula sa Karagatan, Kakampi at Tagapagtangol ng Mamamayan" is a testament to your dedication not only to your duty as vanguards of our seas, but also in serving as our people's indispensable partner for development. Despite the many challenges that beset our country, our Philippine Navy stood the test of time, remaining committed to upholding the highest standard of excellence and professionalism. Moreso, I commend the whole Fleet-Marine Team for your steadfast commitment to your voyage as you sail towards a modern and multi-capable naval force. May you remain relentless in your pursuit for transformation as you now navigate more confident and stronger than ever.

Again, happy 124th founding anniversary, Philippine Navy! May you continue upholding the culture of excellence and professionalism in all your endeavors. Your brothers and sisters-in-arms wish you fair winds and following seas always.

Mabuhay ang Hukbong Dagat at Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas!

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A MESSAGE FROM
The Commanding General Philippine Air Force





NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
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It is with great pride that I extend the warmest greetings of the Philippine National Police in this special anniversary issue of the "Rough Deck Log", in commemoration of the 124th Anniversary of the Philippine Navy.

The Philippine National Police has been ever supportive of the crucial mission of the Philippine Navy and our government in the preservation and conservation of our water resources and securing our country's maritime territory.


The Philippine Navy is at the forefront of achieving enforcement, environmental protection, and disaster relief operations.

With this, I would like to congratulate the men and women of the Philippine Navy for capping another banner year of successful programs, projects, and intensified campaigns for effective law enforcement, territorial defense, and promoting the conservation of natural resources.

On behalf of the 223,000 strong PNP personnel, I express our earnest support for the efforts of the Philippine Navy in accomplishing its mission.

Our combined energies as guardians of freedom and democracy will pave the way for a brighter future for our country. We must always be prepared to carry out our respective roles in ensuring the protection of the national wealth and heritage.

Fair winds and following seas ahead. Steady on.


DIONARDO B CARLOS
Police General
Chief, PNP

A MESSAGE FROM
Chief of the Philippine National Police





OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT National Headquarters Philippine Coast Guard

Another mileage of both successes and challenges on your 124 years of unyielding service to the nation has been recorded in history and your accomplishments would have not been completed without the strong and resilient men, women, and civilian personnel of the Philippine Navy!

With great appreciation to your unending support to the current undertakings of the Nation, I value everyone's effort to adhere to the changes and at the same time to rise beyond the test of time.

It is with great honor and privilege to evolve in the service of the Filipino people grounded on the values and military traditions your organization has set before us. Our growth is a testament of how the Philippine Navy's resilience and dedication to duty has been passed on with pride.

Continue to soar as the Strength of the Nation in your pursuit to increase in capacity building measures and as the Defender of the People in ensuring the peace and order in our territorial waters.

On this occasion, I commend all of you for your high spirited and excellent service to the Filipino Nation.

CG ADM ARTEMIO MANALO ABU O-10909
29th Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard

A MESSAGE FROM
The Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard



ADAS 2022

EMBARKING ON MODERN INNOVATIONS FOR THE FUTURE NAVY: NRTDC AT ADAS 2022



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Forging international and local defense and security benchmarks and partnerships for an augmented naval defense is one of the primary prospects of the Philippine Navy in joining the 4th Asian Defense and Security (ADAS) 2022, held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City last April 27-29, 2022.

ADAS 2022

The Asian Defense, Security & Crisis Management Exhibition and Conference is a tri-service defense and security exposition that addresses the specific requirements of the Department of National Defense, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, and other government defense, law enforcement, and security agencies. The event showcases a wide range of defense platforms, systems, and equipment offered by prominent international companies to our armed forces, making the event the largest defense and security networking platform in the Asian region and the Philippines. The event was first launched in 2014 and was attended by over 130 international companies,



where the majority are bidders that support the country's pursuit of defense modernization. The success of ADAS is notable since then, as it achieved 42% growth in participants by 2016, and 30% in 2018, establishing its position as the "Philippines' Flagship Defense and Security event". In addition to this, 92% of the exhibitors were satisfied with the quality of visitors while 85% of exhibitors have successfully generated new investors and partners.

The 4th ADAS convention allowed the Philippine Navy to scout for state-of-the-art defense technology systems for the PN Modernization. Among the vital naval defense technologies and systems that were showcased during the event are secured command and control and communications, drones, ISR surveillance, naval platforms, and other related systems.

PN at ADAS 2022

The Naval Research and Technology Development Center played a part in exhibiting the ongoing technological advancement and innovation of the Philippine Navy. The Center was assigned as the Unit Primary Responsible (UPR) of the PN in showcasing its diverse naval defense assets, systems, and programs during the 3-day convention. During the event, NRTDC showcased the Naval Sea Systems Command's (NSSC) recent modernization efforts, including its strategy for the Revitalization of PN Shipbuilding Capability, Naval Sea Systems Training Center's Virtual Reality program, and Naval Intermediate Level Maintenance Center's repair and maintenance operations. The Center also showcased its research and development programs, particularly its Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP) programs in Project BUAHAWI, Secured Command and Control Communication Link System, and the Hydroponics System under Sustainable Island Detachment project. Accordingly, different PN units such as the Philippine Fleet, Philippine Marine Corps, Naval Special Operations Command, Naval Air Wing, and the Naval Information and Communications Technology Center also exhibited their different assets and programs before thousands of defense leaders and guests.



Broadening Horizons for Research and Technology Development of the PN

ADAS is considered a broad opportunity for the Center in looking for potential research and development partnerships and collaborations with international and local sectors. To name a few, the Center was able to get in touch with other research and development units under the AFP, as well as scout best practices among defense innovators from international companies in establishing a modern and multi-capable research and development organization.

The Center supports the PN Modernization by attaining a linear progress in its research and development efforts, events such as ADAS allows NRTDC and the Philippine Navy in general to broaden its competitive advantage in building a multi-capable and modern defense organization within the country.

It is a vision then that by September 2024, the Philippine Navy through NRTDC would be able to showcase more of its technology advancement and research and development efforts that is a by-product of the growing partnership with other sectors or units of the AFP, other law enforcement agencies, and international companies, which is made possible by the Asian Defense and Security convention. ■



EXPERTS' DIALOGUE 2022

Conceptualizing Policy Imperatives for External Defense for the Next Administration



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Philippine Navy and NDCP Conducts 2nd ED Focusing on External Defense for the Next Administration



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Last April 07, 2022, the Philippine Navy (PN) in partnership with the National Defense College of the Philippines, conducts the 2nd Experts Dialogue for 2022 with the theme “Conceptualizing Policy Imperatives for External Defense for the Next Administration.” The dialogue was conducted through a hybrid setup, with experts and moderator meeting physically and other attendees attending through virtual platform. Eight experts and practitioners both from the defense establishment and the academe were invited to discuss their perspectives on the country’s current external defense, bridge differences in perception, and provide a unified understanding of needed policy initiatives for the incoming administration.

Moreover, the aim of the dialogue is also to identify recommendations and policy imperatives that would tackle traditional threats, modernization, bilateral naval engagements, and external defense policies as well as contribute to existing policy

and security discussions, particularly insights on enhancing and highlighting key areas of priorities. Building on the country’s self-reliant defense posture (SRDP) and its niche capabilities were the highlights throughout the dialogue. Furthermore, experts and practitioners also emphasized the need for strong institutions and diverse foreign partnerships in order to support the country’s external defense.

For this 2nd Expert’s Dialogue, BGEN ARCHIMEDES H VIAJE AFP (RET), President of the National Defense College of the Philippines, delivered the welcome remarks. The event was then moderated by Associate Professor Rej C. Torrecampo, Director of the Philippine Center of Excellence in Defense Development and Security (PCEDS). RADM ANTONIO C PALCES, Vice Commander of PN, then delivered the closing remarks on behalf of VADM ADELUIS S BORDADO, the Flag Officer in Command of PN. ■



PN'S CONTINUOUS PARTNERSHIP WITH ICRC



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With the aim to strengthen the capability of the Philippine Navy through the propagation of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law to PN personnel, the Philippine Navy Office for Law of Armed Conflict (PNOLOAC) has once again partnered with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the conduct of the second leg of its series of Advocacy Lecture to Naval Forces Northern Luzon, Naval Station Ernesto Ogbinar, Poro Point, San Fernando City, La Union last April 26, 2022.

Further, with the PN's continuous partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the PNOLOAC invited Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from the ICRC-Philippines composed of Mr. Ricardo M Lucero Jr, Armed Forces Delegate; Mr. Ulysses V Deliva Jr, FAS Program Adviser; and Atty. Jeffrey Michael Sison, Legal Adviser. They are also joined by Mr. Richard Zobot, Armed Forces Delegate and Mr. Eugenio A Gepte Jr, FAS Program Adviser.

The International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is one of the most powerful tools that the community has at its disposal to ensure the safety and dignity of people in times of armed conflict. It seeks to preserve a measure of humanity amidst conflict, with the guiding principle that even in war there are limits. Further, all AFP operations are guided by the principles of human rights and IHL and its additional protocol.

Moreover, the significant changes and legal campaign that the PN is pursuing against our enemies must be taught to our personnel and most importantly, it must be acted upon specially by our troops assigned in areas closed to civilian and enemies.

Through the PN and ICRC's continuous partnership, the PN ensures to be true to its mission in adhering to human rights and IHL in the organization. ■

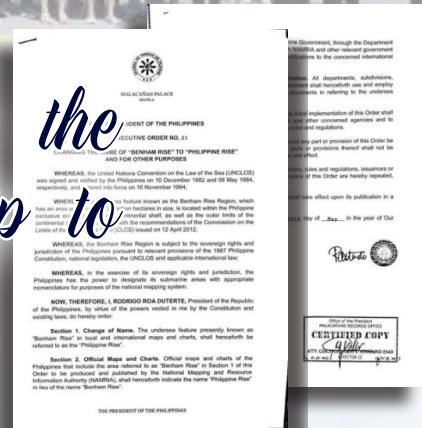




Philippine Navy Commemorates the Declaration of Country's Ownership to Philippine Rise



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Ten years ago, the 13 million hectare undersea territory, which is the Benham Rise, was recognized by the United Nations Commission on the Limits of Continental Shelf (UNCLCS) as part of the Philippines' national territory. Five years later, on May 16, 2017, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Executive Order No. 25 which effectively changed the name "Benham Rise" to "Philippine Rise" or "Talampas ng Pilipinas".

The Philippine Rise which is located within the Pacific Ring of Fire could have possible underwater minerals including sulfides like gold and copper. In addition, it has potential for accumulation of gas hydrates or methane that can be found therein. Gas hydrates are believed to be a larger hydrocarbon resource than all of the world's oil, natural gas and coal resources combined, and if efficiently and economically developed, could become the next energy "game-changer". With these at stake, Philippine Rise certainly needs protection from our National Defense, the Philippine Navy in particular.

In 2017, a symbolic installation of an underwater marker or the fiberglass-encased flag was conducted to assert the country's sovereign rights in this underwater land feature. This year, the Philippine Navy is commemorating this declaration with a maritime surveillance and patrol using the Naval Air Assets and

Civil Military Operations activities like feeding program, gift giving and fishermen forum.

Recently, the Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Defense, Senator Francis N. Tolentino led the inauguration and blessing of the newly built naval facility in Casiguran, Aurora which will enhance the country's capability in ensuring that the territories in the eastern region of Luzon is "guarded and free". The strategic location of the naval facility is the home of more than 26,000 Filipinos. Locals include tribes from Agta-Dumagat or Negrito, Ilocano and Tagalog. ■





Conduct of Basic Occupational Safety and Health Seminar-Workshop



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As part of safety education and advocacy program of the Philippine Navy, the Naval Safety Office facilitated its first safety training for this year, the Basic Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) held last March 28 to April 1, 2022. This five-day online training headed by Engr. Alexander B. Trillana of 5M Consultancy and Safety Services, a Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) accredited company, enables the participants to learn the relevance of safety and health particularly in the workplace, identifying different types of hazards, conduct risk assessment and recommends corresponding control that will mitigate or eliminate the associated risk.

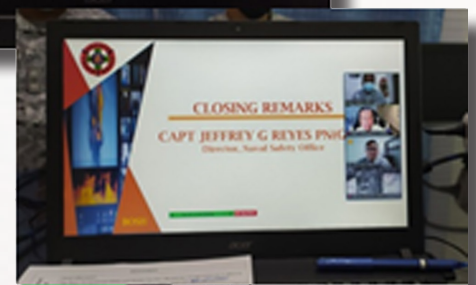
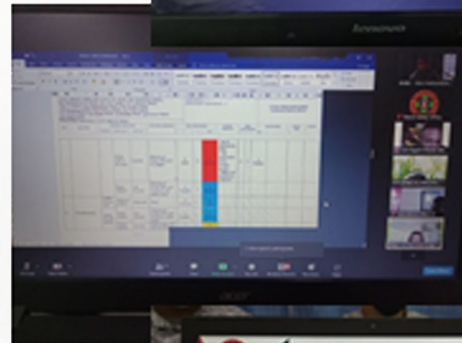
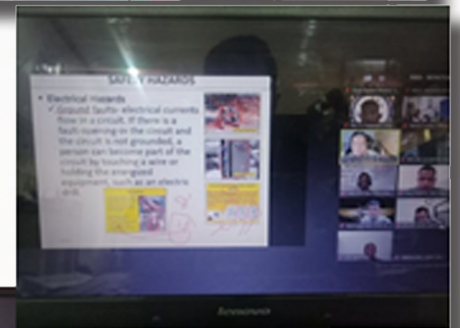
The program was formally opened by the Assistant Director, NSO by welcoming the participants and emphasizing the main objectives of the training. Afterwards, the lecturer introduced the over-all topics to be discussed all throughout the training then the brief introduction of every attendee on their personal information and expectations on the course. There was also a pre-test given prior the lecture proper to test their pre-knowledge of the course.

On the following days, the attendees were formed into groups using the breakout rooms in the Zoom Platform wherein they can discuss and have a brainstorming for every workshop that they have to comply. After which, the output will be shared/presented.

On the duration of training, there is lecturer-participant interaction by actively participating on the discussion and by asking questions for the gray areas being discussed in order to have better understanding of the topic.

For the completion of the course, the attendees were given an ample time to answer the post-test to assess the level of understanding of the attendee in order to equip them with the basic knowledge and skills as a Safety Officer in order to establish an effective system for managing occupational safety and health.

Lastly, the training culminated with the remarks of the guest lecturer and the closing insight of the Director, Naval Safety Office to guide and boost the eagerness of Safety Officers in enforcing their acquired knowledge to their respective units. ■





THE MAB: CONTINUOUSLY AT YOUR SERVICE AMIDST RECOVERY FROM PANDEMIC COVID-19



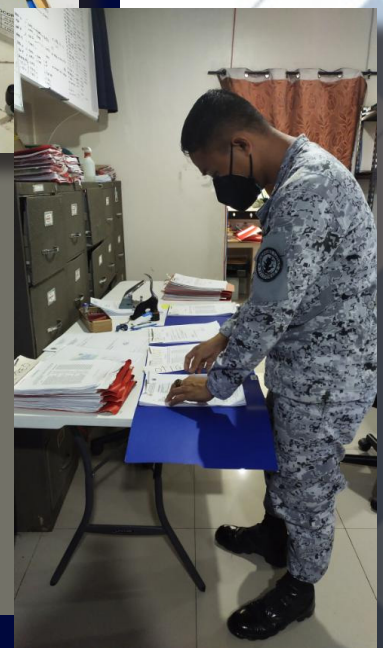
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The removal of restrictions of the movement of the people amidst COVID-19 will assist the Military Assistance Branch (MAB) of the Office of The Naval Adjutant in resuming its operations which was disrupted and upturned for almost two years in observance of community quarantine and social distancing.

Under Alert Level 1, this office is now accepting clients inside the office applying for retirement, commutation of unused leave benefits, resignation, reversion and death benefit claims.

As we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, MAB personnel still manage to revert to a more normal operation. Although workers and clients will still be required to wear masks in the office and get regularly tested, there will be no reason for the personnel to not deliver the services for the satisfaction and convenience of the clients and stakeholders.

And in its effort to bring on a sense of normalcy and continuity of customer servicing amidst the pandemic, MAB will continue to employ personnel engagement tactics such as virtual meetings/deliberations of Philippine Navy Retirement and Separation Adjudication Board or PN RSAB; webinars for Transition Assistance Program (TAP), as well as utilizing online channels through the newly installed system named PN EDMS or the Electronic Document Management System for continuous learning and development opportunities. MAB also continues to make use of newly opened accounts such as E-mail and Viber to further help the branch in faster coordination with customers at their utmost satisfaction and convenience especially at this time of pandemic. And even if this pandemic ends, these innovations will be continuously implemented and utilized.



MAB office continuously receives Personnel Action Forms (PAF) of different types of requests and claims such as optional/compulsory retirement, resignation, reversion, terminal leave for the purpose of retirement, extension of military service, posthumous separation/retirement, commutation of unused leave, Transition Assistance Program (TAP), Phil Navy Assistance System (PNAS), Line of Duty order, and Declaration of Beneficiary.

“We are all together right now, and we will always be #strongertogether despite of this new normal. This means that though we are still in the height of pandemic, we retain a sense of normalcy in terms of goals and connections,” shares TSgt Llagas PN(M). “We have retained video calls / group chats, we have an information campaign on retirement and what we’re doing for the PN retirees and strive to continue the usual processing so as not to hamper our operation. We are privileged to be able to continue operations at this time, so that we can provide quality service to our clients. We ensure our team is equipped and inspired to continue working for the organization’s benefit,” he added.

“I maintain a positive outlook amidst these challenging times. I know that I am able to contribute in bringing

satisfaction to PN personnel who are submitting their application for claims by receiving their documents and giving them updates through answering their phone calls or simply replying to their queries thru text messages,” shares PO3 Romero PN.

“I would like to extend my thanks to our leadership for providing us the needed supplies like safety equipment to be able to continue our work,” adds SN2 Paiton PN. “I know our organization is not alone in facing challenges, and I am thankful that we continue to be supported through these benefits. Rest assured that I will do my best amid this very extraordinary time.”

Having implemented these personnel policies to create a winning growth culture of fulfillment both professionally and personally, the office strongly believes that organizations should move forward into the changing times and adapt to ways of how personnel should be working.

And so, even if the pandemic is not yet over, there’s nothing to worry about since MAB will continuously be at your service amidst this new normal. ■

501ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY AT MACTAN AND CLOSING CEREMONY OF 2021 QUIN-CENTENNIAL



By: **LTJG FRANCES MAYE M MACAPINIG PN**
Naval Forces Central

In 1521 or about 501 years ago, Ferdinand Magellan, who is a famous Portuguese explorer met his end in the island of Mactan as Datu Lapu-Lapu along with his warriors defeated and killed him in battle. This celebrated history locally known as “Kadaugan sa Mactan” is commemorated annually every 27th of April by the Lapu-Lapu City government. The event is commemorated through the conduct of various activities such as wreath laying activity and re-enactment at Liberty Shrine, Brgy. Mactan, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu.

This year’s Adlaw ni LapuLapu: 501st Anniversary of the Victory at Mactan/ “Kadaugan sa Mactan” and the Closing Ceremony of Quincentennial Commemoration has been one of the grandest as the Commander-In-Chief, Armed Forces of the Philippines, himself President Rodrigo Roa Duterte graced





the event as the honored guest along with his cabinet members. Present also during the activity were the following personalities: Secretary of National Defense, Secretary Delfin Lorenzana; Chief of Staff, AFP, GEN ANDRES CASTOR CENTINO PA; Commander, Visayas Command, LTGEN ROBERT C DAUZ PA; Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy, VADM ADELUIS S BORDADO PN represented by MGEN NESTOR C HERICO PN(M), Commandant, Philippine Marine Corps; Commander Air Mobility Command, MGEN SIMEON Z FELIX JR PAF; representatives from different AFP major branches of service, PNP, PCG and other government officials.

This Command through its organic and subordinate unit's personnel spearheaded the wreath laying ceremony. The program started with an Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks delivered by Hon. Junard "Ahong" Chan, Mayor of Lapu-Lapu City. Honorable Chairman Rene Escalante, National Historical Commemorations of the Philippines Executive Director, conveyed his message and Hon. Salvador C Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President introduced the Guest of Honor. The culmination of the activity is the message of President Rodrigo Duterte to commemorate the event.

Commemoration of such historic event is one way of giving honor to the bravery of our ancestors who lost their lives protecting our nation against foreign invaders. Their bravery and gallantry is worth celebrating as these actions honed us to what we are today. ■



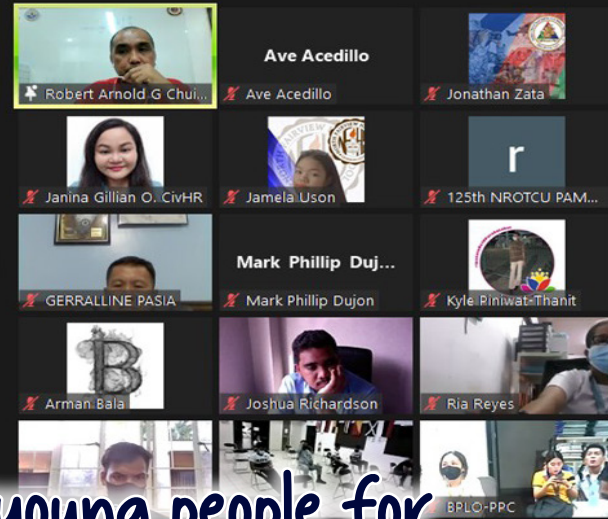
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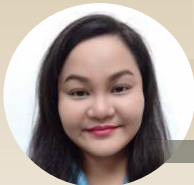
To organize, train, equip, maintain, develop and deploy forces for prompt and sustained naval and maritime operations to accomplish the AFP mission.

Vision

By 2028, we shall be a modern and multi-capable naval force, responsive to our maritime nation's defense and development.



Say #YESWPS! PN engages young people for maritime security and development



By: **Janina Gillian O. Santos Civ HR**
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"The youth sector holds the key to sustainable development and lasting peace. Your leadership and contribution significantly affect both our present and our future. Young people bring creativity, innovation, energy, vibrance, and an idealism that is tempered by being woke to the realities of our time," says RADM CAESAR BERNARD N VALENCIA PN, the Chief of Naval Staff of the Philippine Navy, as he welcomed more than 200 youth leaders and advocates from different parts of the country to the second Youth Empowerment Seminar for the West Philippine Sea and Other Maritime Security Challenges or #YESWPS last April 28, 2022 via Zoom Application.

#YESWPS is a project of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Civil Military Operations, N7 (ON7) as the owner of the Strategic Initiative "Implement Dynamic Strategic Communications Plan". #YESWPS is meant to spread awareness regarding the country's maritime security challenges and empower them to advocate for our maritime nation's defense and development. The event is endorsed by the National Youth Commission (NYC), which promotes and ensures relevant youth participation in nation-building.

The second iteration of the webinar series focused on "Maritime History and Heritage". The event consisted of two

panels: “Young People’s Contribution to Naval History and Heritage” was discussed by Mr. Robert Chuidian CivHR of the Fleet Marine Warfare Center (FMWC), who emphasized that several actors of naval history belonged to the youth sector.

The second panel, entitled “Defending our Maritime Nation the Navy Way” featured three panelists: CAPT GERRALINE M PASIA PN(MNSA), Commander of the Navy Personnel Management Center (NPMC); CDR WENDELBOY Z BUNTAG PN(GSC) of the Naval Reserve Command (NRC); and Ms. Christine M. Jardeleza CivHR, who now holds the Chief, Civilian Resource Development Office (CRDO) position. In a talk show format, the panelists answered: “frequently asked questions” (FAQs) about life as a PN personnel and how young people can serve in the Philippine Navy, as a regular member, a reservist, or a civilian employee. During the light-hearted exchange, the panelists touched upon the benefits and challenges of entering the service. Discussions also turned serious, when the experts answered issues such as the “palakasan system” candidly, emphasizing that such a system does not exist as military and civilian recruits will have to pass a multi-hurdle recruitment and selection process.

The event also included social media activities which allowed the participants to express their insights regarding how young people can protect our maritime nation. Online, #YESWPS participants communicated their conviction with a sense of maturity way beyond their years, without losing the spark and energy of youth.

“MAKI-ALAM, MAKILAHOK, TUMUGON sa mga programa na makakatulong sa pagtanggol sa ating karagatan” was posted by four ROTC cadets who attended the event.

“Alamin ang batas tungkol sa usaping #WPSatinto <3 Join the Philippine Navy! #YESWPS”, said a youth advocate from Piglas Palawan.

When asked what young people can do to defend our maritime nation, the extraordinary nationalism of the participants emerged as an inspiration for their peers: “... makatutulong ako sa pagprotekta nito kahit sa mga simpleng paraan gaya ng: una syempre dapat alamin muna kung ano ito, ibahagi ang kaalaman at hikayatin ang kapwa kabataan sa pagprotekta, at palaging sumunod sa mga awtoridad kung paano ito pahalagahan at ingatan”, writes a student attendee.

Through the post-event evaluation, participants expressed high satisfaction with the webinar (3.69 out of 4), but it was the willingness to work with the PN that is the true measure of the effectiveness of #YESWPS: an overwhelming 91.33% expressed their willingness to become advocates for territorial defense and security.

As the PN celebrates its 124th anniversary and indefatigable service to the country, more allies with the same sense of nationalism is always a welcome development. With such positive responses to #YESWPS, the promise of an energetic, vibrant, creative sector as a partner of the PN in defending this maritime nation seems inevitable. ■



ONSLAUGHT OF TYPHOON ODETTE



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The Philippine Navy through Fleet-Marine Ready Force's (FMRF) Operationally Controlled (OPCON) Units – BRP TARLAC (LD601), BRP ANG PANGULO (ACS25), BRP WARAY (LC288) and Marine Amphibious Ready Unit (MARU/MBn9), conducted Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response Operations (HADRO) on the affected areas devastated by Typhoon Odette with an international name "Rai" on December 19, 2021 to February 13, 2022. Among the areas affected by the typhoon and left hundreds of families suffering were Cebu and Bohol in Visayas; Surigao, Siargao and Dinagat Island in Mindanao; and Palawan in Luzon.

The Queen City of the South, Cebu City, was reported to have incurred at least Php112.04 million damage on infrastructures which resulted in hampered source of water, electricity and network signals. On December 21, 2021 to February 3, 2022, LD601 skippered by Commander Emerson F Oxales PN(GSC) conducted response operations to Cebu and nearby provinces including Bohol and Surigao. The unit transported a total of 2,464 tons of relief goods, HADR equipment and essential items from Pier 13, South Harbor, Manila to Pier 4, Cebu International Port, Cebu City. The loading and unloading of relief goods donated by different organizations were done day and night that resulted in the conduct of five sorties of relief operations in a span of two months. The conduct of the mission was highly supported by the Higher Headquarters wherein Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines (CSAFP); Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy (FOIC, PN); Commander, Philippine Marine Corps (CPMC); and Commander, Fleet-Marine Ready Force (CFMRF) visited the vessel and conducted talk to troops prior departure on December 21, 2021.

Aboard LD601 is the MARU headed by Lieutenant Colonel Hermelino E Tusi JR PN(M) composed of 13



officers & 362 enlisted personnel from Headquarters Service Company (HSC), 29 Marine Company (MC), 39MC, 49MC, 59MC, 65MC – Force Reconnaissance Group (FRG), Marine Corps Assault Boat Battalion (MCABBn), Service Support Battalion (SSBn), Combat Engineering Battalion (CEBn), Motor Transport and Maintenance Battalion (MTMBN), Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Company (ISRC) Team 2, Explosive and Ordnance Disposal (EOD)



and Communications, Electronics and Information Systems (CEIS). It served as the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) that conducted security and stability operations and Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW) in Cebu metropolis and nearby areas in order to ensure peace and prevent civil unrest brought by Typhoon Odette. While functioning as the quick reaction team, MARU personnel also conducted continuous coordination with different Local Government Units (LGU) of Mandaue City, Cebu City and Lapu-Lapu City for the transport of 33,631 relief packs, 825 sacks of rice, 3,428 pieces of bottled waters, 4,490 7-liter gallons of water and 1,316 pieces of hygiene kits with an estimated total of 105 tons of relief goods that was distributed to various cities. Also, after Typhoon Odette hit Cebu and nearby provinces, there have been no source of potable water in the island province, the MARU provided enough drinking water using their water desalination system to help those affected in far flung areas.

BRP ANG PANGULO (ACS25) skippered by Commander Jess B Pilar PN conducted Presidential Support Operations on areas severely hit by typhoon at Siargao and Dinagat Island in Mindanao on December 19, 2021 to January 8, 2022. The presidential vessel was directed by the Commander-in-Chief to act as a hospital ship and to conduct HADR Operations. Aboard the Presidential Ship was a medical team composed of 23 personnel – 3 from Naval Installation Command (NIC) and 20 from Eastern Mindanao Command (EASTMINCOM). The unit was able to provide medical check-ups, psychological first aids and treatments to 794 patients and distributed a total of 40 tons of assorted relief goods from Department of Social Welfare and Development - National Capital Region (DSWD-

NCR) and Presidential Security Group (PSG) to the affected communities.

Palawan which was named as the last frontier was also one of the areas badly hit by the typhoon, especially on the northern part. Houses were knocked off due to heavy rains and floods, loss of electricity supply and limited communication lines were among the problems encountered by the residents after the typhoon. The BRP WARAY (LC288) skippered by Commander Danish M Ruiz PN was tasked to provide assistance in the province on December 29, 2021 to January 6, 2022 by conducting sealift missions. The transported 91 tons of relief goods from Sangley Point, Cavite City to Liminangcong, Palawan were from Malampaya Foundation, Philippine Women Judge Association, DSWD-MIMAROPA, Marine Battalion Landing Team 3, Philippine Marine Corps (MBLT-3, PMC) and Civil Military Operations Group-Philippine Navy (CMOG-PN).

FMRF's Command Team headed by Brigadier General Edwin E Amadar PN(M) effectively performed their duties and responsibilities as the Command and Control (C2) during the relief operations. The continuous planning, monitoring and coordination made to Higher Headquarters and to different agencies paved way for the successful conduct of HADRO to areas devastated by typhoon Odette. The FMRF under the support of the Higher Headquarters will continue to provide assistance and give hope to our fellow Filipinos in times of crisis. ■





RoRe: Revitalizing the Vanguard's of the Nine Island Features in the WPS



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The regular conduct of the Rotation and Re-provisioning (RORE) of the nine island features in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) is one of the vital tasks of Naval Forces West (NFW). Rotation is the proper relieving of the security personnel who are assigned in each of the nine island features. While re-provisioning is the delivery and replenishment of supplies and provisions in the stations. RORE is facilitated by a mission team composed of NFW personnel who are also designated on a rotation basis.

On December 19, 2021, the mission team and the incoming security personnel embarked BRP MANGYAN (AC71) for the conduct of RORE. I was fortunate to be given the privilege of joining and be part of the mission team headed by LCDR RONNE RIEL B GRIMPOLA PN. Our mission is to bring assorted goods, construction materials, medicines, gallons of drinking water, fuel, and to repair the internet and communications equipment used to monitor and report the personnel's situation in the islands.

What makes this RORE different from the other regular ROREs is that it is intended for the rehabilitation of the different stations brought about by the onslaught of typhoon Odette. We have to reach the six out of nine island features namely: Kota, Panata, Pag Asa, Likas, Lawak, and Patag Islands.

This is my first experience of being underway especially in the WPS. My task in the mission is to document the RORE by taking action photos. Since it is my first time, I felt sea sick and almost felt that I could not document the activities due to the continuous rolling of the vessel. Then it dawned on me that the mission will not be a success if I, in my own little way, could not document the activities. So I got up, and started taking pictures of the unloading of cargoes.

RORE is not an easy task, it entails a lot of preparation and planning on how it will be executed. The nine island features have different approaches on



how the movement of cargoes and personnel will be brought to shore, and risk has always been a part of it. We have to use two rubber boats to reach and unload the cargoes with a number of sorties. After the ship to shore movements, I was mesmerized by the beauty of these islands; fine white sand beaches, clear blue waters, and rich marine biodiversity.

One of our main tasks is to bring the construction materials that will be used to rehabilitate the damages brought by super typhoon Odette. It somehow passed my consciousness, what do these personnel feel while they are being hit by Odette? Nevertheless, I still saw the smiles in their faces as if they did not experience anything. Our arrival somehow revitalized their hopes, not only to the military personnel, but to the civilian populace as well. The locals of the islands helped us carry the cargoes and materials that will be used to rehabilitate our stations; a clear view of “bayanihan”.

I would like to reflect deeper in my participation in Rotation and Re-provision and how it revitalizes the individual who experiences it. We often hear people say that life is a cycle, it rotates. Life has its ups and downs. But while it rotates, it moves towards a certain direction, bringing us to our desired destination. Rotation is a continuous process which revitalizes the people involved just like what the personnel of the different stations experienced. Personnel being assigned in the stations are rotated once in a while

thus leading the whole organization towards its goal which is to preserve our sovereignty.

While we do rotation, re-provision is also done simultaneously. It is not only the supplies and provisions that are replenished, but also the morale of our personnel. Being assigned in a station at WPS is not an easy task. There are even times when the morale of our personnel in the stations are tested. When the mission team arrives in the station, they themselves are instruments of revitalization which brings replenishment not only for the body but also to the morale of the personnel in the stations.

I am a living witness of the beauty, struggles, and patience of our personnel in the WPS. This experience taught me to value the small things that I enjoy in the comforts of my home, office, duty, and tasks. Because when in the island stations, there could be enough or less and wait for another RoRe to have more or enough. ■





GRADUATION CEREMONY OF NOBC CLASS 39



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A Day of Triumph has arrived as a new class of naval officers have successfully completed the Naval Officer Basic Course and are ready

to be assigned to their respective units and serve the country.

The students of the Naval Officer Basic Course (NOBC) “PINAGBISIG” Class 39 recently had their Graduation Exercises at Naval Station Leovigildo Gantioqui, San Antonio, Zambales through the Naval Officer Schools Center (NOSC).

The class is comprised of 75 strong members, including three members from the Philippine Navy Scholars Qualification Course (PNSQC) Class 06 and two members who graduated from Foreign Service Academies.



Truly, NOBC CL- 39 is a class of diverse and talented individuals working together towards a common goal of becoming future leaders of the Philippine Navy; raising the standards as they go along with their duty of serving the country and our people. This is epitomized by their class name, “PINAGBISIG” which stands for “Pinunong may Angking Galing, Binigkis ng lisang layunin para sa Bayan”.

None other than the Vice Commander of the Philippine Navy, Rear Admiral Antonio C Palces PN graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. In his message, he said, “As new officers of the Philippine Navy, never be afraid of change, face it and welcome it.” He furthered that, “You will be inheriting a navy that is way better than when we first entered the service back in 1990.” This is in reference to the successful modernization efforts of the Philippine Navy and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

NETDC continues to produce competent naval professionals, equipped with the necessary skills to help our organization to reach new heights. ■





LCF COMMEMORATES ITS ANNIVERSARY



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The Littoral Combat Force celebrated its 8th anniversary last 12 April 2022 at Arayon Hall, Headquarters Littoral Combat Force, Naval Base Heracleo Alano, Sangley Point, Cavite City with the Commander Philippine Fleet as the Guest of Honor and Speaker(GOHAS). One of the highlights during the anniversary is the awarding of Officer of the Year, Enlisted Personnel of the Year and Littoral Ship of the Year as well as activation of new LCF Units.

Turn back the clock to its history, LCF started way back May 9, 1955 as a small unit with an initial complement of three Officers and nine Enlisted Personnel and through the years it grew larger with the demands of Patrol Crafts. From being a small unit, it became an Assault Craft Squadron on May 05, 1976, then renamed as Assault Craft Force on March 1, 1988. It was later renamed to Littoral Combat Force on April 09, 2014 to give more emphasis on its core capabilities and competencies in Littoral and Asymmetric Warfare Operations. Overall, the LCF is celebrating its 67th anniversary since its existence.

Through the years, LCF went through many organizational and name changes, activation and deactivation of floating assets and squadrons but the relevance of LCF in the Naval Operations had never dissipated. The Littoral is primarily considered as the guardians of Philippine shores, these small craft unit with their complements of committed and dedicated personnel have maintained the traditions of operational aggressiveness despite overwhelming odds in sustaining LCF's prestige and glory as the "cutting edge" of the Philippine Fleet in the coastal patrol operations.

LCF had been through many struggles but the bottom line of all this is we attained victory, through the dedicated Officers and Enlisted Personnel of this unit. As LCF commemorates its anniversary, it recognized the best Officer, best Enlisted Personnel and best Littoral Craft of the year. Hence the following were given acknowledgement during the LCF anniversary:



CDR MALONE B AGUDELO O-133305 PN – LCF Officer of the Year
S1ET Ardee Jay L Alvarez 869673 PN – LCF Enlisted Personnel of the Year
BRP ABRAHAM CAMPO (PC396) – Littoral Ship of the Year



Also, as part of the anniversary, a thanksgiving mass was also conducted for all the blessings the LCF had received this past years – one of those is continuously being adjudged as the best Operational Force of the year for the past seven years since CY2016. Relatedly, the new units were also activated during the Littoral anniversary, namely: the Littoral Attack Squadron(LAS) which consists of missile capable vessels and the Littoral Patrol Squadron(LPS) which covers the Non Missile Vessel. Hence, the Squadrons were activated in order to align to the Philippine Navy modernization and strategic plan and to pave way to the incoming missile capable Fast Attack Interdiction Crafts as a replacement to our Patrol Killer Medium. Moreover, CDR AGUDELO PN and CDR CAJEPO PN were designated as the Acting Commanding Officer of LAS and LPS. Likewise, the Headquarters Support Unit(HSU) was also renamed to Force Support Squadron as it will cater the requirements of the Headquarters and the Littoral Combat Training School to Littoral Combat Training Squadron which provides education and training needs of the Force.



Consequently, ships inspection for the readiness of the newly installed weapon system of BRP HERACLEO ALANO (PC376) for the project Building a Universal-Mount for Heavy Barrel Automated Weapon Integration(BUHAWI) was conducted. It is a joint undertaking between the Naval Sea System Command, Metals Industry Research and Development Center(MRDC) of Department of Science and Technology(DOST) and Mechatronics and Robotics Society of the Philippines(MRSP). It is a fully automated weapon

station armed with Cal .50 Machine Gun, M2 that can be fitted in various naval floating assets for additional modernized firepower. It can be remotely controlled from the deck which aims to reduce the risk of personnel during the conduct of operation, this initiative is in line with the PN thrust in modernizing its capabilities focused on securing indigenous production of weapons systems meant to reactivate the Self-Reliant Defense Posture(SRDP) Program. Also, 4th BA Division Spike ER and Mini typhoon weapons upgrade was inspected headed by the Commander Philippine Fleet.

In addition with the just conducted activation of new units, the Commander LCF – COMMO ROY VINCENT T TRINIDAD PN looks forward to the Littoral and Philippine Fleet Future with 24 Fast Attack Interdiction Craft(FAIC) Missiles and six Littoral Patrol Interdiction Vessels (LPV) to complement the OPV and Corvettes of the OCF.



Moreover, the Commander Philippine Fleet – RADM NICHOLSADRIZ PN said, “Believe and you shall accomplish and that challenges commensurate our existence and aspirations as an organization”. Indeed, everyone has their fair share of hardwork and sacrifices for this organization to prosper and be at this level of success. Hence, the Littoral Combat Force will evolve more for further developments, to adapt in the ever growing organization and will be better than what we are today. We still have a long way to go, a lot of seas to navigate but thru the relentless effort of our leaders, the seeds were planted right and surely in the future the fruits will be seen to bear more. ■

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY! HOOYAH!





Facilities Planning and Design Center:

THE PLANNER OF PN

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



By: **LT MA RODEL MAY G BEBITA PN**
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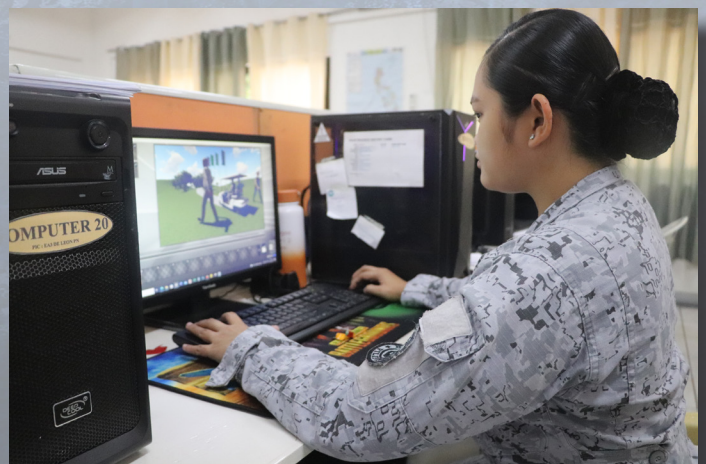
"We shape our buildings: thereafter they shape us" a famous quote from Sir Winston Churchill after the bombing of the Commons Chamber during World War 2. The great statesman argued to have it rebuilt, retaining its old chamber shape, which is responsible for the two-party system, an essence of British parliamentary democracy. Fast forward to the present date, the Philippine Navy, thru the Naval Combat Engineer Brigade's "Planner," the Facilities Planning and Design Center (FPDC), endeavors to shape its buildings and structure to form a modern and multi-capable navy—an essential role in supporting the mandate to protect the country's shores.

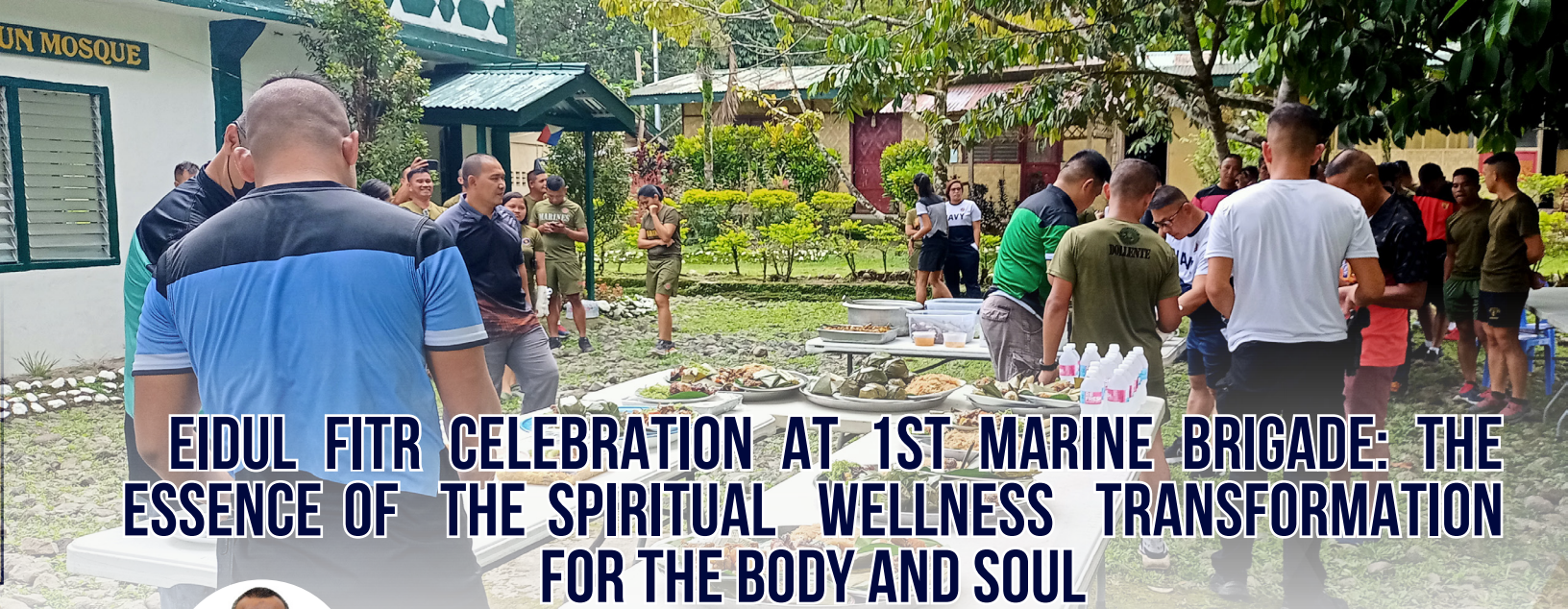
The FPDC is where most of the infrastructure projects of the Philippine Navy emanate. In 2021 alone, it has produced and completed a total of 82 sets of Detailed Architectural and Engineering Plans (DAEP) and Bill of Materials and Cost Estimates (BOMCE) for new construction and maintenance, and repair of different PN units facilities. One of the big-ticket projects is the Base Support and Logistics Acquisition Project at NSLG, San Antonio, Zambales.

FPDC is one of the two support units of the Naval Combat Engineer Brigade (NCEBde), which provides architectural and engineering plans and designs and provides engineering surveys and project studies for the accomplishment of the NCEBde's mission in support of the PN mission. Further, the unit can also conduct geospatial surveys and mapping, with its newly acquired long-endurance drones. The recent acquisition of these modern equipment has boosted the unit's capability to produce more accurate and real-time geospatial data products that are essential in design analyses and decision-making processes. Last year, FPDC conducted and processed 36 geospatial surveys wherein the processed data and assessment served as the basis and reference for planners and designers to provide more environmentally-responsive designs and cost-efficient projects.

FPDC continues to upgrade its material capability as well as the skills of the unit's most valuable assets, its personnel. Through programming relevant training and seminars, the unit's competency will be improved while at the same time gearing up the personnel's careers as professionals in the field of architecture and engineering. For these reasons, personnel assigned to this unit are skilled in architectural drafting, construction cost estimates, project management, surveying, and drone operations. These skills are very much needed to compete and cope with the ever-demanding tasks of producing quality and reliable DAEPs, BOMCEs, geospatial data, and mapping.

The unit's skills and technological upgrades have contributed immensely to address the challenges of engineering requirement of the Philippine Navy. No matter the size of the unit, the Facilities Planning and Design Center takes its skillful and diligent hands and minds in drafting the best designs and plans for a Modern and Multi-Capable Navy Infrastructure Systems as the naval construction and combat engineering arm of the Philippine Navy. ■





EIDUL FITR CELEBRATION AT 1ST MARINE BRIGADE: THE ESSENCE OF THE SPIRITUAL WELLNESS TRANSFORMATION FOR THE BODY AND SOUL



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The Holy Month of Ramadhan is the month of imbibing eternal peace and tranquility for the body and soul. It is in this month that fasting which means abstaining from eating, drinking, and sexual intimacy from dawn to sunset is practiced by every Muslim. Technically, it is a month of purification of body and soul by abstaining from all forms of vices and evils.

The Chaplain of the 1st Marine Brigade initiated the celebration of Eidul Fitr at the Iranun Mosque, Headquarters 1st Marine Brigade, Sitio Bombaran, Brgy Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao. This is the first time that this celebration of Eidul Fitr was conducted where both Muslims and non-Muslim Marines joined together to enjoy and feel the happiness of the entire Ummah (Muslim nation) around the world.

The celebration of the Holy Month of Ramadhan revolves around obedience to the Commandment of Almighty Allah. This is a time for the Muslims to celebrate their worship and completion of acts of devotion during the Holy Month of Ramadhan. Eidul Fitr, which means, Feast of the Breaking of the Fast, is a celebration of the resilience to the completion of struggle in resisting fleshly desires through the entire month of Ramadhan. Hence, the celebration attains its internal goals for emotional and social nourishment. It is also beneficial for mental health which helps cultivate mental wellness by focusing on positive gains particularly in times when being overwhelmed by events and by practicing gratitude to ourselves and other people.

Celebrating Eidul Fitr is an expression of gratitude to Almighty Allah for giving us life and sustenance to live, for allowing us to enjoy the bounties bestowed upon us to feel His grace and compassion. Thus, all Muslims must learn to internalize the essence of fasting for the whole month of Ramadhan and celebrate with gratitude the sacrifices which come and are expressed through kindness and perseverance.

All Muslims around the world pray, celebrate, and declare the greatness of Almighty Allah hoping for the blessings and purification of their souls from sins and gain external and inner peace of the body which is very essential to live peacefully and harmoniously with others. This celebration is a manifestation of unity, happiness, and peace.

As a chaplain officer, in coordination and parallelism to the vision of the Office of the Naval Chief Chaplain, the celebration of Eidul Fitr is indeed part of the implementation of the Values Enhancement Program (VEP) which is also aligned with the vision of the top leadership. While we engage with our stakeholders by responding to their spiritual needs, we also do our service to win the hearts of our stakeholders, or those outside of our organization in a non-violent, and non-intrusive manner. Through this also, we win the mind and hearts of the people within our jurisdiction. Surely, this type of service is aligned with our vision and the vision of our Mighty Allah for each of us. ■





"UNSTOPPABLE FORCE, UNDENIABLE COURAGE" A JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE AND PERSISTENCE AMIDST THE PANDEMIC



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As we witness how our shelves and walls cram with awards, recognitions, and certifications; we are proud to present to you the accomplishments of the 122nd Naval Combat Support Squadron Reserve (NCSSR) for the year 2021-2022.

The squadron's accomplishments this year highlight its participation in the fight against COVID-19, which includes engagement in the Mass Vaccination Program of the City of Baguio, and implementation of health protocols in various public events and gatherings; recruitment and training of its 84 strong new additional members, the conduct of search and rescue, and relief operations during and after the onslaught of typhoon Maring and Odette; the official registration and organization of the PH Navy Baguio Squadron along with the opening of its office which serve as an Information Center for its reservists; and more personnel trainings and community involvements.

Community Engagements

The surge of COVID-19 over the region has called for more volunteers to keep the virus at bay. The 122nd NCSSR has been one of the willing organizations who offered a hand to implement plans of the local government to fight COVID-19.

The squadron in partnership with Baguio Country Club (BCC), the City Government of Baguio and the City Health Office facilitated a Mass Vaccination Program from the 10th of June 2021 up to the present. Around 45,000 vaccines have been administered by the team hitherto, helping the City exceed its inoculation goal of 95 percent to 95.43 percent. The partnership is currently facilitating the administration of booster shots to eligible individuals.

General assistance, crowd control, and implementation of COVID-19 health and safety protocols were also a few of the tasks

rendered by the squadron to several public gatherings and events, namely, Sunday Masses at the Our Lady of Atonement Cathedral which began last August 15, 2021 and concluded in December 2021, Nutrition Month Culminating Program at Barangay Gibraltar on August 13, 2021, Mangaywan Corporation's "One Community Outreach Program" Event on June 11, 2021, "Bloodletting Alay sa Baguio 2021" Activity on September 4-5, 2021, Vaccination Program at Barangay Ucab, Itogon, Benguet on September 11, 2021, and the Notre Dame de Charters Hospital Relief Operations for a hundred families of Barangay Holy Ghost Extension on August 20, 2021.

Furthermore, the 122nd NCSSR together with the 10th Marine Brigade provided backing to the Baguio Police Office, Kabalikang CIVICOM, Deltans, CDRRM, and BFP to assist and be part of the crowd control team of the Panagbenga Festival 2022 which ran from March 6-27 2022.

The squadron was also a part of the joint Tree Planting Activity at BCC involving the Philippine National Police Training Institute Cordillera Administrative Region Training Center and, of course, BCC on January 19, 2022.

Search and Rescue, and Relief Operations

The 122nd NCSSR's courage and compassion have been exhibited in their quick response to calamities.

October 11, 2021, another show of such characteristics from the squadron was discerned when they braved the onslaught of typhoon Maring to search for and provide aid to affected residents at Barangay Dominican Hill, Baguio City.

Relief operations were immediately conducted by the squadron thereafter.



Another relief operation was conducted in December 2021 for the victims of Super Typhoon Odette in collaboration with the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio.

Recruitment and Trainings

It was end of June last year when the squadron welcomed 84 graduates from the Basic Citizen's Military Course (BCMC) Class 01 and 02-2021 into its authority. The squadron, in coordination with the Naval Reserve Center – Northern Luzon (NRCen-NL), who conducted the training, were hands on in the recruitment and training process, as they always were.

Together with other members of the squadron, these new recruits straightaway joined trainings made possible by the squadron and its mother unit – NRCen-NL.

August 2021 when LCDR ANTHONY R DE LEON PN (GSC) (RES), the Commander of the 122nd NCSSR, shared his expert knowledge of naval vessels and weaponry to the active participants of the Naval Vessels Identification and Weapons Systems Familiarization Training.

With the assistance of the squadron, member-participants of the Shipboard Familiarization and Orientation Training (SFOT) Class 02-2021, conducted by NRCen-NL, had the privilege to board one of the commissioned vessels of the Philippine Navy – BRP Gregorio del Pilar.

The 122nd NCSSR continues to grow its number as it currently facilitates the body conditioning of fresh recruits for the BCMC Class 03 and 04-2022 before they start their training proper this June 2022.

Multi-Naval Reserve Hub

September 1, 2021 marked another milestone for the Philippine Navy, Naval Reserve Command with the opening of the very first Naval Reserve Squadron Office in Northern Luzon managed by reservists.

The Baguio Naval Reserve Squadron Office was privately-funded and totally manned by active reservists on voluntary basis. This office serves as a multifaceted Naval Reserves Hub that houses the squadron reserve's administration, training recruitment and other ad-hoc working committees. It also serves as an Information Center and a place where Baguio Naval Reserves can convene for the coordination of programs, plans and activities year after year.

Along with the construction of the office was the organization and creation of various committees under the Administration and Operation groups where specific tasks were delegated to engage more personnel in the planning, management, and execution of the squadron's programs and activities.

Looking back, this year has allowed us to be better. We faced and conquered several challenges with teamwork, keen determination, and our strong passion for volunteerism. This list is a clear indication that our purpose as a reserve squadron is continuously being attained.

Our accomplishments this year are not measured by the nature of voluntary services we provided or the number of hours we were on the field. It is gauged based on the impact we left on the community. This year, we will be stronger and bolder. We will continue to serve the people and positively influence their lives. All of these are in accordance with the mission and vision of the Philippine Navy. ■





FROM STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT FUNCTION CNLE NAVIGATES ON ITS NEW COURSE - PIONEERING LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTION IN PN



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Sixteen years ago an organizational development strategy for the Philippine Navy, known as the “Sail Plan” was crafted. Subsequently, after two years the Philippine Navy Strategic Sail Plan 2020 was finally launched giving the organization an explicit direction in improving its capacity and capability setting its course towards the achievement of its vision. Immediately after release, the need for an office that will oversee the implementation of the Sail Plan 2020 was brought to light. Therefore on November 06, 2008 the Center for Naval Leadership and Excellence (CNLE) was established serving as the Philippine Navy’s Office of Strategy Management (OSM).

For more than a decade despite the adverse environment, the CNLE still consistently managed to fulfill its duties and responsibilities in making sure that the Sail Plan remains responsive towards its goals in attaining its vision through facilitating activities and programs that were meant to further improve the operational work plans of the PN. These said activities includes significant events such as the Sail Plan Officers’ (SPO) summit which usually start during the first two months of the year to set the tone in terms of giving the PN the direction in managing the Sail Plan where one of its highlight is the recognition of the contributions of HPN staff and PN in

their efforts and initiatives for the strategic execution of the sail plan through the best sail plan implementing staff and unit award and evaluation that usually starts at the end of the year.

Aside from this, as part of the strategic management function to the organization, the Center also provided PN Sail Plan managers a course of action to increase their knowledge with regard to the Strategy management focusing on the alignment of its technical tools such as the Balance Scorecards (BSC), Portfolio of Initiatives (POI) and Flag Officer In Command’s (FOIC), PN BSC through Sail Plan Cascading and Sail Plan Boot camp that usually takes place at the first month of second semester. Also, to ensure a well established relationship with its partners for transformation and good governance, CNLE also initiated the facilitations for best practice sharing. Additionally, in response to the challenge of increasing the knowledge, appreciation and support of PN’s internal and external stakeholders, the center also conducted Sail Plan facilitator’s training by providing lectures, workshops and participating in seminars, expositions or forum.

Lastly is the conduct of Philippine Navy Governance Forum (PNGF) and PN Board



of Advisers since 2009, where the PN through CNLE provided a PNGF series as a platform to strengthen the culture of excellence and professionalism in the organization through the sharing of best practices with different subject matter experts in various fields while the PN BoA through the initiative of CNLE renders expert advice and guidance to the organization's leadership on the command's strategic thrusts and concerns.

And now, after 14 years of service helping the organization achieve significant milestones as the OSM of the PN, the

Center for Naval Leadership and Excellence will continuously remain steady to its commitment to set the standard of excellence embodying what it started from facilitating the strategic management function to crafting new programs, policies and activities serving as the office that will manage and oversee leadership management and development function in PN aligned with the Armed Forces of the Philippines Leadership and Development Path with CNLE's new and first female director since 2009, Captain Marissa Arlene A Martinez PN(GSC). ■



" By 2028, We shall be a Modern, Multi-Capable naval force responsive to our maritime nation's defense and development.



NFWM AND IRDT CONDUCT GIFT-GIVING ACTIVITY IN CELEBRATION OF EID AL-FITR



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NAVAL FORCES WESTERN MINDANAO



According to NFWM PAO, a total of 68 kids received packed lunch, goodies and hygiene kits courtesy of the Command and IRDT represented by Ms. Karel Millanes during a simple program together with Mr. Jann Lipae of the Eternal Youth Philippines Inc.

"These orphaned kids were either abandoned by their parents who migrated in neighboring Asian countries while some were found homeless with nobody to care for them," said Mr. Lipae.

Bagong Calarian, Zamboanga City - Naval Forces Western Mindanao in partnership with the Integrated Resource Development for Tri-People (IRDT) joined our Muslim brothers, sisters, and their families in the peaceful celebration of Eid al-Fitr in a simple Gift-Giving Activity for the orphaned kids in Asinan Phase 2, Brgy. Kasanyangan, Zamboanga City on May 3, 2022.

"As we conclude our fast, may we continue to treat each other with kindness and generosity, and bless each other with the fullness of our faith," said Lt Omar Usman PN, the Deputy NF7, NFWM who also led the handover of 10 cases of bottled water to Masjid Maharlika in Baliwasan Grande earlier in the morning.

Eid'l Fit'r marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan and the beginning of Shawwal, the 10th month in the Islamic lunar calendar. ■





SIMULTANEOUS MULTI-AGENCY SEND-OFF CEREMONY OF SECURITY FORCES FOR THE 2022 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

PROTECTOR OF THE WILL OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN LUZON



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agency.

The said event showcases the readiness of participating agencies with their assets and equipment and was presented to Atty. Maria Juana Valeza, COMELEC Bicol Election Director. The Naval Forces Southern Luzon fielded a platoon of its elite Naval Special Operations Unit 3 (NAVSOU3), with its Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) and a platoon from the Headquarters NFSL and Naval Installation Facility- Southern Luzon (NIF-SL) in this ceremony.

NFSL will provide a contingent who will become part of 4,022 soldiers from the Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, and Philippine Air Force under Joint Taskforce Bicolandia (JTF-Bicolandia) who will support the COMELEC in the conduct of election. According to Major General Alex Luna PA, Commander Philippine Army's 9th Infantry Division, representative of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)-Bicol Region in the said ceremony, "The Joint Task Force Bicolandia will maximize and strengthen the security through checkpoints and combat patrolling in critical areas in order to protect the polling precincts from any violence."

The Naval Forces Southern Luzon remains non-partisan and unbiased towards any political party group and will ensure to stand by its mandate of protecting the people and the state, maintaining professionalism, and avoiding campaigning for anybody. Our mandate is clear. Our task is to ensure the peace and security of the elections and allow the will of the Filipino people to manifest and prevail. ■

Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NFSL) participated in the Simultaneous Multi-Agency Send-Off Ceremony of Security Forces for the 2022 National and Local Elections held at the Legazpi Airport (Old Domestic Airport) last May 04, 2022 with other participating agencies such as the Philippine National Police 5 (Police Regional Office 5, PNP Maritime Unit), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Department of Education Region 5, Philippine Army, Philippine Air Force and the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) as the lead





PHILIPPINE FLEET MARKS ITS 84TH YEAR OF BEING THE NAVY'S PRIMARY CUTTING EDGE



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The Philippine Fleet (PF) celebrated its 84th Founding Anniversary last April 21, 2022, through a ceremony with the theme, “Sharpening the Cutting Edge of the Navy Towards Modernization and Diverse Capability” held at Magluyan Hall, Naval Base Heracleo Alano, Sangley Point, Cavite City.

The Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy (FOIC,PN), Vice Adm. Adeluis S. Bordado PN graced the ceremony together with PF Commander, Rear Adm. Nichols Driz PN.

In his remarks, the FOIC,PN cited the PF’s continuing upgrade and acquisition of surface and air warfare platforms that bolster its reputation as the primary cutting edge of the Philippine Navy.

Among the notable recent acquisitions of the PF include the second frigate, BRP Antonio Luna FF151 - PF, surface to surface missiles and surface to air missiles, four Cessna 172 Trainer Aircraft, and the Spike ER and Machine Gun System for the 4th Boat Attack Division.



The Navy Chief also gave a glimpse of what's in store for the PF saying that, "the first two of the nine Fast Attack Interdiction Crafts will be arriving late this year. We are also expected to receive six fully-equipped Offshore Combat Force - PF Ships, two Landing Docks, one Pohang Class Corvette, torpedoes, chaffs and acoustic decoys in the immediate future."

Vice Adm. Bordado went on lauding the PF for its commitment to excellently accomplish its mission, relentless efforts and dedication to further the advancement of the Navy's modern and multi-capabilities.

Likewise, FOIC,PN thanked various stakeholders and partners such as Tanging Yaman Foundation, Inc.; Department of Public Works and Highways; Makati Medical Center Foundation; Fraternal Order of Eagles; JCI Noveleta; and Philippine Navy Officers Wives and Husband Association for their support to the PF, especially during the height of the pandemic and during relief operations.

The highlights of the ceremony were the awarding of PF outstanding units and personnel and the recognition of other PF Forces, Wing, Groups, Centers, reservists and stakeholders. This recognition is for their contribution to the success of the Command.

Prior to the ceremony, activities were conducted as part of the pre-anniversary celebration such as the Annual Inter-Fleet Sportsfest; Bloodletting; Seamanship Skills Competition that highlighted the application of skills and knowledge in navigation, ship handling, maintenance, and the law of the sea; Skippers Night that aimed to celebrate and honor Navy skippers who have gallantly rendered service by commanding our naval vessels; Shoot Fest that aimed to foster camaraderie and teamwork among the participants while improving their skills and capacity in handling Glock 17; Fleet Night themed "Pista sa Nayon" that aimed to celebrate the diverse culture of the Philippines as well as its cuisine through a food fair featuring local delicacies and products from different regions; Fun Golf and Health Care Fair that benefitted PF personnel, their dependents and authorized civilians. ■



ALIGNING PN'S ACCREDITATION SYSTEM WITH THE AFP EDUCATION AND TRAINING EVALUATION SYSTEM



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The Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Education and Training, N8 conducted the AFP Education and Training Evaluation System (ETES) Training and Workshop for the Philippine Navy on March 14-16, 2022 via face-to-face at Acero Hall, Philippine Marine Corps, Marine Barracks, Rudiardo Brown, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. This was participated in by members of the training staff, course directors, and instructors from the 17 Philippine Navy Educational and Training Units, including non-ETUs from Naval Installation Command, Naval Personnel Management Center, and Office N8. With roughly 50 total participants, the AFP ETES training workshop for the PN is one of the first full face-to-face activity since the pandemic started. These future evaluators took the opportunity to be guided by distinguished subject matter experts and be capacitated for the upcoming PN ETU Accreditation this CY2022.

During the three-day training, resource persons from the DCS of Education, Training and Doctrine, J8 Mr Nolie Enem PhD and Ms Eunice Justin Nacis Civ HR discussed the policy, and background of the AFP ETES, the Education and Training Evaluation Framework and the concept of Institutional Recognition. ETES practitioners LTC EDDIE BALUNSO PROF from Special Intelligence Training School (SITS), ISAFP, Camp Aguinaldo; and MAJ ROSS MAR P VILLAREAL PROF of Training Development Center, AETDC, Lipa, Batangas explained the evaluation parameters, horizontal and vertical classification, evaluation procedures and the profile of an evaluator. In the afternoon of the last day, the participants were grouped per evaluation parameter and initially presented their

draft outputs. The presentation of their corrected and final outputs was conducted on March 30, 2022 via video teleconferencing.

The activity was initiated by ON8 to introduce the AFP ETES and prepare course directors, instructors, members of the training staff, and other select personnel for the evaluation of their respective institutions and programs. Specifically, it aims for the participants a) to determine the key concepts of the AFP Education and Training Evaluation System; b) to analyze the different components for Horizontal and Vertical Classification; c) to discuss the role and organization of an AFP ET Evaluator, and d) to explain the AFP Accreditation Program.

This initiative complies with the Letter Directive 44 GHQ, AFP dated November 4, 2021 with the subject: Implementation of the AFP Education and Training Evaluation System and Utilization of the Manual. Accordingly, the objective of the AFP ETES is to standardize the processes and procedures in assessing the merits of AFP Education and Training Institutions (ETIs) and Programs (ETPs). The different public and private accrediting agencies such as the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) were consulted for the benchmark of the AFP ETES.

Furthermore, the said Letter Directive indicates that the AFP ETES shall be the only evaluation system that must be adhered to by the Major Services (MS) and the GHQ, Unified Commands, and AFP-Wide Service



Support Units (GUAs). In this regard, the Philippine Navy, with its 17 ETUs and other selected units and offices, fully complies with the said Letter Directive as well as in the implementation of the Evaluation System across all its units. Compliance with the Education and Training Evaluation will now ensure the accountability of curriculum developers and training managers of the PN to assure quality delivery in the training programs.

The AFP ETES being the standardized evaluation system in the AFP, complements the AFP circulars on the accreditation of AFP education and training institutions (ETIs) for their Primary and Secondary classifications. Moreso, the system complements the AFP SOP on Curriculum Development System as it

triggers the review of all the Program's components before and after the program's implementation. With the ongoing curriculum development of PN courses for new ratings and initiatives to standardize as well as recognize existing course curricula through approval of the FOIC, PN, the ETES complements our efforts of achieving quality training by subjecting our programs and schools to accreditation.

In his message, the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Education and Training, N8 CAPT JUNJIE B TABUADA PN(MNSA) expected fruitful collaboration among participants in the 3-day workshop. As the PN's new set of evaluators, he hopes that the training workshop will further help the organization in moving forward and steadfast to a more effective and responsive education and training system. While the job of an evaluator is not an easy task, he encouraged the participants to bravely embrace the job as gatekeepers of the standard.

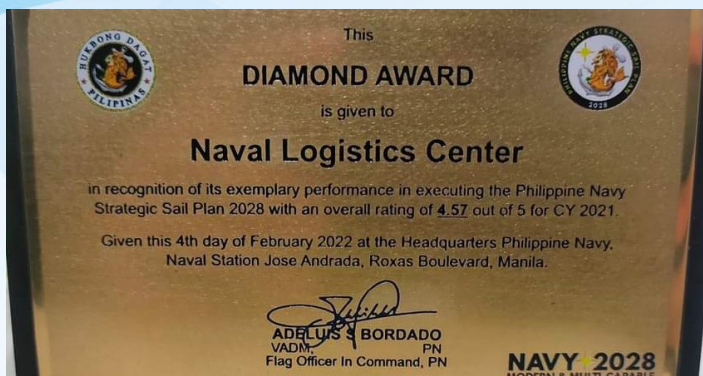
With the implementation of the AFPETES in adopting the new measure under the FOIC, PN Balanced Scorecard CY2022-2028 which is "Number of PN ETUs with at Least Level 2 AFP Accreditation", the ON8 together with TDC, NETDC and PNETUs will view this measure not just as a challenge but a fruitful journey in strengthening the foundations of a modern and multi-capable Navy. ■

NLC 3RD DIAMOND AWARD:

Resilient, Responsive and Efficient Logistics



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For the past 71 years, the Naval Logistics Center (NLC) has surpassed the challenges and changes brought by various phases of our history up to this present day when we are to conform by the sudden spread of infectious disease called COVID-19. As a logistical pillar of the Philippine Navy through the years, the Center has exhibited resilience during this time in order to carry out its mandate by providing and sustaining the logistical requirements of naval forces ashore and afloat.





The Naval Logistics Center is moving forward excellently by continuously innovating on the best practices on PN Strategic Sail Plan implementation and execution. For three (3) consecutive years, NLC was awarded with Diamond Plaque as Best Sail Plan Implementing Unit on the report of Center for Naval Leadership and Excellence (CNLE). NLC maintained the standard by garnering a total average of 4.57 out of 5.0. This award was a manifestation of this unit's commitment and dedication toward a strategic direction and initiatives of the Philippine Navy. Despite the challenges brought by pandemic, NLC was still able to move ahead with the Sail Plan by sustaining initiatives and a proactive approach toward target accomplishment.

Thus, NLC will continue to strive for development and remain committed to our mission of providing prompt and responsive logistics support to PN units taking part in the achievement of its vision of becoming a modern and multi-capable naval force responsive to our maritime nation's defense and development gearing up towards a modernizing navy. ■



MIAE 2021-02: ENHANCING SYNERGY AND INTEROPERABILITY AMONG MARITIME AGENCIES



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Panacan, Davao City - Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao (NFEM) and Joint Task Force Seahawk Commander COMMO CARLOS V SABARRE PN hosted the conduct of "Maritime Inter-Agency Exercise 2021-02" on November 5, 2021 at Brgy Punta Bilar, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte.

The Maritime Inter-Agency Exercise 2021-02 seeks to enhance synergy and test the interoperability of participating maritime agencies during the conduct of maritime security operations. NFEM, Coast Guard District North Eastern Mindanao, PNP Maritime Group Regional Maritime Unit XIII (PNP MG RMU XIII), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources XIII (BFAR XIII), Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO), and Provincial Protection and

Order Council (PPOC) all took part in the exercise.

For the purpose of the Capability Demonstration (CAPDEMO), two (2) scenarios were issued. First, AGR702 was monitored by the Littoral Monitoring Station (LMS) Surigao performing unusual voyage patterns 5 nautical miles off the coast of Punta Bilar waters and was subsequently reported to the Eastern Mindanao Command (EMC) and Joint Task Force Seahawk. Following coordination with the Coast Guard District North Eastern Mindanao, a radio challenge was initiated, to which the AGR702 failed to respond, resulting in the execution of a Maritime Interdiction Operation. JTF Seahawk deployed Philippine Navy C90 Aircraft (NV394) to verify the situation, as well as BRP Andres Bonifacio (PS17) and MRRV4401 to conduct Maritime Patrol and Visit, Board, Search

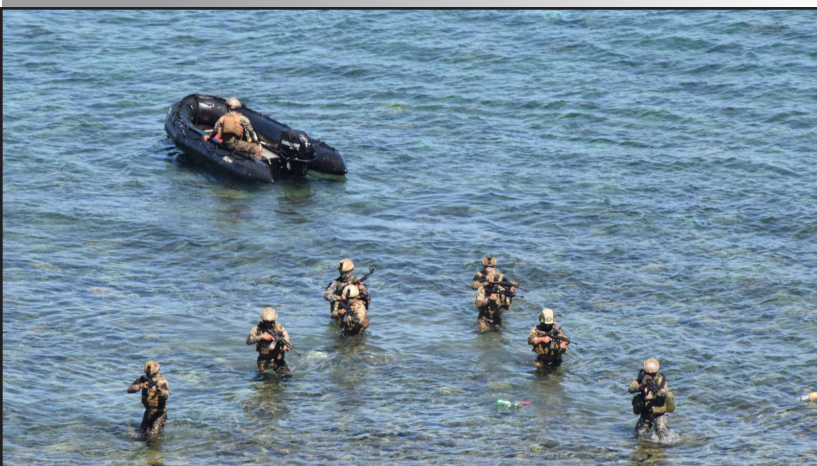


and Seizure (VBSS) as a proactive measure. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the AGR702 was smuggling cocaine in and out of the country. The inspection team of MRRV4401 seized the vessel and its crew, manned the ship and transported them to the nearest port for proper disposition.

In the second scenario, the PNP Maritime Unit XIII in Surigao City reported that a number of armed men were spotted harboring a house in Brgy Punta Bilar, Surigao City, and were later confirmed to be violent extremists planning to disrupt the city's peace and order. With this information, JTF Seahawk dispatched the Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) team of Naval Special Operations Unit 7 (NAVSOU) for the execution of Special Operations (SPECOPS), eventually resulting in the neutralization of the enemies, including their leader. However, two (2) of their comrades escaped on a speedboat, and a Hot Pursuit Operation ensued that escalated in a firefight between the PNP MG RMU XIII and the fleeing speedboat. During the exchange of fire, one (1) assailant from the speedboat was thrown overboard, and the PNP MG RMU XIII vessel caught fire. As part of the Maritime protocol, the preservation of life is always paramount. Thus, the Maritime Law

Enforcement (MARLEN) team of PNP MG RMU XIII conducted Search and Rescue, and Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC), while the MRRV4401 of CGDNEM extinguished the fire on the stricken vessel.

The CAPDEMO concluded with the Passing Exercise of the participating units, which included the Multi-Mission Patrol Boats 3030 and 3032 of the BFAR XIII, the tactical watercraft 04 and 37 of PNP MG RMU XIII, the Patrol Boat 151 and BRP Tubbataha (MRRV4401) of the Philippine Coast Guard, the Philippine Navy SEAL team (NAVSOU 7) onboard the Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB), BRP Hilario Ruiz (PC378), BRP Rafael Pargas (PC379), BRP Gregorio Velasquez (AGR702), BRP Andres Bonifacio (PS17) and NV394 of the Philippine Navy. After the CAPDEMO, the closing ceremony was held at the Battle of Surigao Strait Memorial and Museum, Brgy Punta Bilar, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte with Hon. Ernesto U Matugas Jr, Mayor, Surigao City as the Guest of Honor and Speaker, represented by Atty. Manuelito D Delani, Surigao City Legal Officer, while LTGEN GREG T ALMEROL PA, Commander, Eastern Mindanao Command delivered the Closing Remarks of the Maritime Inter-Agency Exercise 2021-02. ■





CMOG-PN CONDUCTS GIFT-GIVING



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April 21, 2022 – The Philippine Navy through the Civil Military Operations Group – Philippine Navy distributed a total of 350 family food packs intended for the community of Sitio Bambang, Morong, Bataan.

The family food packs contained rice, noodles, munggo seeds, canned goods and clean clothes. These goods were donated by a well-known partner stakeholder of Philippine Navy through CMOG-PN, the Tanging Yaman Foundation.

With the mandate of CMOG-PN of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR), in coordination with MBLT-9, and strengthened partner stakeholder engagement, the Philippine Navy delivered utmost service and commitment to extend help

and assistance to less fortunate communities.

In line with the celebration of 124th Philippine Navy Anniversary, the CMOG-PN continues to commit selfless service, and endeavors to fulfill its sworn duty of bridging the gap among Filipino people and winning their hearts and minds for a better and progressive country.

In compliance with the health protocols, the target beneficiaries observed usage of face mask and physical distancing in order to prevent spread of COVID-19 in the area.

Your Navy under the leadership of Vice Admiral Adeluis S Bordado PN and CMOG-PN led by Col. Ricardo D. Petrola PN(M) (GSC) is always very eager to provide and support our less fortunate countrymen. ■

Public Affairs Course: FIRST TIME AT PN CMO SCHOOL



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A Public Affairs Officer serves as the bridge between the Navy and the general public in terms of creating or enhancing public awareness about the Navy's organizational goals and objectives and at the same time providing factual and reliable information both to the internal and the external public.

Misleading information is very rampant nowadays which makes it hard to choose what information to use but what makes it harder is soliciting the public's trust. Attaining the public's trust is a responsibility that requires focus and dedication as "trust" is borne out of credibility, and this is the major role of a military Public Affairs Officer, particularly in the Philippine Navy.

As a major pillar of the Civil Military Operations, PA aims to provide clear, accurate, truthful, and timely information to the general public using various forms of media in order to create public awareness necessary to generate positive public perception. While it seems an easy task, the skills needed to become an effective PA officer are hard to develop as they involve proficiency in both oral and written communication as well as excellent media relations capability.

The lack of PA officers in the Navy is the compelling reason for the Civil Military Operations Group-Philippine Navy to fulfill its mandate to produce competent, excellent and highly-skilled CMO professionals. Through the PN CMO School, two classes of Public Affairs Course (PAC CI 01-21 & PAC CI 02-22) were convened on Dec. 6, 2021 through a blended learning scheme. The PAC CI 01-21 was composed of 14 student officers from various units of the Philippine Navy while the PAC CI 02-21 was composed of 20 student officers and non-commissioned officers from the Police Community Affairs and Development Group, Philippine National Police.

This is a significant effort since the course was the first ever PA course offered by the school in partnership with PCADG,PNP.

This collaboration with PNP took place in order to strengthen the interoperability between both forces and a good avenue to share the PN's best practices with other agencies. As part of the Program of Instructions particularly during the On-the-Job Training module, the students conducted Information Program Visit (IPV) to the Media Center and Radio Station of the PNP located at Camp Crame, Quezon City. This activity supports the objectives of the course to apply all the principles, concepts, and competencies that they have learned during their academic phase.

On the 7th day of April of this year, the students of the two classes of Public Affairs Course were finally declared as graduates and were awarded with certificates of completion and the Public Affairs badge. With the help of the Course Director, Cdr, Jobina Antonia S Besa PN, supported by the Assistant Course Director, Lt. Ariesh A Climacosa PN, the proper implementation and effective monitoring of the curriculum is ensured.



"Just like the motif of today's event, the PN and PNP were combined abstractly. They're scattered everywhere like the members of these classes wherein they will be everywhere. In a glance, it gives the onlookers aesthetic view with wonder. Its prismatic edges figure shows sharpness and lethality that when combined, it creates a deadly force," Col Petrola said as he metaphorically described the graduating students during the Commencement Ceremony held at Multipurpose Hall, HCMOG, MBRB, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Being a PA officer is not an easy task. It takes more courage to build that confidence to face the public. It takes guts and competency to become one. Being a PA officer can also make or break one's naval career. ■



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Original and Photocopy of NSO Birth Certificate
Original and Photocopy of Transcript of Records
Original and Photocopy of College Diploma
2x2 colored ID Picture with white Background
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Qualification

- Must be a natural born Filipino citizen and of good moral character.
- At least 20-25 years old (for NOCC)
- Unmarried and with no child to support.
- Graduate of a 4-year baccalaureate degree (preferably technical courses).
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- Must not have any pending civil / criminal case.
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