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NEWS ARTICLE

MOST WANTED PERSON IN LANAO DEL SUR YIELDS TO AFP AND PNP TROOPS



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Bagong Calarian, Zamboanga City - Joint AFP-PNP Law Enforcement Operations led to the successful surrender of the most wanted person of Lanao del Sur on March 21, 2022.

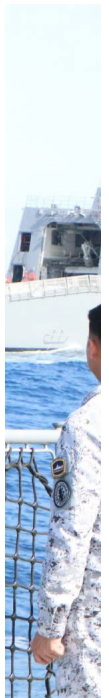
Marine Battalions MBLT-2 and MBLT-5 under Naval Task Group Central and Naval Intelligence Operatives together with their PNP counterparts facilitated the surrender of Mamaroba Calib Gaosil a.k.a. Manny and Tuttoh.

The surrenderee, a PSR -listed leader of a lawless group surrendered at Brgy. Biasong, Picong, Lanao del Sur along with his high-powered firearms, an AK-47 Rifle, M14 Rifle, and a Cal. 45 Pistol. He also gave up assorted ammunition.



According to reports, alias Manny allegedly participated in the attack and burning of the Picong Integrated National Police Station in Brgy. Poblacion, Picong, Lanao del Sur sometime in 1981 and was also involved in the July 1986 encounter with the Philippine Army troops in Brgy. Biasong, Picong, Lanao del Sur. He also participated in committing atrocities in Picong.

"I Commend our troops' relentless Focused Military Operations (FMO) and Law Enforcement Operations (LEO) for this successful accomplishment. The surrenderer finally embraced the law and soon would have the chance to be reunited with his family and live a normal life," said Col. Eric Macaambac PN(M), the Commander of NTG Central. ■



Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship arrives in the country, conducts exercises with BRP Jose Rizal



By: Cdr. Benjo F. Negranza PN(GSC)
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Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) JS Suzutsuki (DD-117) arrived in Subic Freeport Zone, Olongapo City, Zambales on April 10, 2022 for a port call to the Philippines.

JS Suzutsuki (DD-117) is escorted by Philippine Navy frigate BRP Jose Rizal (FF150) who earlier conducted Passing Exercises (PASSEX) with the former. A simple welcome ceremony was also accorded to the visiting JMSDF vessel upon her docking at Subic.

The visit to the country of JS Suzutsuki is intended for routine port replenishment and rest for the crew who are having their Overseas Training Cruise.

The arrival of the Japanese contingent in the country and the accommodation and support being extended to them underscores the strong bilateral relations between the Philippines and Japan. Both countries espouse the promotion of peace, stability, and maritime cooperation in the region. ■



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NFWM conducts 1st Quarter Cy2022 Values Enrichment Program



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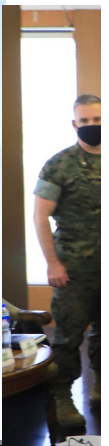


Bagong Calarian, Zamboanga City - Naval Forces Western Mindanao through its Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Forces Staff for Personnel NF1 in partnership with the Couples for Christ Order of St. Michael conducted a one-day Values Enrichment Program for the First Quarter of CY2022 at the NFWM Officers Club last March 29, 2022.

The program with the theme "Towards a Joyful Marital and Parental Relationships" aims to educate Couples about Marriage and how to overcome challenges to achieve a joyful military married life.

The program was attended by 13 Couples of NFWM, OPCON, and Tenant Units including the Commander, NFWM RAdm. Toribio D. Adaci Jr. PN, and his wife Ms. Mercy Khristin A. Adaci. Also, the couples were blessed and renewed their vows.

The activity was conducted following existing health protocols to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus. ■



US MARINE FORCES PACIFIC DEPUTY COMMANDER TALKS LITTORAL COLLABORATION IN PH NAVY VISIT



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The Deputy Commander of the United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Brigadier General Joseph Clearfield, paid a courtesy call on the Flag Officer In Command of the Philippine Navy, Vice Admiral Adeluis Bordado, at the Philippine Navy (PN) headquarters in Manila on April 7, 2022.



Joined by his select staff from MARFORPAC, BGen Clearfield expressed their interest in working with the Armed Forces of the Philippines on future exercises focused on enhancing capabilities for littoral combat operations. The US Marine Corps' 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment's transition into what is now the 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment was also discussed, where VAdm. Bordado supported the corps' goal of maintaining a mutually supportive role as they move forward with deploying small maneuvering units to the South Pacific region as part of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General David Berger's Force Design 2030 initiative.



Born in Bethesda, Maryland and a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, BGen. Clearfield served as the platoon officer and executive officer of the US Marine's Company F, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines during Operation Uphold/Restore Democracy in Haiti and Operation Assured Response in Liberia attached to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). ■



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FEATURE STORY

NFC PARTICIPATES IN THE 77TH TALISAY LANDING COMMEMORATION



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Talisay Landing, also known as the Battle of the Visayas, was an event pushed to complete the recapture of some central regions in the country and secure them from remaining Japanese forces. Historically, this took place in Larawan Beach, Brgy. Poblacion, Talisay City on the 26th day of March 1945. This significant event was yearly commemorated by the Local Government of Talisay City, Cebu, and the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines thru a re-enactment of the American Forces Landing at the shoreline of Talisay City during World War II.

Every year, Naval Forces Central (NFC) actively participates and plays a vital role in the said commemoration by providing personnel and floating assets. However, since the onset of the pandemic in 2020, this significant celebration was called off for the past two years.

This year, with things slowly going back to normal in Cebu and with the governments' vaccination efforts, Talisay



City Government decided to once again commemorate this significant event with some limitations to the activities conducted.



The program for this year was only divided into three parts. These are the Holy Mass, Flag Raising Ceremony, and Wreath Laying Ceremony. The event commenced with the celebration of the Eucharistic Mass and was followed

by the Flag Raising Ceremony of the three National flags; Philippines, Japan, and the United States of America. During the wreath-laying ceremony, Naval Forces Central through its organic and OpCon unit's personnel served as Escort Honor Contingents. Also, Commander Naval Forces Central, Commo. Florante N. Gagua PN acted as the Military Host during the ceremony and delivered a short message during the program on behalf of the AFP.

Present also during the event were dignitaries from different government agencies: Hon. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" Gullas, Talisay City Mayor; representatives from the Japanese Consul office led by Hon. Toshio Yadomi, Deputy Consul of Japan; Hon. Glenn Loop, Consul of the US; Delegation from the Japanese Association of Cebu Incorporated; Provincial Board Members; City Department Heads; war veterans; 2LT LEONARDO F FABIANO AFP(RET), PVAO President; Ms. Regaie Sobandal, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office Head, AFP major branch of service personnel, and other law enforcement agencies.

Talisay Landing marks the liberation of Cebu from the Japanese Forces during the World War II. This was yearly remembered to instill in every Filipino youth that what we are now is because of the events that have transpired in our past. This is one of the reasons why the Philippines is a country we love and own today. ■



US-PHIL NAVY Chaplain Engagement



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The Naval Chief Chaplain



The Naval Chief Chaplain, Col. Rene E. Tambago CHS(GSC), welcomed the United States 7th Fleet Chaplain, Capt. Daniel Mode USN, C7F, during the courtesy call on February 23, 2022. Capt. Mode is part of the delegation that recently visited the members of the Subic Bay Port, the Philippine Fleet, the U.S. Embassy, and Clark Air Base leadership. The purpose of the said visit was to fortify the relationship between the key Philippine Navy and the USN leadership headed by the Commander of the US 7th Fleet, VAdm. Karl Thomas, as they engage in staff-to-staff talks, base tours, and discuss pertinent issues that will be brought to the U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Board/ Security Engagement Board. Furthermore, a staff-to-staff talk among Navy Chaplains aims to develop further collaboration in making the chaplains' services more effective and responsive to the current pressing issues in the Armed Forces in our contemporary time. The conversation and exchanges focused on the best strategies in developing spiritual resilience and advancing the concept of Spiritual Readiness/Fitness of soldiers through cultivating the culture of positive signature behaviors for our Sailors' and Marines' resiliency and growth.

Capt. Mode, the most senior Catholic USN Chaplain, expressed his amazement with the extra ordinary Filipino culture of joy and positive signature behaviors which are essential elements for any robust strategy of resilience to combat operational stress and difficulties together with the other elements of collaboration among Mental Health Care Providers, deputizing first responders and strong leadership focus. He also mentioned the three (3) orders in response to crisis needs of soldiers. These orders are indicators in a person where one can diagnose the problem in 3 degrees. The 1st order as the Spiritual component, the 2nd order as the medical component and the 3rd order as the behavior of the soldier. Using the marine vessel as an analogy, in



explaining his point. The gauge monitors in the bridge serve as indicators of the condition of the ship's engine. That, according to him, is the 1st order where one should address immediately should there be a necessary action to be taken, otherwise, it will worsen the condition. Failure to address the 1st order will bring the situation to the 2nd order, worse than the first order, it needs to be acted upon with urgency. Again, failure to address the 2nd order may worsen the situation and may even end up in the 3rd order, and pre-level before catastrophic engine failure. Correspondingly, the same principle of the three orders may apply to gauge the fitness status of every sailor and marine. Chaplains have the obligation to efficiently foster positive, resilient and signature behaviors of soldiers. Chaplains are to spiritually intervene when military personnel start to manifest 1st and 2nd Order indicators, addressing these promptly to mitigate ill-effects on the

soldier's spiritual fitness and readiness to perform mission.

Together with the Naval Chief Chaplain in this engagement were the OTNCC Admin Officer, Lt. Col. Donato P. Jose CHS, the Chief of Personnel Management/ Plans and Program Branch, Maj. Jose Oliverus Sepe CHS, and the Budget Officer, Cpt. Marjeo L. Delfin CHS. Likewise, the two (2) Philippine Fleet Chaplains, namely, Lt. Col. Genis Bernal CHS and Lt. Col. Rafael Olisea CHS who accompanied Capt. Mode as he moved about in the Metropolis.

Capt. Mode was accorded a quick facility tour around OTNCC and the BNS Holy Child Chapel. It was a very fruitful USN chaplain to PN Chaplain engagement. Looking forward to more collaborative partnership, SME Exchanges & innovative undertakings of touching the souls of our Sailors & Marines. ■



The Naval Information and Communication Technology Center (NICTC) is the support unit of the Philippine Navy (PN) mandated to provide fast and reliable and secure Command and Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems in order to support the accomplishment of the PN's mission.

With the challenges brought by the crisis of the year 2021, the Center was given exigent tasks to proactively respond to the needs of the service. The men and women of the Naval ICT Center have always perceived the difficulties even as seemingly insurmountable as the COVID-19 pandemic brings opportunities. As such, NICTC continuously provided sterling services and endeavored to innovate and improve existing capabilities with the exigency for technology enabling distance collaboration to maintain the operational tempo of the PN command.

For its 25 thriving years or silver anniversary, the Naval ICT Center remains committed to provide nothing less than excellent services and solutions to constantly contribute to the mission accomplishment not just of the Navy but of the whole Armed Forces of the Philippines by remaining resilient and responsive to prevalent and emerging challenges.



Capt. Felipe F. Bautista PN(GSC) the Commander Naval ICT Center impart his anniversary message and welcome remarks. In his message, Capt. Bautista starts it with the quote of the pioneer of evolution theory of Charles Darwin “It is not the strongest of a species that survives nor the most intelligent but the ones most resilient and responsive to change”. Resilient has defined the capacity of people to maintain their core purpose and integrity in the face of dramatically altered circumstances, it is the ability to not only overcome setbacks but also to move forward and we at the NICTC would say that the past years have been yet another test of our strength and resilience. The first quarter of 2020 was the last period of normality before the Corona Virus disease affected everything. In 2021 the pandemic has dominated the days of our lives with the evolving restriction and varying health protocols, we need to adapt to the new normal. However as human beings are naturally resistant to the unusual change is never easy. The challenge just lingers in pandemic as if covid menace is not enough. The year is due to close with the devastation of Super Typhoon “Odette” to Visayas and Mindanao and yet another test of our fortitude. Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming

them is what makes it meaningful. We believe in the cliché that tough times don’t last, tough people do. Which helped us successfully hurdle the trials in 2021 and ready to face the glow of 2022 with our resilience and we gone through so much, but there is a lot more to be thankful for despite the scourge of COVID – 19 and the mixed bug of old and new hurdles. The past year has also been a time for triumphs, achievements, and blessings from the lord. Hence, there are many reasons to be grateful and celebrate.

The 25th NICTC founding anniversary was graced by the Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy, VAdm. Adeluis S. Bordado PN, as Guest of Honor and Speaker. In his message, underscored that the Philippine Navy is consistent with its trust to become a modern and multi-capable defense force, responsive to our country’s defense and development. For this long-term pursuit, very much committed to our modernization agenda, part of this modernization objective is the ability to adapt to the changing electronic and cyber technology landscape. The Naval ICT Center as a support unit of PN that is responsible in assisting the different Navy unit afloat to the shore through various C4ISR activities is at the forefront



of this tremendous task, especially during the current pandemic, with the Navy's activities become more heavenly reliant on communications and IT infrastructures, well recognize how significant, NICTC role is in terms of securing our organization and our maritime nation from existing and emerging cyber threats. I congratulate NICTC and be led by Capt. Felipe F. Bautista PN(GSC) on the momentous occasion in your unit's history your silver anniversary, your commendable performance and commitment to duty despite the demand of your work reflect the competence and professionalism of the man and women of the Naval ICT Center,

may you continue with your hard work and perform your best now and the years to come.

One of the highlights of the 25th NICTC Founding Anniversary is the awarding of deserving NICTC units, personnel, stakeholders and ICT industries for their invaluable services and hard work to accomplish the NICTC mission. The NICTC Awards and Deliberation Board (NICTCADB) was created to insure the proper deliberation of recommended awardees.

Hereunder are the following, officer, enlisted personnel, civilian human resources (CHR), stakeholders and ICT industries who receive a plaque of recognition and appreciation:

STATION OF THE YEAR

- NICTS Bonifacio

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MPAC MKIII SPIKE-ER SUCCESSFULLY HIT EX PC111



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Another milestone was achieved by the Littoral Combat Force last March 30, 2022 as it successfully conducted a Live Test Firing of Multi-Purpose Attack Craft(MPAC) MKIII 4th Boat Attack Division – SPIKE-Extended Range Missile and Mini-Typhoon at vicinity 9 NM NE off Lamao Pt., Pilar, Bataan utilizing the Decommissioned PN Vessel BRP BONI SERRANO (PC111) as the target.

As a background, the 4th Boat Attack Division has recalled from her Area of Operations last June 2021 primarily for the weapons integration but due to the surge of COVID-19 the Israel Technicians were not able to install the weapons on time hence started in the last quarter of CY2021 and was completed on March 2022. The installed missiles have a range of eight kilometers and were installed in three attack crafts along with the Remote Controlled Weapon System(RCWS) Mini Typhoon Cal .50 armament. The round of tests conducted in Bataan also included the Sea Acceptance Test (SAT) for the testing, inspection, and acceptance of the weapons based on the Philippines' contract with Israel and all activities were conducted with the utmost consideration for the safety of personnel and equipment and with full compliance to COVID-19 protocols.



The live missile test-firing was also guided and tested by Rafael Advance Defense System Limited Personnel aboard the 4th Boat Attack Division and configuration of Mini Typhoon System Cal.50 aboard three attack crafts. It was overseen by the Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) team headed by Commodore Mac Raul B. Racacho PN, Deputy Commander Naval Sea System Command(NSSC) together with Commander Malone B. Agudelo PN, Commanding Officer of 4th Boat Attack Division, 4 Rafael Advance Defense System Ltd Personnel, 1 PNMO, and 1 FleetMed Personnel onboard MPAC.



Furthermore, prior to the scheduled live test firing, various training was conducted and supervised by Rafael Advance Defense System Ltd Personnel utilizing the zoom application, with physical lectures aboard Navarrete Hall and Boat Attack Craft. Likewise, practical exercises were also conducted on In-door Trainer Simulator at Navarrete Hall and actual exercises aboard attack crafts.

Moreover, in consideration of the unit's capabilities, doctrines, availability of storage facility in the Area of Operations, operational requirements, and the result of CLCF's engagement with the Operational Commanders - BA493 and BA494 are projected to be deployed at Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao (NFEM) as recently it has completed its missile storage facility. On the other hand, BA492 is projected to be under Fleet Marine Ready Force (FMRF) to replace BA483 as a Fast Patrol Vessel to secure Manila Bay and its approaches. Before that, the 4th Attack Division (BA492, BA493, and 494) will also be part of the Navy Day as one of its Pre-Anniversary Activities - to showcase their capabilities peculiar to their operating environment.

In addition, the conduct of the activity in connection with the MLS & MGS Live Firing Capability Demo has been successful. All these would not have been attained without the collective efforts given by all units involved, the local government of Bataan, and with the guidance and support of our Commander, Littoral Combat Force - Commodore Roy Vincent T. Trinidad PN.

Indeed, it proves that the Philippine Navy is now ready to embrace the technology of Modern Naval Warfare to conquer and fight against the enemy. ■



HEALTH CARE FACILITY

a symbol of camaraderie and goodwill



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On the 4th day of April 2022, the Health Care Facility constructed under the joint venture of the Pacific Partnership 2021 (PP21) Engineering Capability Assistance Project (ENCAP) and the Philippine Navy - Naval Combat Engineer Brigade was officially turned over to the Local Government Unit of Taysan, Legazpi City, Albay. The ceremony was attended by Commander, Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NFSL), Commo. Jose Ma Ambrosio Q. Ezpeleta PN, the Guest of Honor and Speaker. Also present during the ceremony were Hon. Noel E. Rosal, Mayor of Legazpi City and Hon. Renato "Ato" Valladolid, Brgy. Captain of Taysan, Legazpi City.

The construction of the said facility is in line with the Pacific Partnership 2021 sponsored by the United States Pacific Command where one of its objectives is to provide Civic Action activities to improve the country's capabilities. PP21 focuses on furthering the regional resiliency of partnered nations, interoperability, and security through subject matter exchanges, multi-lateral engineering and health engagements, and cooperation



specific to the desires of each partner.

The delegates from PP21 chose Brgy. Taysan as the beneficiary of the project since they don't have any. Brgy. Taysan is using a maternity facility in place of a Health Care Facility.

The Health Care Facility will be used for community wellness events and immunization. The building includes a waiting area, two patient treatment areas, a restroom, and a sterilization area.

During the event, Commo. Ezpeleta PN expressed his gratitude for the collective efforts of the PP21 contingents and the members of the Philippine Navy - Naval Combat Engineer Brigade. In his speech, he said, "We expect that this facility will be treated with utmost care so that it can be utilized by your barangay for many years to come. May it serve as a symbol of camaraderie and goodwill between us, the local and foreign military, and the municipal and local government".

Moreover, in an interview with local media (DZGB – Legazpi), Hon. Valladolid, sincerely thank the Philippine Navy - NFSL for the program (the health care facility) granted to their barangay. He admitted that the facility is very much needed as it will give a more efficient health care service, not only to Brgy. Taysan but also to neighboring barangays.

Commo. Ezpeleta PN, explained to the community that the Philippine Navy, through NFSL are "advocates of health and wellness. NFSL deems it is necessary to provide any assistance that is within our capacity to help the different localities to have access to basic medical services because it is a right that should be made readily available to all." ■



PN LAUNCHES #YESWPS, ENGAGES YOUTH SECTOR FOR MARITIME SECURITY ADVOCACY

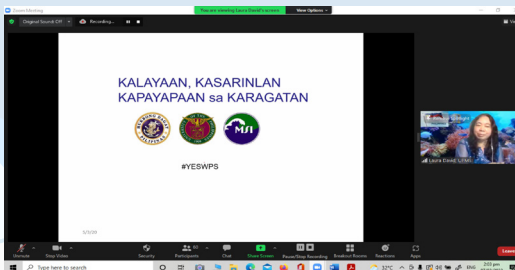


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In line with the strategic initiative “Implement Dynamic Strategic Communication Plan” of the FOIC, PN Balanced Scorecard and the PN Sail Plan 2028, the Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Civil Military Operations, N7 launched the Youth Empowerment Seminar for the West Philippine Sea and Other Maritime Security Challenges. Dubbed #YESWPS, the project aims to harness the critical role of young people in nation-building, especially through taking up the advocacy of protecting our maritime space, for a shared prosperous and peaceful future. The webinar series shall serve as a platform to inspire and encourage young people to support the PN in advancing this security agenda. #YESWPS was endorsed by the National Youth Commission, the primary government body which specifically addresses issues surrounding the Filipino youth and ensures their participation in policies that will affect their well-being and development.

The first event of the #YESWPS, entitled “West Philippine Sea: What is it for Every Filipino?”, was launched on March 07, 2022. A total of 59 young people from different parts of the country attended the event. The Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Adm. Caesar Bernard N. Valencia PN, welcomed the attendees. In his remarks, the CNS enthused, “We have seen the potent power of young people in advancing rights and reforms that now benefit the Filipino people. We have seen your energy, your creativity, and your genuine desire to contribute to lasting peace and sustainable development. You have been on the frontlines of various advocacies, a potent force for change. Truly, the



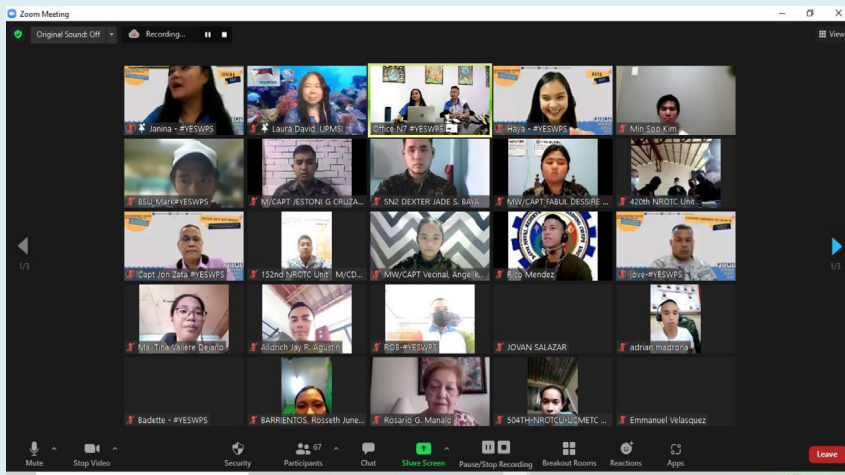
Filipino youth is woke”.

Dr. Laura David, Director of the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute (UPMSI) and a Ten Outstanding Women in the Nation’s Service (TOWNS) Awardee served as speaker of the event. During the activity, she expressed her strong belief regarding the power of the youth to protect the West Philippine Sea and its maritime resources. “Your generation is such a huge influence on how things will happen on our seas. You have the power to influence both the physical and digital world. You can keep reading, posting, and reaching out to your fellow youth on how important the West Philippine Sea is.”

The first #YESWPS event received an overwhelmingly positive reaction from the participants, with a rating of 3.72, corresponding to an adjectival rating of “very satisfactory”. Young people also expressed their willingness to partner with the Philippine Navy in protecting the seas to secure the future. Overall, the first #YESWPS served as an

effective platform to increase the awareness of the young attendees regarding the importance of the critical maritime space. As one youth leader put it, “...I realized that we are not only fighting for our rights on the West Philippine Sea. Instead, we are fighting for the safety of us Filipinos, as well as the natural resources we have.”

The next #YESWPS seminar will be held on April 28, 2022 and focused on the youth’s contribution to naval history and heritage. ■



AFFPIC: PHILIPPINE NAVY VERSION 2.0

“Your Identification Protected”



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It has been two years now since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the whole country. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) has also been at the forefront of protecting and delivering services to our stakeholders affected by COVID-19. The Philippine Navy as a major branch of service of the AFP has been quick to adapt to the tide of times. The organization has implemented several digital platform enhancements to make better services to clients and stakeholders.

The Office of the Naval Adjutant (OTNA) has continuously provided its stakeholders with effective and efficient services amidst the onset of a pandemic. Each section adapted to the “new normal” which would mean less face-to-face, more adaptation of other platforms of transactions, and delivery of services. Last year was the beginning of the implementation of a diversified system for OTNA in delivering its services, particularly in the record management and identification system.

The ID Section of OTNA since it was transferred from the Philippine Air Force in 2012 has now updated the Naval Adjutants’ Service Guide SOP 17 which caters to the current needs of the organization’s stakeholders. Further, it adopted the new system from ID WORKS patterned with tri-color AFP Identification Card (AFPIC) of General Headquarters and other major branches of service, wherein a pre-printed card with security features is used to print data of active military, their dependents, civilian human resource (permanent/temporary), and reservists.

The new AFPIC system is equipped with features that provide authenticity and security to our Philippine Navy identification card that protects the data security of our stakeholders from fraud. Among the new AFPIC security features are the following: a pre-printed patent card from Singapore with a 3D AFP seal hologram foil patch, equipped with a guilloche pattern, and micro text printing and laminated in an exclusive holographic 3D AFP pattern. The card also features a unique barcode assigned to each ID holder.

Since its implementation last year, several major mobile ID missions have been conducted through the different units of the organization, particularly in Philippine Fleet, NRC, HPN & HSG, and Philippine Marines with its aim to replace the old ID cards. It has successfully processed and replaced an estimated 15,000.00 ID applications. This year, OTNA has programmed several mobile missions to Naval Forces and units to continue the transition to the new AFPIC.

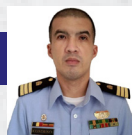
The COVID-19 pandemic has made us realize that the effect of our current situation has not only affected the way we do things but also how we thrive with the situation at hand. OTNA believes in the willingness to be resilient, shift the paradigm, and synergize the systems is the way to move forward toward better delivery of service. It is your OTNA that thrives and delivers and serves you. ■



80 YEARS AGO: The Offshore Patrol (OSP) at War



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In June 1939, the second Philippine Q-Boat arrived in Manila and was named Luzon after one of the three main Island groups of the country, and was given hull number Q-111. She is 10 feet longer than Q-112 and has a cruising speed of 41 knots with a crew of two Officers and four Enlisted Personnel. Q-111 was the squadron and flagship.

Three months earlier on March 2, 1939, the First Philippine Motor Torpedo Boat arrived in Manila aboard the Steamship SS Mecklenburg from Antwerp, Belgium. She was christened "ABRA" after the Province of Abra and with Hull Number Q-112.

Thus began the Q-Boat mystery of the Philippine Navy, eventually through the years "Q" stood for Quest for Mystery but would also signify as the Quezon Boat for President Quezon as the Off-shore Patrol (OSP), the naval arm of the Philippine Army activated during his tenure.

This brief narrative looks into the critical days and early actions of the OSP and the fate of the Q-boats.

From December 08, 1941, to April 08, 1942, the Q-Boats of the Off-shore Patrol would be in the thick of the action against the Japanese Invasion of the Philippines.

The five (5) Q-Boats of the Off-shore Patrol, the 44-ship Navigation Division

of the Philippine Coast Guard under the Bureau of Customs, and Ships of the Philippine Merchant Marine were commissioned into the OSP Reserve.

These seagoing forces formed part of the Philippines Naval Defense along with the US Navy's Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 3 under LT John D Bulkeley USN along with the US Asiatic Fleet Submarine Tender USS Canopus.

As the dark clouds of Japanese conquests hovered over the archipelago, the Q-Boat Squadron made one final sortie with the plan of escaping the Japanese blockade of Manila and proceeding to Australia to join the other allied forces thereat.

At midnight of April 08, 1942, preparations were undertaken as the squadron made its final bid for freedom, coming out from Sisiman Cove in the Province of Bataan. Maj. Enrique L. Jurado (USNA '34) commanded the Squadron

Imperial Japanese Navy Destroyer HIJMS Murasame in Manila Bay in April 1942



Imperial Japanese Navy Destroyer HIJMS Samidare in Manila Bay in April 1942



aboard Q-111 Luzon, with Cpt. Alberto Navarette as Skipper, Lt. Heracleo Alano as Executive Officer, and Lt. Abraham Campo as Navigator, with Sgy. Claro Jimenez, Pfc. Andres Gaceta, Pfc. Felipe Donato, Pfc. Florencio Inigo and Pfc. Jose Villanueva as crew.

The primary objective was to sortie out of Manila and proceed to Corregidor, then to Iloilo, and head for Australia, leaving in echelon formation when the first sign of trouble appeared as the engines of Q-112 Abra gave up, making Lt. Ramon A. Alcaraz (PMA'40) withdraw from the formation, scuttling the gunship near Navotas.

The Q-115 Baler was also having engine problems as it was only making 12 knots from its usual 30 knots. All was well, but upon approaching the mouth of Manila Bay, Japanese Land-based Naval Aircraft of the 1st Kokutai engaged the Q-Boats. In the ensuing melee, one of the Japanese planes was shot down.

As per Lt. Campo's narration, the remaining Japanese planes circled the squadron as if waiting for something and a few minutes later, a lookout on one of the Q-Boats' crew shouted "Ships ahead!"

These ships were the Imperial Japanese Navy Destroyers HIJMS SAMIDARE and HIJMS MURASAME, part of the Japanese blockade and already

veterans of earlier engagements in the Pacific.

Lt. Campo's narration of the battle where the Q-boats were embroiled gave a good account of the officers and crew but the Japanese naval gunners were good in deflection. The Q-boats guns counter-fired and Mark 14 Torpedoes were launched though missing their target for lack of range to reach the enemy.

In a few seconds, Q-111 Luzon was on fire, and was scuttled off to Looc, Cavite headed for Nasugbu, Batangas.

The fate of the Q-Boats on that day is as follows:

Q-111 Luzon was scuttled on April 09, 1942 between Looc, Cavite and Nasugbu, Batangas. While **Q-112 Abra** was scuttled on April 09, 1942 off Navotas.

Both Q-111 Luzon and Q-112 Abra were British-built 55 FT and 65 FT Motor Torpedo Boats, with a max speed of 41 Knots and armed with 2 Anti-Aircraft .50 calibre Guns, 2 Mark 14 Torpedoes, and 2 depth charges.

Q-113 Agusan was scuttled on April 09, 1942 as part of the United States Armed Forces in the Far East (USAFFE) "OPERATION PONTIAC" whereby no allied equipment should be taken advantage of by the enemy, Agusan's crew





Q-111 Luzon during trials in the Thames River, United Kingdom with Royal Navy and Thornycroft Crew

joined the Coast Artillery Corps (CAC), while its anti-aircraft weapons were incorporated into the beach defense force.

Q-113 Agusan was the First PURELY PHILIPPINE BUILT TORPEDO BOAT patterned after the British Torpedo Boats. She was built at Engineer Island in Navotas under the supervision of Naval Architect/Civil Engineer Bernardo Abrera. She was part of the proposed plan of 50 Torpedo Boats by 1946 in which 6 flotillas of Torpedo boats would compose the Offshore Patrol deployed in various parts of the archipelago

Q-114 Danday named after the wife of MAJ Jurado was the former MV Carmen which was salvaged and refloated by the OSP through the assistance of the MV Carmen's Marine Engineer Vicente Ty Dela Cruz. She was later burned to escape Japanese capture in Lamao, Bataan. She was the special operations craft of the OSP as she always handled agents and landing spies behind enemy lines.

Q-115 Baler was the Auxiliary Boat of the former Presidential Yacht and OSP Flagship Casiana (technically at the time Casiana was a vessel of the Philippine Coast Guard) which was sunk during a Japanese airstrike in Corregidor that was taken over by the OSP in December 1941. She was captured by the Japanese off Cabra Island with the whole crew and passengers totaling about 23 Filipinos and Americans.

The curtain would not be drawn with the defeat of the Q-Boats as the Island Fortress of Corregidor would hold on until May 6, 1942 as the Japanese completed their conquest of the Philippines.

Though the saga of the Q-boats would not end there as Q-111 known to many was lost off Batangas waters and to many lost in history after she was scuttled. Unknown to many, she was re-floated and refurbished by the Imperial Japanese Navy and re-commissioned into Japanese service on April 12, 1943 as Patrol Boat 114, but was again sunk by US Naval aircraft during their return to the Philippines in 1944.

Q-111 Luzon holds the distinction of serving three Navies: The British Royal Navy before delivery she was tested by British Crews, the Philippine Navy, and the Imperial Japanese Navy. The story of the Offshore Patrol would not end with the loss of the Q-Boats as most would join the guerillas, later on, 66% of the officers and men received the Silver Star from General Douglas MacArthur in January 1942, making it one of the most recognized Filipino Unit for heroism and gallantry in action during the war. ■



Q-113 Agusan-First Filipino built Torpedo boat (near camera) and Q-112 Abra in Manila Bay during exercises in early 1941

CONDUCT OF PN SAFETY TOOLBOX MEETING



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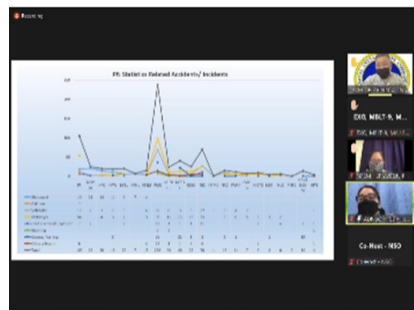


The Naval Safety Office conducted the annual Toolbox Meeting last March 23, 2022 with the incumbent safety officers of 22 PN Units such as NIF's, PMC Battalions, PHFLT Forces and Groups, and NSSC Sub-units. This was annually programmed to discuss the safety-related matters which involves conducting each units' activities for the whole year.

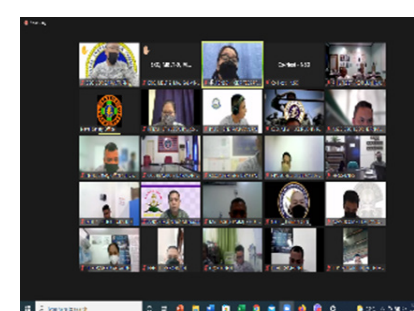
The primary agenda of this toolbox meeting was the brief discussion of FOIC, PN approved Safety Management Audit Parameters for CY 2022 which will be used during the conduct of SMA to each PN unit. The rating obtains by the PN Units during the inspection is equivalent to 10% of the overall AGI Rating for CY 2022 under the System Management Parameters.

Likewise, PN Units' safety reports which include accident/ incident profiling covering January 2014 up to February 28, 2022, and the SMA's most common findings for the previous year were also presented. In addition, the new approved policy pursuant to SOP #10 Subj: Disposition of Unusual Incident Involving Shore-based Equipment, Machinery, and Facilities which were discussed the procedures and the responsibilities of the PN Units to the speedy disposition of unusual incidents involving PN shore-based equipment and types of machinery and facilities that warrant investigation.

Indeed, the conduct of Toolbox meeting is significant in reducing workplace incidents. It is one of the best practices to reinforce a safety culture as it emphasizes the importance of safety in a small but consistent manner. ■



Category	Count
Accident	10
Incident	15
Unusual Incident	20
Other	5



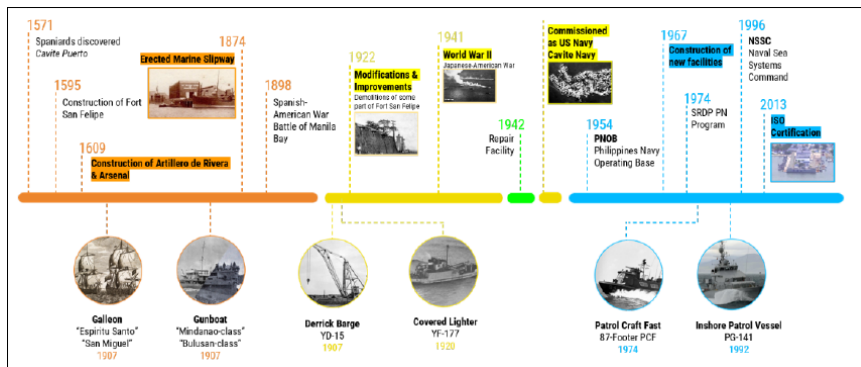
SAILING THROUGH THE PN'S QUEST TO REVITALIZE ITS SHIPBUILDING CAPABILITY



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Looking back on history, military shipbuilding has been one of the primary goals of the country. Following the nation's quest of being a self-reliant country, that is – to be prepared and well-equipped with emerging defense technologies, the Philippine Navy (PN) found the need to retain its shipbuilding industry as part of its defense capability building. With this, the PN set sail in crafting a strategy that aims to revitalize its shipbuilding capability.



THE RISE OF SHIPBUILDING CAPABILITY IN CAVITE

Back in the 1600s, the majority of the Manila-Acapulco galleons were built in the Cavite Shipyard. Proving its commitment to craft, the materials and workforce from the local construction industry were utilized, making it the best-equipped shipyard in the country during the Spanish colonial period.

While our country was being colonized by the Spaniards in 1571, they recognized the local construction capability of the province for shipbuilding, which subsequently brought the founding of the Cavite Puerto, which was also known as the Port of Cavite. From that day forward, the Cavite Puerto became the arrival and departure point for the Spanish Galleons.

After the American and Japanese colonization that seized control of the Port of Cavite, the Philippine Government was granted control over the shipyard which was eventually known as the Cavite Naval Shipyard.

THE CAVITE NAVAL SHIPYARD

To capacitate the country's self-reliant defense industry, the Port of Cavite was eventually passed on to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), particularly under the Philippine Navy, which is now known as the Cavite Naval Shipyard. It currently stands as the only government-owned and largest industrial conglomerate of the AFP.



The early years of the Cavite Naval Shipyard's construction capability soared heights following the government's utmost support to the Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP) Program. At the height of the SRDP Program, the Cavite Naval Shipyard was able to construct some of the notable PN vessels namely the BRP Bagong Lakas (PG102), BRP Bagong Silang (PG104), BRP Emilio Aguinaldo (PG 140), and BRP General Antonio Luna (PG141).

However, with the fall of the SRDP capability, the technical regress associated with aged equipment and managerial tools, and the decline in the workforce with manufacturing expertise, the shipbuilding capability of the Cavite Naval Shipyard was put to a halt.

At present, the Cavite Naval Shipyard continues to offer repair and maintenance of ships to the floating vessels of the PN. The repair facility is currently under the control of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC) at Fort San Felipe, Cavite City. Although the practice of its technical expertise in engineering is very much alive, the PN continues to aspire in bringing back its capability for the in-house construction of its naval ships.



THE NSSC STRATEGY FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF NAVAL SHIPBUILDING

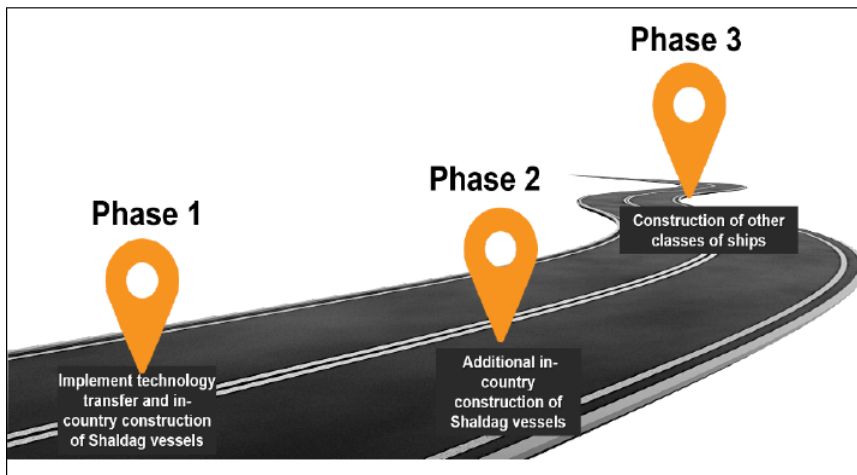
Recognizing the importance of being at the same pace as other foreign navies all over the world, the PN found the AFP Modernization Program as a window of opportunity for the revitalization of the local shipbuilding industry. To do this, the PN crafted the Study entitled "NSSC Strategy for the Revitalization of Naval Shipbuilding", which aimed to revitalize the shipbuilding capability of the PN. Among the main products of the said strategy is the construction of two (2) out of eight (8) Fast Attack Interdiction Craft-Missile Projects (FAIC-M). In the study, the TWG delved into different



strategies that will help in the adaptation and local construction of the FAIC-M units.

In aligning the strategic objectives of this endeavor, the study utilized the Value Chain Framework which entails the Development of the Shipbuilding Organization and its Workforce, Enhancement of Existing Naval Shipyard (NAVSHIP) Shipbuilding Facilities, Acquisition of Knowledge on Design and Production Services, Establishment of Linkages with Support Institutions, and Implementation of In-country Site Production. The study suggests that implementing these proposed strategies can support the given timeline of each activity in shipbuilding construction.

In revitalizing the shipbuilding capability, the study programmed the implementation into three phases that will help capacitate the NAVSHIP with enough capability and resources for ship construction. The first phase emphasizes the Start-Up Capability to Construct FAIC-M Boats through equipment and facility upgrades and foreign training. The second phase, on the other hand, intends to pursue the classification of NAVSHIP as a Class C shipyard that develops the shipyard workforce, equipment, and facilities by Reinforcing the Technical Know-how in NAVSHIP. Lastly, the study intends to attain Continuous Improvement of the NAVSHIP by attaining higher classification based on Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Circular. By following these phases, the PN's



future capabilities in the construction of other ships will be ensured as there will be a higher success potential in Technology Transfer and Initial In-country establishment of FAIC-M.

The prospect of building these vessels in the NAVSHIP is perceived to be an excellent opportunity to revitalize in-country naval shipbuilding and achieve the PN's long-awaited self-reliance. If all these strategies are successfully applied, the endeavor to enhance the capabilities to adapt and construct naval ships such as the FAIC-M will be preserved and guaranteed. Further, these initiatives shall empower the NAVSHIP in sustaining its services, facilities, and equipment that would pave the way for the in-country ship production.

As the research arm of the PN, the Naval Research and Technology Development Center will continue to contribute to the making of significant efforts in the PN's SRDP Program. Studies such as the NSSC Strategy for the Revitalization of Naval Shipbuilding attests to the Center's pledge to continuously support and help sustain the Navy's shipbuilding capability which is believed to be further enriched in the future. ■

PN Navigates Towards Upskilled, Data Driven and Modernized Navy Personnel through the PNGF Series 2022



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Last March 25, 2022, the Philippine Navy (PN), through the Center for Naval Leadership and Excellence (CNLE), conducted the 1st Leg PNGF Series 2022. With the country still under a state of a public health emergency, the forum was fully online/virtual to ensure health protocols and social distancing measures were followed. A total of more or less 670 participants composed of senior and junior officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees from the different PN staff and units attended the forum. The forum is a regular activity that serves as a platform to strengthen the culture of excellence and professionalism in the organization.

Under the theme, “A Modernizing Navy in the Digital Age,” this year’s PNGF Series is focused on how the navy is adapting and capacitating itself for digital transformation. For the 1st Leg PNGF Series 2022, the PN invited Miss Herleenor G Mortera, MBB, AVP for Digital Transformation, WNS Global Services as Guest Speaker for the topic “Digital Literacy: What it means and why does it matter?” The buoyant speaker focused her discussion on the explanation of the importance of Digital Transformation in the New Normal; The Need for Digital Transformation; Improving 3Ps – Process, People, Program; Digital Transformation Tools; and Innovate YOU.

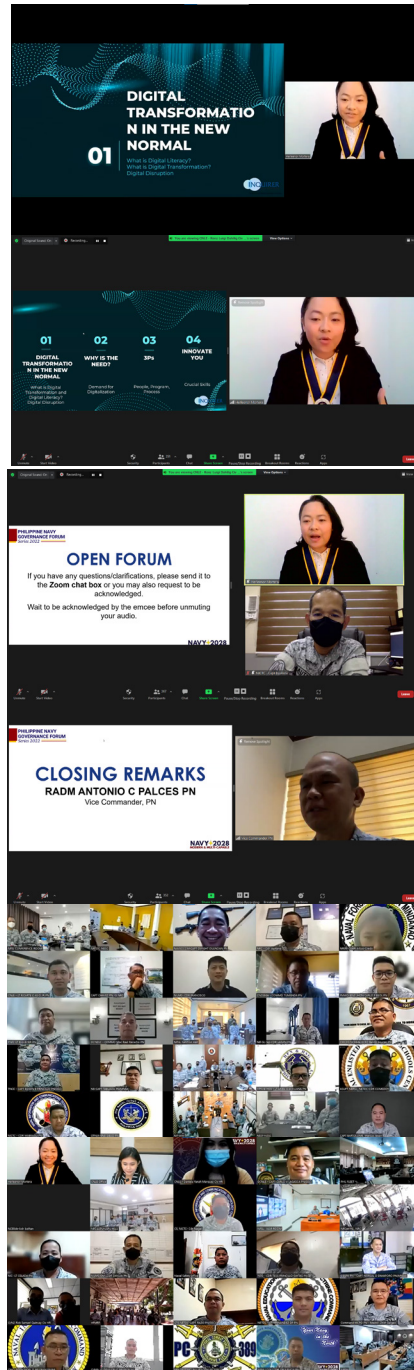


According to Ms. Mortera, “Digital Literacy means working in a digital environment where communication and access to information are done through digital technologies and tools. This requires skills, hard and soft, in order to thrive in this digital era. Most of all, it is the foundation of Digital Transformation. On a second note, Digital Transformation is the adoption of digital technology to make processes effective and efficient. It is a cultural change that requires alignment of each role, department, and function to cater to the digital demands of customers.”

Under the succeeding topics, there is a need for digital transformation because of new-age customers, the explosion of data, velocity of change, and cross-functional problems. Thus, there is a need to transform our people, programs, and processes. After transforming the people through alignment of leadership, each role and department, we create programs. These are measurable action items. This is to ensure that baselines are identified in order to assess where the finish line is.

After her talk, an open forum followed. During the forum, the speaker was delighted and expressed her interest in being a Naval Reservist. Having said these, the Vice Commander, PN expressed his gratitude to the speaker since there is a lot of work that should be done for the digital transformation of the PN. Having her as one of the Naval Reservists would really be a great help to the organization.

Based on the flow of the program and the outcome of the overall activity as well as the feedback from all participants, it can be concluded that the 1st Leg of the PNGF Series 2022 was successful in achieving its objectives. It proved once again that the Navy cannot sail alone in its path towards organizational change and transformation – it needs the full understanding and support of its personnel and the Filipino people. ■





The Road Less Traveled



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Concealed in the walls of the Philippine Military Academy, I left the fortress of isolation and traversed the path of exploring reality through the organization that has captured my heart by rendering a unique way of military service to the people. As I continue to endure the journey, my eyes envisioned a clearer and deeper perception of the Civil Military Operations Group's essentiality as a unit, using its three pillars as the weapons of attacking the enemy and safeguarding the people.



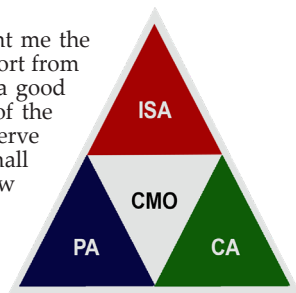


Civil Affairs Unit: The Helping Hand

Entering the world of connections and networks strengthened my capacity to draw linkages and engagement with people. Aside from the mere conduct of community projects and activities, this unit enlightened the impact of memorable actions, acts of camaraderie and sacrifice in giving support and service to the people. In this dimension, it shows how opening a single pack of goods can flow happiness and appreciation to the population that brings smiles and blessings, especially to those in need.

Public Affairs Unit: The Heralds of Truth

Weaponizing the art of communication, this realm brought me the power of facts, information and truth to acquire trust and support from the public. It emphasizes the importance of not only creating a good public image for the Philippine Navy and the Armed Forces of the Philippines but also giving the upright truth that the people deserve in order to obtain a positive opinion from them. It shows how a small tip of a pen can write the whole image of the organization and how a word can be so loud that wakes up a sense of nationalism.



Information Support Affairs Unit

Today's war is played on the new battlefield of fighting propaganda and information as I entered the unit that sharpens words and deeds that can stab the enemy at the heart. This was a training ground for me to face the enemy through the battle of minds, competition for influence and sympathy to fracture the enemy's will and defend the organization's purpose.

Strayed from the expected portrayal of the military role, one can still win battles even when guns and weapons are laid down on the ground. Behind the battleground of bloodshed, dirt and violence lie an unnoticeable organization that serves as the backbone of every success in an operation. Young and new, CMO, Philippine Navy holds a critical role in fulfilling the mission of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, a reality that many chose not to see, one that I opt to fancy, and the truth that all should agree. ■





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