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SABAK 2025 CULMINATES SUCCESSFULLY: PH-US RESERVE FORCES STRENGTHEN TIES THROUGH RESERVE MOBILIZATION SMEE

The PH-US SALAKNIB-BALIKTAN (SABAK) 2025 Exercise Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) Company Drill officially concluded on 08 June 2025 at Isabela State University, marking another successful joint training between the Philippine Army Reservists and the United States Army Reserve.

The activity was formally opened on 31 May 2025 at the ISU Amphitheater in San Fabian, Echague, Isabela, led by COL MONIB T. MAMAQ INF (GSC) PA, Group Commander of the 2RCDG, RCPA, and LTC SARKIS KITSINIAN, Battalion Commander of the 3303rd Mobilization Support Group, USAR.

As part of the SABAK 2025 Exercise, the Reserve Mobilization SMEE served as a platform for subject matter experts from 2RCDG and USAR to share insights, strategies, and best practices on reserve force development and mobilization. Over 405 reservists from Region 2 and the US Army participated, aiming to enhance interoperability, operational readiness, and knowledge-sharing.

A key feature was the one-day SMEE on medical collaboration for disaster response. Topics included first aid, triage, casualty evacuation, and drone-assisted search operations. The exchange sharpened skills, promoted mutual understanding, and boosted Region 2's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) capabilities.

The highlight was a joint mass casualty evacuation drill simulating a large-scale HADR scenario, testing coordination and mobilization mechanisms. The exercise involved the 1602nd Ready Reserve Infantry Brigade, the 201st and 202nd Ready Reserve Infantry Battalions, and USAR personnel. It was conducted at Cagayan State University–Carig, Tuguegarao City, and ISU San Fabian campus.

These drills are crucial in managing incidents with mass casualties, especially in scenarios that strain local healthcare systems. The successful completion of SABAK 2025 affirms the strong partnership and shared commitment of the Philippine and US reserve forces to peace, security, and regional resilience.



4RCDG RECOGNIZES PERSONNEL AND STAKEHOLDERS, DEMONSTRATES READINESS DURING 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The 4th Regional Community Defense Group (4RCDG), Reserve Command, Philippine Army, culminated its 30th Founding Anniversary with the theme: "4RCDG @ 30: Matatag na Laang Kawal ng Timog Katagalugan, Kaagapay at Kaunlaran Tungo sa Bagong Pilipinas." on 31 May 2025 at Camp General Macario Sakay, Los Baños, Laguna, with a formal program that honored outstanding individuals, showcased unit readiness, and reaffirmed its commitment to public service.

The program began with the ceremonial donning and pinning of ranks, followed by the awarding of plaques and commendations to exemplary personnel, reservists, and partner stakeholders for their significant contributions to the Unit's mission.

4RCDG



Lieut. Col. Robby P. Taclob (CE) PA was awarded Best Organic Officer, while Lieut. Col. Ronaldo G. Bulfa GSC PA (RES) received the title as Best Reservist Officer. SSg Edwin H Garovillas (Inf) PA was honored as Best Enlisted Personnel, and TSg Valentin G Lopez PA (Res) was named Best Enlisted Reservist. Additionally, the 401st Community Defense Center (CDC), 4RCDG was recognized as Best Community Defense Center, and the 404th Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (RRIBn) was awarded Best Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion.

Following the awards, Col. Ramil B. Anoyo INF (GSC) PA, Group Commander of 4RCDG, delivered a heartfelt message emphasizing the unit's best practices and initiatives that have strengthened its credibility.



and community ties. Col. Anoyo said that *“Ang tunay na lakas ng bayan ay nasusukat hindi lamang sa sandata, kundi sa pagkakaisa, malasakit, at kahandaang tumugon sa tawag ng panahon.”*


The Guest of Honor and Speaker, Maj. Gen. Ramon P. Zagala PA, Commander of the Reserve Command, Philippine Army, praised 4RCDG’s dedication, recognizing its personnel and partners for embodying patriotism and volunteerism aligned with the vision of Bagong Pilipinas.

Immediately following Maj. Gen. Zagala’s remarks, the Group officially launched the 4RCDG Website and ROTC Attendance System, marking a key step toward modernizing communication and

strengthening public engagement. The unit also conducted dynamic capability demonstration showcasing Small Unit Tactics with Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3), fire drill simulations, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) operations, K9 handling, and the rapid disassembly and assembly of an M16 rifle—highlighting the Group’s operational readiness and commitment to both military and humanitarian roles.

The program concluded with a ceremonial food distribution among reservists, made possible through the collaborative efforts of the 4th RCDG stakeholders, symbolizing the “4RCDG Cares” initiative as a brotherhood concept.





STRENGTH IN SERVICE: 5RCDG EXTENDS ADDITIONAL CASH AID TO RESERVISTS AFFECTED BY SUPER TYPHOON PEPITO

In a heartfelt gesture of solidarity and support, the 5th Regional Community Defense Group (5RCDG), Reserve Command, Philippine Army, provided additional cash assistance to Reservist personnel whose homes were severely damaged during the onslaught of Super Typhoon Pepito, which struck the Bicol Region in late 2024.

A total of reservists from the 503rd Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion under the 503rd Community Defense Center (CDC), along with four (4) other Reservists from the 504th, 505th, and 506th CDCs, received financial assistance to aid in their ongoing recovery.

The assistance was personally facilitated by Col. Ronie T. Ebarita INF (MNSA) PA, Group Commander of the 5RCDG, and Lieut. Col. Josephus Emar M. Rempillo (INF) PA, Director of the 503rd CDC. The aid distribution took place in Virac, Catanduanes, where affected Reservists and their families continue to rebuild their homes and lives.



RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE: 7RCDG RESERVISTS AND ROTC UNIT HONORED DURING 3ID ANNIVERSARY

The 7th Regional Community Defense Group, Reserve Command, Philippine Army headed by Col. Edgar G. Mangabay INF (GSC) PA, Group Commander, participated in the 51st Founding Anniversary celebration of the 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division, Philippine Army held at the Covered Gym, Camp Peralta, Jamindan, Capiz, on 30 May 2025.

Sgt. Theresa G Resgonia PA (Res) of 701st Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion, Awarded as Outstanding Reservist Enlisted Personnel of the Year for Region 7.

Trinidad Municipal College Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit, Awarded as the Best ROTC Unit for Region 7.

One of the highlights of the anniversary celebration was the recognition of outstanding stakeholders who have consistently supported the Division in its various endeavors, along with the awarding of deserving personnel.

These recognitions are testaments to the unwavering dedication and excellence of our reservists and training institutions.

This Group extends its heartfelt congratulations to the following awardees for their well-deserved recognition:

To all the awardees, your hard works, sacrifices, and contributions to national security and community development do not go unnoticed. You are role models and source of pride for the entire 7RCDG family. Continue to lead, serve, and inspire.

1st Lieut. Lowell P. Signap PA (RES), Commanding Officer, "A" Coy of 703rd Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion, Awarded as Outstanding Reservist Officer of the Year for Region 7.



RESERVISTS PLAY KEY ROLE IN BOHOL'S 80TH LIBERATION DAY COMMEMORATION

The Organic Personnel of 702CDC, 7RCDG, RESCOM, PA together with the Reservist Personnel of 702RRIBn led by LTC Eduardo D. Malig-on INF GSC PA (RES), Battalion Commander, participated in the 80th anniversary of Bohol's liberation from Japanese occupation during World War II held at the Seaport in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, on 05 May 2025.

This historic event was commemorated through various activities organized by the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) and local government units, reflecting the province's enduring spirit of resilience and patriotism.

The activity began with a solemn flag-raising ceremony, followed by a wreath-laying. Families, veterans, and local officials gathered to honor the sacrifices of those who fought for the province's

freedom. The highlight of the ceremony was a keynote address by a prominent veteran, who shared poignant stories of courage and unity during the liberation efforts.

As Bohol reflects on this significant anniversary, the 80th Liberation Day serves as a reminder of the province's unwavering commitment to freedom and the valor of its people. The events of May 25, 1945, continue to inspire Boholanos to uphold the values of courage, unity, and patriotism in the face of challenges. Through these commemorations, Bohol not only honors its past but also ensures that the lessons learned continue to guide future generations in safeguarding the peace and freedom they enjoy today.



HARNESSING EXPERIENCE: PNP RETIREES AS POTENTIAL KEY PLAYERS IN THE ARMY RESERVE

The 703rd Community Defense Center, 7RCDG, RESCOM, PA spearheaded an Information Drive designed to promote the Philippine Army Reserve Force and spotlight the invaluable contributions retired personnel from the Philippine National Police (PNP) can make to national defense hosted by the Negros Oriental Police Provincial Office under the leadership of PCOL. Ronan R. Claravall on 14 April 2025.

The event brought together a diverse group of participants, including active-duty PNP personnel, retirees, and members of the Negros Oriental Police Retirees and Active Association Inc. Notably present were the association's founder and chairman of the board, retired PBGEN. Rey Lyndon T. Lawas, and its president, retired PBGEN. Julius S. Muñoz.

This initiative underscored the importance of harnessing the wealth of experience and institutional knowledge possessed by retired law enforcement

officers. By integrating them into the Army Reserve Force, the event highlighted a strategic opportunity to enhance national preparedness and bolster community resilience.

The presence of both active and retired police personnel demonstrated a growing recognition of the need for greater synergy between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the PNP. This collaboration not only strengthens homeland security but also reinforces a shared commitment to serving the nation beyond active duty.

As the Philippines continues to address evolving security challenges, programs like this serve as a timely reminder that service does not end with retirement—it evolves. Through initiatives like the Army Reserve integration drive, the legacy of public service carried by PNP retirees can continue to thrive, shaping a stronger and more secure future for all.

AFP RUN VISAYAS 2025: A RESOLUTE STEP TOWARDS UNITY AND PATRIOTISM

The organic personnel of 7th Regional Community Defense Group, RESCOM, PA and 701st Community Defense Center led by Col. Edgar G. Mangabay INF (GSC) PA, Group Commander together with the Reservists of 701st Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion and ROTC Cadets from various ROTC Units under the administration and control of the 701st Community Defense Center, participated in the AFP Run Visayas 2025 with the theme "Heroes with Resolve: Defending our Sovereignty. Protecting our Integrity" in celebration of Visayas Command AFP's 37th Founding Anniversary with Lieut. Gen. Fernando M. Reyeg PA, Commander, VISCOM, AFP held at SM Seaside City Cebu on 30 March 2025.

This meaningful event was participated in by members of the Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, Philippine Air Force, government agencies, and civilians, strengthening nationalism, camaraderie, and community engagement across the Visayas region. Participants ran not only for fitness but also to demonstrate their unwavering support for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in upholding national sovereignty and integrity. Additionally, Reservists served as marshals, crowd control, and medal presenters during the activity.

The AFP Run Visayas 2025 reaffirmed that heroism is not only demonstrated on the battlefield but also through acts of unity, courage, and patriotism that strengthen the fabric of our society. Together, as "Heroes with Resolve," VISCOM and the Filipino people stand committed to a brighter, more secure future.



PHOTO GALLERY AND KINETIC DISPLAY IN CELEBRATION OF VISCOM'S 37TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

The 7th Regional Community Defense Group, Reserve Command, Philippine Army together with the Reservists of 701st Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion and Advance ROTC Officers of Salazar Colleges of Science and Institute of Technology-Main Campus ROTC Unit under the administration and control of the 701st Community Defense Center, participated in the 3-day Photo Gallery and Kinetic Display in celebration of Visayas Command AFP's 37th Founding Anniversary at the SM Seaside City-Cebu (Seaview Wing), on 26-28 March 2025.

The activity highlighted a Photo Gallery featuring action photos of Reserve and ROTC Units, along with an on-site recruitment drive for interested civilians to join the Reserve Force and the distribution of informational materials.

This activity aims to raise public awareness and understanding of the Reserve Forces' role in national security and emergency response by showcasing their contributions as part of the total Army.

In general the Visayas Command, AFP's objective is to foster greater national cohesion and inspire solidarity among Filipinos. Through this activity, VISCOM seeks to raise awareness on the truth about the West Philippine Sea and strengthen public support for the government's efforts to assert the country's sovereign rights and defend our nation's territorial integrity.

Other Units present during the activity are the following: 3CRG, CRSAFP; 53rd Engineer "Visayas Builders" Brigade, PA; Joint Task Group Cebu; 14th CMOBn, Naval Forces Central, TowCen PAF; Naval Reserve Center Eastern Visayas and 5th Air Reserve Center.





MUSTERING OF 1902ND READY RESERVE BRIGADE

PREPARED BY: MSG RAUL DOLEINDO (INF) PA SGT MAJOR

The 8th Regional Community Defense Group (8RCDG), under the leadership of Col. Castor O. Bahin MI (GSC) PA, successfully conducted the mustering of the 1902nd Ready Reserve Infantry Brigade on May 3, 2025, at Camp Jorge Downes, Ormoc City.

and other significant reservist takeaways. As part of the program, Col. Yabo introduced the newly assigned Reservist Officers and Enlisted Reservists, formally welcoming them to the unit and encouraging their active involvement in all upcoming activities.

The activity was actively participated in by the Brigade's Reservist Officers, headed by Col. Dece M. Yabo INF (GSC) PA, Deputy Brigade Commander. The program featured discussions on Republic Act 7077, policies on RRU personnel attendance,

Col. Yabo emphasized that the mustering aimed to assess the current strength of the unit, update personal records, reiterate standing policies and directives, and bolster the readiness and commitment of every reservist.



806CDC HONORS NEWLY PROMOTED RESERVE OFFICERS AND MILITARY MEDAL AWARDEES

The 806th Community Defense Center, 8th Regional Community Defense Group, Reserve Command, Philippine Army, held a momentous ceremony to recognize newly Commissioned Officers and military medal awardees during a simultaneous mustering activity at Headquarters, 806CDC, Barangay Larrazabal, Naval, Biliran. The event commenced with welcome remarks from Maj. Alton V Durano PA (RES), Executive Officer, 806th Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion and Commandant of the BiPSU-Main Campus ROTC Unit. In his address, Maj Durano expressed heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering dedication, voluntary service, and sacrifices of the reservists in service to the province and people of Biliran.

The Biliran Province State University Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets extended warm congratulations to their alumni, who were formally donned with their new ranks as newly commissioned officers in the Reserve Force, Armed Forces of the Philippines. Also recognized during the ceremony were the Graduate Military Assistants (GMAs), who were awarded the Military Merit Medal for their exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the unit and community.

A key highlight of the program was the formal recognition of newly commissioned Reserve Officers and the pinning of military medals. Honored as newly commissioned officers from the BiPSU ROTC Unit alumni were; 2nd Lieut. Warren Delantar PA (RES), 2nd Lieut. Vincent Catcharo PA (RES), and 2nd Lieut. Devino Estomago PA (RES). Military Merit Medals were conferred upon both commissioned officers and enlisted personnel from the 806RRIBn, as well as to the GMAs from BiPSU-ROTCU, in acknowledgment of their commitment to service and civic engagement.

Serving as the Guest of Honor and Speaker, Lieut. Col. Gerardo G. Paghid PA (RES), Executive Officer, 1902nd Ready Reserve Infantry Brigade, underscored the significance of the ranks attained. He urged the awardees to take pride in their achievements, which are the result of their perseverance, dedication, and continued service to the nation.



1ST INFANTRY (TABAQ) DIVISION COMMENDS 9RCDG FOR RESERVE FORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

9RCDG



Maj. Gen. Yegor Rey P. Baroquillo Jr. PA, Commander of the 1st Infantry “TABAQ” Division, in his visit to the 9th Regional Community Defense Group (9RCDG) on 28 June 2025, commended the unit for its dedicated efforts in strengthening the Reserve Force in Zamboanga Peninsula, a significant stride in preparing the reservists for their effective integration to the regular force during national emergencies. Likewise, he expressed his appreciation to the 9RCDG troops for their participation in the Division’s security operations during the national and local elections 2025.

He recognized the importance of maintaining a responsive and capable Reserve Force, especially amid growing national security challenges. To further enhance readiness and integration, Maj. Gen. Baroquillo emphasized the need to develop a training program that would allow reservists to gain first-hand experience in security

operations alongside regular troops. As part of this initiative, he included in the Division’s training program the participation of selected Commanders and staff officers of a Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion in the context of integration training. This will help Reservist Officers leading a Ready Reserve Unit better understand their vital roles and functions during deployments or when integrated into regular Army units.

In support of this direction, the 902nd Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (RRIBn), including its Commander, staff, and Company Commanders, will take part in the forthcoming Battalion Evaluation Certification Program of a regular battalion of the 1st Infantry Division. With their participation, 9RCDG expects the reservists to gain appreciations necessary in developing reserve units to become operationally ready. 9RCDG has been very thankful to the leadership of the 1st Infantry Division for coming up with programs geared towards the development of the Reserve Force.



STRENGTHENING RESERVIST INTEGRATION: LIVE FIRE EXERCISE WITH 1005TH (MOR) RRIBN & 4FAB IN GINGOOG CITY



As part of the ongoing Reservist Integration program, Major Emil Charlie B. Jaudian, Director of the 1001st Community Defense Center (CDC), led the available Reservists from the 1005th Misamis Oriental Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (RRIBn) and the 4th Field Artillery Battalion (4FAB) in a successful live fire exercise at Sitio Civoleg, Brgy. Lunotan, Gingoog City, on March 29, 2025.



The exercise was spearheaded by Lieut. Col. Victor A. Teleron, FA (GSC)PA, Commanding Officer of 4FAB AAR, PA, along with his Battery Commanders and staff officers. The event also saw the participation of notable military leaders including Lieut. Col. Leoncito I. Grezula, CO, 581B, 41D, PA; Col. Ricky Canatoy, Bde Ex-O, 402Bde; Lieut. Col. Greg L. Peralta (Ret) PA; MINERGY personnel; and other stakeholders of 4FAB.



This live fire exercise marked a major milestone in enhancing the skills and operational readiness of the Reservists, fostering stronger coordination and collaboration among different military units. It showcased the seamless integration of Reservists into active military operations, emphasizing teamwork, discipline, and preparedness.

Such training activities are crucial in ensuring that our reserve forces remain ready, capable, and fully integrated with regular forces, strengthening our national defense capabilities.



11RCDG

RESERVISTS IN DAVAO CITY ENHANCED WARFIGHTING CAPABILITIES THROUGH MORTAR GUNNERY TRAINING

In pursuit of developing a resilient and combat-ready reserve force, 25 Reservist personnel from the 2202nd Ready Reserve Infantry Brigade and the 1105th Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion successfully completed a two-day Mortar Gunnery Orientation Training held from May 17 to 18, 2025, at Headquarters 1105CDC, 11RCDG, RESCOM, PA in Brgy. 76-A, SIR, Bucana, Davao City.

This specialized training, conducted under the supervision of the 1105th Community Defense Center, 11th Regional Community Defense Group, was implemented in line with the “Train Your Own Reserve Force” concept, an initiative of the Reserve Command, Philippine Army, aimed at enhancing the operational capabilities of Reservists through continuous and progressive training.

The program was made possible through the support and collaboration of the 2nd Field Artillery Battalion of the Army Artillery Regiment and the 27th Infantry

Battalion, 10ID, which provided instructors and logistical support throughout the training.

During the closing ceremony, Lieut. Col. Eliezer M. Bejarin (INF) GSC PA, Executive Officer of the 1003rd Infantry Brigade, served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. In his message, he underscored the critical role of the Reserve Force as an integral part of the Total Force Concept, emphasizing their indispensable contribution to the Armed Forces of the Philippines’ mission of national defense and internal security.

Meanwhile, Col. Reandrew P. Rubio (INF) GSC PA, Director of the 1105CDC, emphasized that this training is not merely a routine activity, but a clear manifestation of the unit’s commitment to its mandate—to organize, train, and develop reservists into a disciplined and responsive force ready to answer the call of duty whenever and wherever needed.

RESERVIST PERSONNEL COMPLETED TESDA CERTIFIED SMAW NC-I

A total of 21 Reservist personnel from the 1105th Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion under the administrative supervision of 1105th Community Defense Center, 11th Regional Community Defense Group, Reserve Command, Philippine Army successfully completed the Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) National Certificate I (NC I) training under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) on May 06, 2025 held at Brgy Baliok, Talomo District, Davao City with Dir. Ramon Evan T. Ruiz, Regional Director, TESDA XI as the Guest of Honor and Speaker.

The graduates were led by TSg Manuel T Pradi PA (Res) supervised by SSg Trifino F Cacdac II (Inf) PA, CMO NCO, 1105CDC, 11RCDG, RESCOM, PA. Likewise, the said training was conducted by the ENDONELA Institute of Technology Foundation, Inc based in Brgy Bago Aplaya, Talomo District as implementing and partner institution of TESDA.

On the other hand, Advance ROTC Cadets from the Rizal Memorial Colleges ROTC Unit, led by Cadet

Lieutenant Colonel Aedrielle G. Wacan 1CL rendered ceremonial duties by providing the Entrance and Exit of Colors during the said event.

Further, Col. Reandrew P. Rubio INF (GSC) PA, Director, 1105CDC, 11RCDG expressed his utmost gratitude to ENDONELA and TESDA for the partnership, collaboration, and opportunity to provide skills training for the reservist personnel.



ARMY RESERVISTS ATTEND CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS SEMINAR AT UNIVERSITY OF MINDANAO

The 2202nd Ready Reserve Infantry Brigade under the supervision of the 1105CDC, 11RCDG, RESCOM, PA in partnership with the University of Mindanao (UM) conducted Cybersecurity Awareness Seminar held at the University of Mindanao, Matina Campus Davao City on May 17, 2025.

The training was facilitated by Dr. Rowela C. Pecson, an expert in digital forensics and cybersecurity. She is also a Certified Digital Forensic Incident Response Specialist and part of the faculty of the U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. Pecson is a Professor in the University of Mindanao's MSCJ and PhD programs.

A total of 35 Reservist personnel from 2202nd Ready Reserve Infantry Brigade and 1105th Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion led by LTC WILLIAM A. REVISA PA (RES), Opns Officer and SSg Trifino F. Caccac II (Inf) PA, CMO NCO of 1105CDC participated in the said awareness seminar.

The initiative aimed to enhance cybersecurity literacy and preparedness among Philippine Army reservists, empowering them with knowledge on digital threats, cyber hygiene, and incident response.

This event marks another milestone of the Reserve Force as we continue to partner and engage the different sectors to provide relevant, mission-critical training in an increasingly digital world.



12RCDG DEMONSTRATES STRENGTH IN FINAL PHASE OF MARINE EXERCISE 2025

12RCDG



The 12th Regional Community Defense Group (12RCDG), led by Col. Florencio P. Politud Jr. INF (GSC) PA, took part in the culminating phase of Marine Exercise 2025 in Barangay Penansaran, Datu Blah Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, on April 9, 2025.

In coordination with the Philippine and U.S. Marine Corps, the team executed a full mission profile that included an amphibious assault and mechanized infantry operations which was designed to simulate a high-risk coastal security scenario. The exercise featured strategic reconnaissance, force insertion, and combined ground assaults, followed by artillery and mechanized reinforcements to secure the objective.

The live-fire phase showcased the Philippine Army's growing capabilities, with impressive use of 105mm and 155mm Howitzers. The 12RCDG's participation underscored the vital role of reserve forces in enhancing the nation's defense posture.

More than a display of tactical skill, the exercise embodied the enduring commitment of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to operational preparedness, joint force cooperation, and national security. It was a clear reflection of the spirit behind the line: *"Sa Manlulupig, Di Pasisil!"*

In every mission, our soldiers, active and reserve, stand ready to defend and serve.



RESERVISTS AND ROTC CADETS JOIN 83RD ARAW NG KAGITINGAN COMMEMORATION



Reservists and ROTC cadets under the 12th Regional Community Defense Group (12RCDG) took part in the 83rd Araw ng Kagitingan (Day of Valor) commemoration on 09 April 2025, alongside personnel from Community Defense Centers (CDCs), members of the Philippine Veterans Association, retirees, and other stakeholders, they gathered to honor the bravery of Filipino soldiers, especially those who fought in the Battle of Bataan during World War II. The event served as a solemn reminder of their heroism and sacrifice.

Led by Col. Florencio P. Politud Jr., the 12RCDG proudly represented the Reserve Force in this national observance. Their presence reflected the continuing role of reservists and ROTC cadets in upholding patriotism and civic duty. The ceremony also highlighted the importance of remembering the past while inspiring younger generations to serve with honor and dedication.

The participation of ROTC cadets added a strong youth presence to the event, symbolizing the passing of the torch to future defenders of the nation. Their involvement, along with that of reservists, emphasizes the enduring spirit of nationalism and the shared responsibility to preserve the freedom that Filipino heroes fought for.



12RCDG PERSONNEL UNDERGO 1ST SEMESTER PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

Officers and Enlisted Personnel of the 12th Regional Community Defense Group (12RCDG), Reserve Command, Philippine Army, participated in the 1st Semester Physical Fitness Test (PFT) on May 17, 2025. The activity was conducted by the 6th Installation Management Battalion at the 12RCDG Headquarters in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat. This test is a regular requirement to assess the physical readiness of military personnel.

The PFT included three main components: two-minute push-ups, two-minute sit-ups, and a 3.2-kilometer run. These exercises measure strength, endurance, and stamina, key qualities for every soldier. Under the leadership of Col. Florencio P. Politud Jr., the 12RCDG emphasized the importance of physical fitness in meeting the challenges of training and operational duties.

The successful conduct of the fitness test highlighted 12RCDG's commitment to maintaining high standards of discipline and readiness. Through regular fitness activities, the unit ensures its personnel remain mission-ready and capable of serving effectively as part of the Philippine Army's Reserve Force.



NCRRCDG CONDUCTED STATIC DISPLAY EXHIBIT TO COMMEMORATE THE 127TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

The National Capital Region Regional Community Defense Group (NCRRCDG), Reserve Command, Philippine Army, under the dynamic leadership of Col. Ferdinand Rey G. Ga MNSA (ART) PA, Group Commander took great pride in participating in the 127th Independence Day celebration on June 10-11, 2025 at Rizal Park, Manila.

The NCRRCDG marked the occasion by presenting a Static Display Exhibit that highlighted the invaluable role of the Reserve Force. One of the event's key features was the remarkable exhibit presented by the Search and Rescue Unit of Alpha Company, 1303rd Ready Reserve Infantry Brigade (RRIBde), 1303rd Community Defense Center (CDC). This display showcased the advanced equipment and operational expertise of the unit in emergency response and disaster rescue operations.

In addition to the Search and Rescue Unit, the exhibit featured displays from the University of Santo Tomas (UST) ROTC Unit and the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP) ROTC Unit. These exhibits focused on the historical significance of the ROTC, the uniforms worn by cadets, and the comprehensive

training and activities that form an integral part of their service to the nation. By showcasing the development of young Reservists and their contributions to national defense, these displays provided valuable insight into the importance of ROTC in nation-building.

The exhibit also included a broad array of military equipment, informative materials, and engaging demonstrations. These efforts were aimed at raising public awareness of the Reserve Force's pivotal role in ensuring national security, enhancing disaster preparedness, and supporting community resilience. Through these interactive displays, visitors ranging from families and students to tourists had the opportunity to engage directly with reservists and learn about the Citizen Army's diverse capabilities and its enduring contributions to the country.

This year's Independence Day exhibit stands as a testament to the NCRRCDG's unwavering commitment to patriotism and the legacy of those who fought for the Philippines' freedom. It is a clear demonstration of the Reserve Command's ongoing efforts to honor the sacrifices of past heroes while emphasizing the active role of the Reserve Force in the continuing defense and development of the nation.





CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY: 14RCDG HONORING LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT

WRITTEN BY: CPL MA. ANABEN M RACAL (DS) PA

A significant milestone marked the history of the 14th Regional Community Defense Group (14RCDG) during the Change of Command Ceremony, as Col. Arnel B. Cabugon INF (GSC) PA relinquished his post as Group Commander and Col. Oscar B. Balignasay Jr. GSC (INF) PA assumed the role of Acting Group Commander. Maj. Gen. Ramon P. Zagala PA, Commander of the Reserve Command, Philippine Army, presided over the event.

Col. Cabugon has dedicated his leadership and expertise to the 14RCDG, guiding the unit through numerous challenges and accomplishments. His unwavering commitment to service and exemplary leadership have left an indelible mark on the organization and its personnel. Under his

command, the group has strengthened its operational capabilities and fostered a culture of discipline and camaraderie. On his speech, Col. Cabugon share the spirit of Seneca's words, stating, *"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."* He expressed full confidence in Col. Balignasay, describing him as a dependable Deputy Group Commander and Director of the 1404th Community Defense Center (CDC), who has consistently demonstrated steady leadership and a deep commitment to the mission and welfare of the 14RCDG personnel.

In his inaugural address, COL Balignasay articulated a profound commitment to his role as

the incoming Acting Group Commander, emphasizing his dual responsibility as both a leader and a steward of the organization's esteemed traditions. *"As I assume the mantle of leadership, I stand before you not only as a commander, but a steward of tradition, transformation and national service. Our Reserve Force is a vital pillar of our defense, quiet yet unwavering, ready yet often unseen. In this new chapter, we embark on a mission not merely of maintenance but of bold advancement. Together, we will elevate our relevance, reinforce our readiness and redefine what it means to serve with honor and excellence. My leadership will be guided by openness to innovation, firm enforcement of discipline and unity of purpose. I commit to lead the 14RCDG guided by the principles of CAR (C, A and R) Competence, Accountability and Readiness."* These will serve as

the foundation of our actions guided by the command thrusts of Reserve Command Philippine Army.

The ceremony not only celebrated the achievements of the outgoing commander but also signified a renewed commitment to excellence and service under new leadership. Col. Cabugon's contributions leave a lasting legacy, while Col. Balignasay's assumption of command signals a promising chapter of continued progress and transformation for the 14RCDG.

The Change of Command stands as a testament to the Philippine Army's tradition of leadership, service, and continuity. The future of the 14RCDG now rests in capable hands, guided by enduring values and a shared commitment to national service.

1403RD RRIBN AND CDC JOIN BRIGADA ESKWELA 2025 IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE

WRITTEN BY: PVT DEE A AYOCHOK PA (RES)

Demonstrating their unwavering commitment to both community and nation, the 1403rd Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (RRIBn) and the 1403rd Community Defense Center (CDC), under the 14th Regional Community Defense Group (RCDG) of the Reserve Command, Philippine Army, actively participated in the 2025 Brigada Eskwela across various schools in Mountain Province. Personnel from the 1403rd RRIBn and CDC dedicated their time and effort to help prepare learning spaces



for the upcoming school year in the following institutions:

- Mountain Province General Comprehensive High School (MPGCHS)
- Am-am National High School
- Saclit National High School
- Mountain Province SPED Center
- Talubin National High School

Alongside school staff, parents, and volunteers, the 1403rd RRIBn and CDC participated in activities such as classroom and campus cleaning, drainage clearing, facility repair and repainting, and minor construction works. Their collective effort not only improved the physical learning environment but also fostered a renewed spirit of bayanihan within the community.

These contributions reflect a commitment that extends beyond military duty—proving that service also means building brighter futures through education and unity.

Brigada Eskwela remains a shining example of partnership between the military and the community—a reminder that the journey of learning begins not only with books and teachers but also with clean, safe, and nurturing learning spaces.



HONORING COURAGE AND LEGACY: 83RD ARAW NG KAGITINGAN COMMEMORATION

WRITTEN BY: PVT DEE A AYOCHOK PA (RES)



In honor of the bravery and heroism of our veterans, those who have fallen, those who stood their ground, and those who continue to carry the legacy, the 1403rd Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (RRIBn) and the 1403rd Community Defense Center (CDC), under the 14th Regional Community Defense Group (RCDG), Reserve Command, Philippine Army, actively participated in the 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* commemoration on April 9, 2025, held at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument, Provincial Plaza, Bontoc, Mountain Province.

This year's theme, "*Kabayanihan ng Beterano, Sandigan ng Kaunlaran ng Bagong Pilipinas*," pays tribute to the selfless sacrifices of our veterans whose courage laid the foundation for the nation's continued freedom.

Spearheaded by the Veterans Federation of the Philippines - Mountain Province District, the ceremony was filled with solemnity and patriotism.

Highlights included the wreath-laying ceremony led by Congressman Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Provincial Administrator John K. Likigan (representing Governor Bonifacio C. Lacwasan, Jr.), and Mayor Jerome B. Tudlong, Jr., the firing of volleys, the playing of TAPS, and floral offerings at the Mountain Province Veterans Memorial Park.

Also present were the Charlie Coy, 54th Infantry Battalion, 51D, PA, Mountain Province PPO, Provincial Officials, and members of the community—united in honoring the sacrifices and heroism that continue to shape our nation's path forward.





ELEVATING RESERVIST LEADERSHIP: 1701CDC COMMENCES CRUCIAL TRAINING AND RECOGNIZES PROMOTIONS



The 1701st Community Defense Center, 17RCDG, RESCOM, Philippine Army, commenced its Reservists Leadership Training in Brgy. Tigkan, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro, alongside a unit mustering on 10 May 2025. The training began with 2 Reservist Officers and 27 Enlisted Reservists, reinforcing the commitment to developing capable and mission-ready reserve forces.

A highlight of the event was the donning of ranks for 3 newly commissioned Reservists from Charlie Company, 1701st Ready Reserve Battalion—symbolizing both individual achievement and professional growth across the ranks.

Lieut. Col. Mendoza addressed the troops, underscoring the vital role of Senior NCOs in small unit operations. He stressed their responsibility to support officers, ensure mission success, and uphold troop welfare.

This training aims to enhance the operational readiness of reservist units, emphasizing leadership development, especially among NCOs, to meet the demands of humanitarian, disaster response, and territorial defense missions.

The integrated event reflects the 17RCDG's strategic investment in a professional, responsive, and resilient reserve force, ready to support national and community security.

1703RD CDC ENGAGES IN WEST PHILIPPINES SEA ADVOCACY FORUM IN PALAWAN

The 1703rd Community Defense Center (CDC), 17RCDG, RESCOM, Philippine Army, actively participated in the “West Philippine Sea Atin 'To” Talks held at the SM Event Center, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, on 09 April 2025. The forum aimed to raise public awareness on national sovereignty and was part of the JCI Puerto Princesa Oil’s Peace Advocacy Program under the “*Panatang Makabayan*” Project, in line with the Araw ng Kagitingan and JCI Week celebration.

Led by Lieut. Col. Magdalena H. Custodio, Director of 1703CDC, and supported by 1703rd RRIBn personnel under Lieut. Col. Niño Rey C. Estoya, the Reserve Force emphasized the Philippine Army’s active role in civil-military engagements that promote national interest, peace, and informed public discourse.

Their involvement reflects RESCOM’s continuing efforts to support strategic communication and foster a unified stance on key national security issues, particularly in defending the country’s territorial integrity.



1601RRIBN SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS BATTALION SUSTAINMENT TRAINING

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The training formally opened on 12 April 2025, graced by Col. Samar R. Gayak Jr. GSC (ART) PA as keynote speaker. He emphasized the vital role of Reservists in national development, disaster response, and community service. Over the course of the training, various lectures and practical exercises were conducted including topics on First Aid and Basic Life Support, Signal Communication, Bomb Awareness, Map Reading, and Weapons Familiarization (M16). Guest speakers from NICA-BARMM also conducted an Information Education Campaign for the reservists.

The 1601st Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (RRIBn), under the supervision of the 1601 Community Defense Center (CDC), 16th Regional Community Defense Group (RCDG), successfully conducted its Battalion Sustainment Training (BST) from 12 April to 17 May 2025 at Cotabato State University (CSU) Park, Cotabato City. Before the training, a series of planning and coordination meetings were held to ensure the smooth conduct of the activity, culminating in a final briefing on 08 April 2025 led by Col. Samad R. Gayak Jr. GSC (ART) PA, Director of 1601 CDC.

The training concluded with Integration and Marksmanship Firing at 6DTS, 6ID, and a Closing Ceremony held on 17 May 2025, with Col. Moh. Yusop R. Hasan (GSC) PA, Group Commander of 16RCDG, as the guest of honor. In his message, Col. Hasan encouraged the Reservists to uphold the values of professionalism, integrity, and excellence, and reaffirmed their crucial role as first responders and force multipliers in the region. The Battalion Sustainment Training served not only to refresh the skills of the Reservists but also to strengthen their commitment to service and readiness to respond to the needs of their communities.





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PSU- LINGAYEN DEFENDS TITLE IN RAATI 2025

The 1st Regional Community Defense Group (1RCDG), RESCOM, PA, hosted the Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI)—an annual evaluation showcasing the training and discipline of ROTC units, from April 4 to May 10, 2025,

A total of 12 activated ROTC units from five Community Defense Centers (CDCs) competed, with ceremonial evaluators from the 5th Infantry “STAR” Division and 7th Infantry “KAUGNAY” Division ensuring a fair and thorough assessment.

Emerging as overall champion was the PSU-Lingayen ROTC Unit of the 104th CDC, known as PSU-ILAB (Infanta, Lingayen, Alaminos, Binmaley campuses). With eight wins out of eleven categories, they successfully defended their title for the second consecutive year.

The University of Luzon (UL) ROTC Unit (105th CDC) followed as 1st Runner-up, while PhilCST (104th CDC) and DMMMSU-MLUC (103rd CDC) claimed 2nd and 3rd Runner-up, respectively.

Beyond competition, RAATI 2025 highlighted the dedication, teamwork, and leadership potential of the Corps of Cadets, underscoring the continuous commitment to excellence in ROTC training.

ROTC UNITS IN REGION 2 EXCEL IN RAATI 2025

With sharp uniforms, precise drills, and well-prepared reports, ROTC cadets across Region 2 showcased their year-long training during the 2025 Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI).

Conducted annually by the 2nd Regional Community Defense Group, Reserve Command, Philippine Army, RAATI assesses all activated ROTC units in Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, and Quirino. The inspection evaluates each unit's readiness, discipline, and operational efficiency, focusing on both administrative and tactical components.

Cadets were assessed in ceremonial parade, inspection in ranks, company drills, map reading, theoretical exams, knot tying, first aid, M16 assembly/disassembly, and raid and ambush scenarios. Administrative records and unit management were also thoroughly reviewed to ensure compliance with AFP standards.

Two RAATI teams led the inspection: Team 1 headed by Col. Camilo A. Saddam INF (GSC) PA and Team 2 by Col. Jesus C. Pagala MNSA PA.

Inspections ran from April 28 to May 23, 2025, with the following notable scores:

- Nueva Vizcaya State University–Bambang: 97.12% (Highest)
- Purisimo L. Tiam College–Solano: 97.08%
- Nueva Vizcaya State University–Bayombong: 96.62%
- King's College of the Philippines–Bambang: 96.39%
- CSU–Carig: 96.44%
- Other campuses scored between 94.04% and 95.89%

Each visit involved detailed evaluations of cadet performance and program management. Nueva Vizcaya State University–Bambang emerged as top performer, demonstrating exceptional discipline and teamwork.

The success of RAATI 2025 highlights the enduring partnership between the military, schools, and local institutions in shaping youth through the ROTC program. More than an inspection, RAATI reinforces the mission of building disciplined, capable future leaders for the nation.



TRINIDAD MUNICIPAL COLLEGE ROTC UNIT TOPS RAATI 2025 WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE OF 97.07%.”

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The RAATI aims to evaluate the efficiency, discipline, and administrative capabilities of ROTC units across the region. The inspection covers areas such as military courtesy and discipline, personnel and logistics readiness, disaster response, tactical drills, and community engagement.

The Trinidad Municipal College ROTC Unit was subsequently proclaimed the Outstanding ROTC Unit in Region 7, with the highest average score of 97.07%.

The 3rd Infantry Division, Philippine Army head by Col. Lennon G. Babilonia (MNSA) PA, RAATI Chairperson 2025, conducted Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection 2025 for the various activated ROTC Units under the supervision and control of 7th Regional Community Defense Group, RESCOM, PA in Region 7.

RAATI 2025 highlighted the ROTC Unit's outstanding discipline, excellence, and commitment to military training. The Trinidad Municipal College ROTC Unit was recognized as the Outstanding ROTC Unit during the recently concluded inspection. The evaluation was conducted by the 3rd Infantry Division, Philippine Army through the collaborative efforts of the 7th Regional Community Defense Group.





MSU-MARAWI TOPS RAATI 2025 AMONG ROTC UNITS IN BARMM

The 16th Regional Community Defense Group (16RCDG), under the leadership of Col. Moh. Yusop R. Hasan MI (GSC) PA, Group Commander, successfully conducted the Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI) 2025 from May to June 2025, in coordination with the 1st Infantry Division and 6th Infantry Division, Philippine Army. The series of inspections evaluated the performance, discipline, and administrative readiness of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) units across key institutions in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

RAATI is a yearly assessment conducted to ensure that ROTC units meet the standards of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, focusing on both administrative procedures and tactical competencies. It also serves to reinforce leadership, discipline, and excellence among cadet corps. RAATI inspections were carried out under the supervision of designated RAATI Chairmen: Col. Ruben G. Aquino GSC (INF) PA, Assistant Division Commander for Reservist and Retiree Affairs (ADC RRA), 6ID, PA; and Col. Pompeyo Jason M. Almagro MNSA (INF) PA, ADC RRA, 1ID, PA.

The 2025 inspection covered five participating schools: Mindanao State University – Marawi, Mindanao State University – Maguindanao, Upi Agricultural School, Cotabato State University (Main Campus), and Mindanao Autonomous College Foundation Inc.

The highlight of the series was the RAATI conducted at Mindanao State University, Marawi, on 27 May 2025, where the unit earned an impressive 97.22%, the highest rating among all participants, and was declared the Top Performing ROTC Unit for RAATI 2025.

The successful conduct of RAATI 2025 reflects the strong commitment of 16RCDG and its partner institutions to developing competent, disciplined, and service-oriented cadets—future leaders who are ready to serve their communities and the nation with integrity and excellence.



BACK TO BACK CHAMPION

MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY – LANAOS DEL NORTE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE “ACTIVATED” ROTC UNIT

The 1002nd Community Defense Center (1002CDC), 10RCDCG, RESCOM, PA, spearheaded by Lt. Col. Rommel A. Endozo GSC (ARM) PA, proudly commends the Mindanao State University – Lanao del Norte Agricultural College “Activated” ROTC Unit for its remarkable achievement as the back-to-back champion in the Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI) 2025, held on May 23, 2025, at the MSU-LNAC Parade Ground.

With an exceptional rating of 98.94%, surpassing last year’s 97.71%, the MSU-LNAC ROTC Unit secured Rank 1 among all ROTC units in the region, exemplifying the highest standards in ROTC training and operational readiness. This victory marks the second consecutive year the unit has emerged as overall champion, an outstanding testament to their discipline, teamwork, and commitment to ROTC excellence.

The RAATI 2025 Inspection was chaired by Col. Rey P. Pasco GSC (INF) PA, Assistant Division Commander for Reservist and Retiree Affairs, 4th Infantry Division, Philippine Army. Together with the RAATI inspection team, he rigorously assessed the administrative preparedness, tactical proficiency, and leadership capabilities of the participating cadet unit.

The 1002CDC extends its congratulations to the leadership of Lt. Col. Indihra B. Dimaporo-Tawantawan PA (Res), Campus Head and Deputy

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Brigade Commander, 2001st RRIbde for the unwavering support and exemplary guidance that contributed to the unit's success.

This achievement reflects not only the dedication of MSU-LNAC ROTC cadets and training staff but also the sustained partnership between the academe and the Philippine Army in building a strong, competent, and service-oriented Reserve Force.

The 1002CDC remains steadfast in its mission to develop capable leaders and committed citizen-soldiers who will serve the nation with honor and integrity

5RCDG HOLDS RAATI AWARDING CEREMONY

The 5th Regional Community Defense Group (5RCDG), Reserve Command, Philippine Army, conducted the RAATI Awarding Ceremony on May 10, 2025, at the Officers Clubhouse, 9th Infantry "Spear" Division, Camp Elias Angeles, Pili, Camarines Sur. The event honored the top-performing ROTC Units during the School Year 2024-2025 Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI), with Maj. Gen. Noe Alberto Q. Peñafiel PA, Commander of the 9ID, serving as Guest of Honor and Speaker.

Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA)-Sipocot ROTC Unit was hailed Champion, followed by Bicol University and Tiwi Community College as first and third runners-up, respectively. Sixteen ROTC Units across Bicol Region participated, earning various distinctions in ceremonial and tactical excellence. MGEN PEÑAFIEL praised the ROTC's role in cultivating discipline, leadership, and patriotism among youth-key to nation-building and service.



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RAATI OF BSU-ROTCU

WRITTEN BY: C/CPT DELMAR W MANONDOY, 2CL

Benguet State University-Reserved Officers Training Corps Unit, 26 April 2025 successfully conducted its Regional Annual Administrative and Tactical Inspection (RAATI) with KCP-ROTCU, UB-ROTCU and CCDC-ROTCU held at Benguet State University Oval, Km 6, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The BSU-ROTCU proudly showcased the culmination of their months of training during the Annual RAATI Evaluation, highlighted by a Ceremonial Parade, Small Unit Tactics demonstration, Basic Life Support, Company Drill, Assembly and Disassembly of M16 Rifles, Arrival of Honor, Map Reading, and Theoretical. It also include the Administrative Inspection.

The program started with the Arrival of Honor ceremony led by C/LTC Russell Dave Camiding 1CL where they respectfully welcomed the RAATI Team Chairman, Col. Camilo A. Saddam GSC (INF) PA, ADCRAA, 5ID, PA.

During the event, various guests gave a message to the cadets. The Benguet State University President Dr. Kenneth A. Laruan gave a message about his experience as a cadet, emphasizing the unparalleled discipline fostered within ROTC. "Standing here in front of you brings me back to my high school days. Before, I joined CAT and with hard work and consistency I became a Corps Commander. I also joined BSU ROTC in College. ROTC is the best component of NSTP in terms of discipline. Joining these organizations is not a waste of time but an opportunity to discipline, improve yourself, and serve as a stepping stone for me to become a person I am today."

I know how much effort you need to pour for you to stand here today. I hope you apply what you have learned to your daily lives,” he continued. He also mentioned that those who are from ROTC are the best when it comes to discipline. He lauded ROTC not only for its training but also for the multiple career paths it opens to its graduates. He spoke of numerous individuals who, despite holding advanced degrees, chose the fulfilling path of the military service, demonstrating the program’s profound impact on shaping lives and careers.

The event concluded with the much-anticipated

announcement of the scores, culminating in a well-deserved celebration. The ROTC Cadets, brimming with pride and accomplishment, then performed a vibrant and energetic grand march, their jubilant steps reflecting their successful completion of the RAATI. The celebratory atmosphere underscored the collective effort and dedication displayed throughout the competition, creating a memorable and uplifting finale to a successful event. The grand march served as a fitting culmination, symbolizing both individual achievement and the strong camaraderie within the BSU-ROTCU.





MPSU-ROTC RETAINS RAATI CHAMPION TITLE WITH RECORD-BREAKING 98.9% SCORE

WRITTEN BY: MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY

The Mountain Province State University's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) defended its title as the champion for this year's Regional Annual Administrative Tactical Inspection (RAATI) at Eyeb Grounds, Bontoc, on May 14, 2025. MPSU-ROTC secured the top spot with an overall score of 98.9% in the affiliated level among all participating SUCs in the Cordillera region.

MPSU bested four other SUCs in the region in the areas of company drill, map reading, comprehensive examination, ceremonial, assembling and disassembling of M16, knot tying, Small Unit Tactics, administrative efficiency, arrival honor, inspection, and first aid. Among these areas, three were perfected by the University's ROTC, including the comprehensive examination, assembling and disassembling of the M16, and arrival honor.

University President Dr. Edgar G. Cue, in his message, expressed his gratitude to the Army Reserve Command of the Philippine Army and the Inspection Team. He also commended the ROTC officers' and trainers' efforts and commitment in molding the cadets and fueling their patriotic spirits.

The Inspection Team was led by its chairperson, Col. Camilo A. Saddam GSC (INF) PA. Said inspection was attended by University officials, personnel, students, and the Bontoc community.

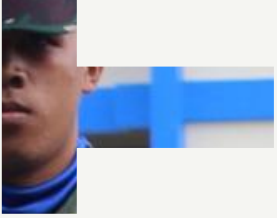
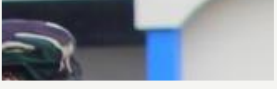
REMEMBER, YOU ARE AN IGOROT CADET AND YOU ARE THE NEW GENERATION OF MOUNTAIN WARRIORS.

-DR. CUE





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A LEGACY OF DISCIPLINE: FROM SMCTI CORPS COMMANDER TO FUTURE JAG OFFICER

Atty. Jammajal Christi Baño Claridad, proud alumna and former Corps Commander of the Saint Mary's College of Tagum, Inc. (SMCTI) ROTC Unit, returned as Guest of Honor and Speaker during the ROTC Closing Ceremony held on April 23, 2025 in Mankilam, Tagum City.

Her ROTC journey began in 2013 at SMCTI, where she quickly rose through the ranks, graduating Top 1 in the Cadet Officer Qualifying Course and later serving as Corps Commander. Her achievements include commendations for academic excellence, a perfect score in RAATI's OPLAN/OPORD exam, and multiple medals for leadership and service.

Now a lawyer and tax specialist, Atty. Claridad is applying to join the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps of the AFP Reserve Force. In her message, she inspired cadets to view ROTC as a stepping stone to greater service and leadership, both in and out of uniform.

Her return to SMCTI was more than a homecoming—it was a powerful reminder that the values instilled through ROTC can shape a lifetime of purpose and patriotism.



8th Regional Community Defense Group

VSU ROTC GIFT GIVING AND FEEDING PROGRAM

PREPARED BY; 2LT NICKO M APOSTOL PA (RES),
ASSISTANT COMMANDANT

The Visayas State University – Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit (VSU-ROTCU), under the leadership of Lieut. Col. Gerrybell P. Porio (INF) PA, Commandant of Cadets, with the assistance of MSg Bongbong R. Galvadores (Inf) PA, Admin NCO, successfully conducted a Gift-Giving and Feeding Program for the Second Semester, School Year 2024 – 2025, on 030700 May 2025 at Gabas Covered Court, Gabas, Baybay City, Leyte.

The activity commenced with the formation and attendance of the Sponsors and Escorts Platoon and the SK Platoon. It was followed by venue preparation and participant management handled by the S&E Committees, while the SK Platoon facilitated the arrival and registration of children aged 5 to 10 years old. Prior to the formal start of the program, the children were engaged in educational games led by the cadets.



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The program formally began with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem followed by Opening Prayer, and a Welcome Address delivered by the event's principal sponsor. A lively Zumba session, TikTok dance challenge, and various interactive games helped energized the young participants. The highlight of the event was the distribution of meals followed by the much-awaited gift-giving, where all children received sets of school supplies.

This initiative reflects the VSU-ROTC Unit's ongoing commitment to fostering civic engagement, compassion, and social responsibility among cadets while strengthening connections with communities. The program not only brought joy to the children of Barangay Gabas but also nurtured in the cadets a deeper sense of service and leadership—core values aligned with the ROTC's mission of developing well-rounded future leaders.

The activity was led by C/Cpt Mary Gina Fe E. Avila 2CL, Assistant Headquarters Commandant. Pvt Jaycel S. Tamula PA (Res) and Pvt Arjhune P. Jalop PA (Res), Graduate Military Assistants (GMA), ensured the smooth facilitation and coordination of the event.

The VSU-ROTC Unit has the constant support of the Office of the National Service Training Program, headed by Dr. Dario P. Lina, NSTP Director, assisted by Sgt Marlon V Dampios PA (Res), NSTP Clerk, and under the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, led by Dr. Aleli A. Villocino.



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