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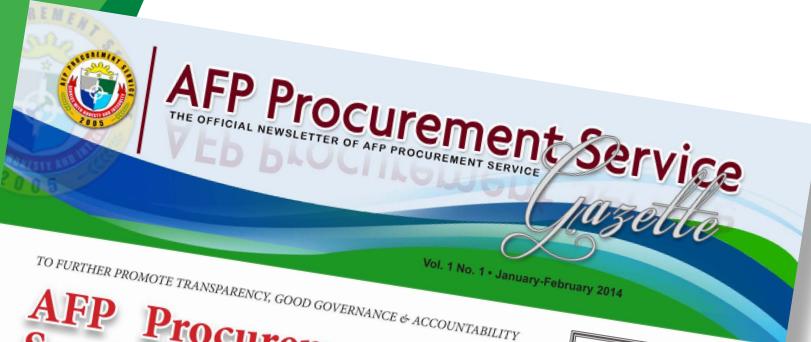
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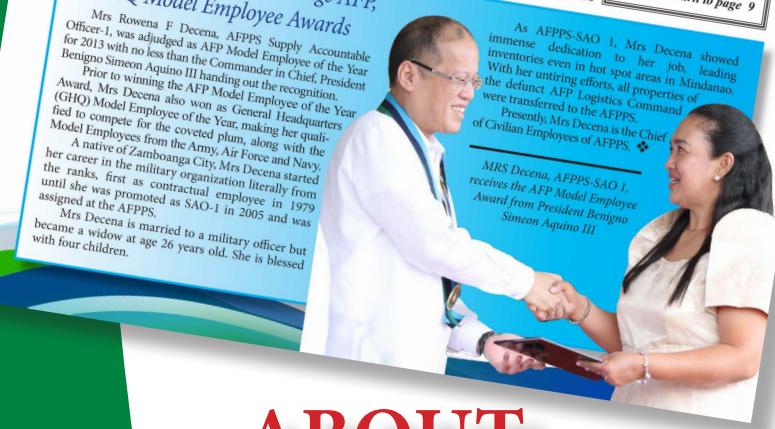
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## ABOUT THE COVER

In our maiden issue, we featured as main story the Service's goal for ISO Certification which is among the priority programs being pursued by the present leadership to further promote transparency, good governance and accountability. We discussed details about the ongoing efforts to achieve the goal through consultations with other concerned agencies.

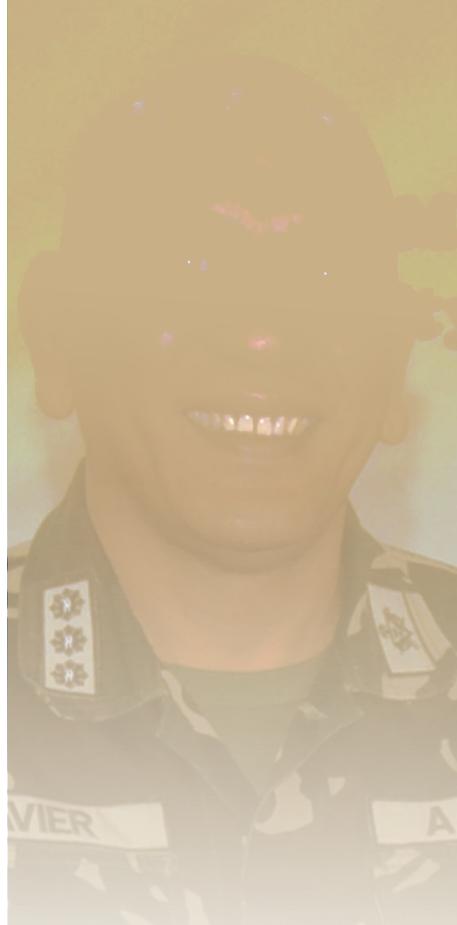
The AFP Procurement Service Gazette will be coming out once every two months to keep all stakeholders in the military procurement well informed and updated of the latest happenings in the Service. For your comments, suggestions and inquiries, please free to contact us at 911-1175 and 911-6001 local 4413/5420 or visit us at afpps@afp.mil.ph

# COMMANDER'S CORNER

COL ALVIN FRANCIS A JAVIER PA (GSC)

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As part of the Service's efforts in promoting transparency, good governance and accountability, we will be publishing the AFP Procurement Service Gazette once every two months.

We will utilize the Gazette as a tool to reach out and engage our stakeholders. It will serve as a "window" of AFPPS, from which the stakeholders can view what's happening in the Service.

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It is very vital to keep everybody –AFPPS personnel, dealer-suppliers and other stakeholders, informed for better procurement processes.

We will be welcoming comments and inquiries from our readers – both from within and outside the military organization especially our partner-suppliers, to better perform our tasks.

The Gazette will also help us inform all stakeholders of what we are doing in the Service.

Through these engagements, we can formulate strategies and innovations to enhance the Service's performance toward transparency, good governance and accountability which will be the primary thrusts of this leadership. ♦

## AFP Procurement Service:

# The beginning

The deactivation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Logistics Command (Logcom) in 2005 gave birth to the AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) on April 16, 2005 pursuant to Section 1 of AFP General Order Number 402.

The activation of the AFPPS was part of the

centralize the procurement system of the AFP with utmost transparency.

From the previous 93 AFP procuring units, the AFPPS now only has four Procurement Centers – one to each of the three major service commands, namely, the Philippine Army, the Philippine Air



military reforms adopted by the AFP leadership through consultations from the stakeholders, including the Feliciano Commission.

With its motto “Service with Honesty and Integrity”, the AFPPS is mandated to streamline and

Force and the Philippine Navy, and another at the General Headquarters in Camp Aguinaldo.

The AFPPS has five Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariats spread to the major branches of

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## ABOUT THE LOGO

The “AFP Procurement Service” in black, bold letters stands for integrity and strong determination of the military and civilian personnel of the Service to promote good governance. The gold background signifies transparency.

The “31 laurel leaves” in green symbolizes the 31 Contracting Offices.

“2005” was the year the AFPPS was activated.

The “rising sun” in yellow signifies new hope, image and reputation of the unit.

“Three stars” also in yellow symbolizes



Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao where AFPPS provide support services to military units.

“People holding hands” signifies the four elements working hand-in-hand for strong AFPPS –the Government, the suppliers and dealers, the AFP personnel and AFPPS personnel.

The “shield”, which is divided into four colors, stands for the four Procurement Centers of AFPPS, one to each for the Army (green), Navy (navy blue), Air Force (light blue) and GHQ (gray).

The logo also carries AFPPS’ motto of “Service with Honesty and Integrity”. ♦

# AFPPS to hire civilian employees

The AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) got the green light from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), through the Office of the AFP Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel or J1, to hire 107 civilian employees to boost its workforce.

This, after several civilian casual employees opted to separate from the Service following implementation of the Government Rationalization Plan while others already reached retirement.

Maj Gerry H Juele (CE) PA, AFPPS Assistant Chief of Procurement Staff for Personnel or PS1, said that the new recruits will address the present vacancies.

"This recruitment is meant to fill vacuum left by those who have left the Service either through retirement or separation," says Maj Juele.

Maj Juele said that the recruitment of 107 civilian employees with permanent status is also in line with the AFPPS Commander's thrust to strengthen the personnel division of the Service by absorbing only the best among the applicants.

"One of the thrusts of the Commander, AFPPS is to increase the current personnel fill-up of the line units," says Maj Juele.

"Likewise, he also directed that only the best shall be selected and accepted to maximize the attainment of the Unit's mission and functions, pave the way for the Command

to look, recruit and hire sixty-nine additional civilian personnel as an addition to the current civilian workforce," adds Maj Juele.

The AFPPS, through its Selection Board, started the selection process for the hiring of civilian personnel through advertisements in the Internet and information disseminations through its military and current pool of civilian personnel wherein 30 applicants signified their intention and submitted their respective resume.

However, only 28 gave positive responses and took the preliminary testing, like essay writing and hands-on computer literacy, and likewise, the same number personally appeared before the local board for interview in order for the Command to determine their fitness prior to final acceptance.

Currently, AFPPS is still accepting more applicants for hiring to permanent positions and is encouraging those interested individuals to submit at the Office of the Assistant Chief of Procurement Staff for Personnel, PS1 (Attn: Chief, Civilian Supervisor) the following basic requirements: (a) Bio-Data, (b) Civil Service Eligibility (CSC Professional or CSC Sub-Professional), (c) Transcript of Records and/or Diploma and (d) Training Certificates (relevant trainings, if any). It can also be reached through the following contact numbers: 911-6001 local 4406/4407/4418, cellular phone number: 09175261438. ♦

## AFPPS donates cash, goods to personnel affected by 'Yolanda'

In sympathy to AFP Procurement Service personnel who fell victims to super typhoon "Yolanda" last November, the AFPPS leadership called for service-wide voluntary donations from those who were spared by the storm.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier, AFPPS Commander, also toned down the Unit's Christmas party and added the



P50,000 allotment for the celebration to the donations.

A total of P125,640 was collected from voluntary donors.

The amount was distributed among 15 AFPPS personnel who were affected by the super typhoon, based on the extent of their losses.

Seven of them received P13,020 each, three were given P6,500 each while five got P3,000 each.

"As one family at AFPPS, and as the father of the Unit, I would like to assure all personnel that the leadership is always ready to provide assistance to those who fall victims to these kinds of disasters," vows Col Javier.

"I would like to thank all who have shared their blessings. With your donations we can provide the much-needed assistance to our brothers and sisters to move on and start a new life," he adds.

The AFPPS leadership also donated grocery items and other relief goods, like clothing, to other victims of super typhoon "Yolanda". ♦



# Mobile phones distributed to all PCs, COs, BAC Secretariats



Col Javier hands over one unit of BlackBerry Curve 9220 to Lt Col Cruz as Col Ares looks on

To establish official mobile contact numbers among its key offices and units, the AFPPS leadership distributed cellular phone units with post paid plans on January 15.

The AFPPS leadership gave away BlackBerry Curve 9220 units to key staff of the Headquarters, Procurement Centers (PCs), Contracting Offices (COs), Post Units and Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariats.

Aside from establishing official mobile contact numbers of key officers and

personnel, the distribution of mobile phone units was also aimed at speeding up the acquisition timeline in procuring various items in the frontline.

“This will boost our efforts of providing timely logistical support to AFP operating units. It will also enhance the communication process, facilitate time-to-time coordination, updating and monitoring of projects in the pipeline,” explains Col Winston A Ares PAF (GSC), AFPPS Deputy Commander. ♦

## Philippine Army Procurement Center eyes computerization

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are scheduled to gather all necessary inputs for the computerization project.

The computerization is expected to be launched in March.

AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) welcomed the move as a huge boost to the Service’s efforts to further promote transparency and accountability in all stages of procurement.

“The computerization will not only

speed up transactions and monitoring of procurement but will boost our efforts toward transparency and accountability in compliance to the ongoing Philippine Army Transformation Roadmap,” says Col Javier.

“I commend the Philippine Army Procurement Center for this project. We intend to implement the same to other Procurement Centers and Contracting Offices,” adds Col Javier. ♦

## The beginning

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service and GHQ, AFP. It has also 28 Contracting Offices stationed in major AFP camps, bases and stations all over the country.

The AFPPS is categorized as an AFP Wide Service Support Unit, tasked to provide the requirements of military units nationwide for the accomplishment of their mission. It is operating under the direct supervision of the AFP Chief of Staff, through the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, J4.

BGen Joseph A Bernardo AFP (RET) was the first AFPPS Commander. He served from April 16, 2005 up to April 14, 2007. He was replaced by BGen Manuelito G Dahan AFP (RET), who led AFPPS until May 9, 2009. The third commander of AFPPS was BGen Bernardino M Ricafrente Jr. AFP (RET), who served from May 9, 2009 to November 3, 2010, followed by BGen Alfredo M Andres AFP (RET) who commanded AFPPS until his retirement last September 18, 2013.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) replaced BGen Andres and is the incumbent AFPPS Commander. ♦

# AFPPS enhances personnel recruitment; OJT, exams for new recruits ordered

To ensure that all its personnel are up to the tasks, the AFPPS leadership has strengthened its recruitment process, implementing on-the-job training (OJT) and subsequent written examination on prospective recruits.

Col Winston A Ares PAF (GSC), AFPPS Deputy Commander, said that the move is part of the innovations introduced by Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) when he assumed office last September.

In his directive, Col Javier orders newly-assigned personnel at AFPPS to undergo at least one month of OJT at the 302nd Contracting Office, General Headquarters Procurement Center and GHQ Bids and Awards Committees 1 and 2 Secretariats.

“Personnel of the above-mentioned units and offices must also allot their time to educate and teach the newly-assigned personnel on the nitty-gritty of the procurement process as properly implemented in their respective offices,” explains Col Ares.



*LT COL MUTLAH administers written examination to personnel of General Headquarters Procurement Center.*

Immediately after the OJT, the new recruits will be made to take written examination and practical exercises to be administered by the Office of PS3.

Col Ares said that the written examination is aimed at determining and gauging the new recruits' understanding and comprehension of the AFP procurement system and Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act in general.

“Those who will fail on the said examination will be given the chance to retake after two weeks of review,” says Col Ares.

Based on the directive issued by Col Alvin Francis A Javier, AFPPS Commander, newly-assigned personnel who still fails in the retake examination will be sent back to their former units before their assignment to AFPPS. The AFPPS Commander also directed that personnel who fail in the said retake will be denied reenlistment into the Regular Force of the AFP. ♦





*MEETING OF THE MINDS*

# AFPPS Procurement Workshop





# AFP Procurement Service vies for ISO Certification

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The AFPPS Commander also stressed that the move to achieve ISO Certification was in support to the transparency program being pushed by AFP Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (J4) MGen Gamaliel S Cruz AFP in all procurement and contracting units of the organization.

Col Javier noted the advantages of obtaining ISO Certification for the AFPPS. With these advantages, however, go the challenges to achieve the goal.

The AFPPS Commander expressed confidence that the Service and its personnel are up to the challenge.

“There is a need for the AFPPS for ISO Certification, the benefits are clear and quantifiable and the AFPPS is ready to take the challenges for ISO Certification,” says Col Javier.

The AFPPS is particularly eyeing ISO 9001-2008 Certification.

“This certification is feasible for the AFPPS with the availability of standard operating procedures, policies and directives. (But) we need personnel commitment and leadership support to achieve this goal,” says Col Javier.

The AFPPS plan to seek ISO Certification was presented to MGen Gamaliel S Cruz AFP, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, J4, last January 17.

The main objective of acquiring ISO Certification is to improve the efficiency and internal management systems of AFPPS. These include timely action on all requests and monitoring of all transactions.

The Service is looking at the shortest possible time in all transactions – from the delivery of goods and services as requested up to the payment.

If certified by the ISO, the AFPPS will significantly reduce the period for the delivery of goods to requesting units from 35 days to only 18 days; shopping and procurement of small value goods from 70 days to 35 days; the evaluation of request from five days to 20 minutes; the production and completion of abstract of canvass from seven days to within an hour or a day, and records verification from seven days to five minutes.

The certification would also systematize tracking of ongoing procurement transactions, standardize awarding of contracts, extension of delivery period, inspection and acceptance of delivered items, among other internal processes in the AFPPS.

Col Javier also stressed that the ISO Certification is aligned with the Philippine Development Project 2011-2016 which promotes effective and honest governance by enhancing and standardizing the quality of public service delivery.

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*Courtesy Call to BGen Rene E Santos  
AFP, Wing Commander, 420th Supply Wing, PAF, Clark Air Base, Pampanga*



*201st CO visit Clark Air Base, Pampanga*

TO MAINTAIN HIGH PERSONNEL MORALE

## *AFPPS chief visits PCs, COs; calls on AFP commanders*

As part of the efforts to boost the morale of the Service's personnel in the field, AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) has been doing the rounds in various units.

Col Javier has visited several Procurement Centers (PCs) and Contracting Offices (COs) since assuming office in September.

"We will continue doing the rounds until we are able to visit all our offices down the line. This is to boost the morale of our personnel by personally interacting with



*408th CO visit PSG, Malacañang Park, Manila*

them on a regular basis to know their concerns," says Col Javier.

The visits also allowed AFPPS Assistant Chief of Procurement Staff for Operations (PS3) Lt Col Benjamin C Mutlah (OS), PA, and AFPPS ACPS for Logistics (PS4) Lt Col Samuel C Pamittan (OS) PA to administer written examination to personnel of PCs and COs to gauge their understanding and comprehension of the AFP Procurement System.

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*Visit of Commander, AFPPS to 112th CO Cp Rigoberto J Atienza, Libis, Quezon City on 28 Nov 2013*



*Visit of Commander, AFPPS to 302nd CO NBC, Fort San Felipe, Cavite City on 30 Jan 2014*

# *AFPPS declares 1st ever RFU Expo a success*

The first ever RFU Expo of the Reimbursable Fund Unit (RFU) 72-100 was held last December 4, with 10 major suppliers and manufacturers participating.

The event, one of the innovations introduced by AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), attracted 350 civilians and military registrants.

One of the highlights of the marketing promotion was the raffle draw. A total of 595 raffle tickets were distributed. The suppliers provided 29 raffle prizes.

Some P43,000 worth goods from various suppliers were sold during the RFU Expo.

The RFU 72-100 Store recorded a significant increase in sales the following week, apparently after creating awareness among clients.

BGen Isagani P Silva AFP, erstwhile Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, J4 and currently the Deputy Commander of the Air Logistics Command, was the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the opening ceremony.



*BGen Isagani P Silva and Col Alvin Francis A Javier lead the ribbon-cutting that marks the opening of the first ever RFU Expo.*

Colonel Jose P Tanjuan Jr PAF (GSC), Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, J4, represented the Guest of Honor and Speaker MGen Gamaliel S Cruz AFP, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, J4, during the closing ceremony.

Maj Julius S Espiritu (QMS) PA is the Commanding Officer of RFU 72-100.

With the success of the first ever RFU Expo, the leadership is inclined to conduct similar activities in the near future. ♦



*Col Javier tours Col Tanjuan around the display area during the first RFU Expo*

TO BETTER EQUIP ITS PERSONNEL

# AFPPS holds PhilGEPS seminar workshop

A two-day seminar workshop on Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) was held on February 18-19 with AFPPS Deputy Commander Col Winston A Ares PAF (GSC) and AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier (GSC) as Keynote Speakers during the opening and closing ceremonies, respectively.

A total of 22 personnel, composed of one officer and 21 enlisted personnel from various Procurement Centers, Contracting Offices and Bids and Award Committees Secretariats completed the seminar workshop.

Col Ares said that the workshop was aimed at equipping AFPPS personnel with the proper knowledge using PhilGEPS and to take advantage of the features and functions of the system to enhance the Service's internal processes.

"The seminar-workshop was meant to gain a better understanding of what the system is all about and to



guide the participants who will be given access to PhilGEPS and to provide ease in navigating through the pages of the web application," says Col Ares.

Guest instructors from PhilGEPS provided the lecture and hands-on training regarding the system. Other lecturers were also present.

"The seminar's learning objectives had been attained with the participants returning to their respective units and offices already possessing additional knowledge, thus are expected to perform their respective tasks with greater effectiveness and efficiency," explains Col Javier.

The Service is planning to conduct similar seminar workshops on a regular basis to instill proper skills to its personnel on using PhilGEPS. ♦



# AFPPS chief visits PCs, COs; calls on AFP commanders

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Among the Procurement Centers and Contracting Offices visited were 201st Contracting Office (February 10) where Col Javier also made a courtesy call to Col John Oliviamor L Estabillo PAF (GSC), Wing Commander, 600th Air Base Wing based in Clark Air Base, Pampanga; 408th CO, at the Presidential Security Group (PSG) in Malacanang Park, Manila where Col Javier also called on Commodore Raul R Ubando AFP, PSG Commander.

Also visited were Philippine Navy Procurement Center, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City; 104th CO at Camp Evangelista in Cagayan de Oro City, where the AFPPS officers made a courtesy call to 4th ID Commander Maj Gen Ricardo R Visaya AFP; Philippine Army Procurement Center in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City (February 18); Philippine Air Force Procurement Center, Col Jesus, Villamor Air Base, Pasay City; 406th CO at the



*Visit of Commander, AFPPS to 104th CO, Cp Edilberto Evangelista, Cagayan de Oro City*



*Visit of Commander, AFPPS to PNPC BNS Fort Andres Bonifacio, Taguig City*



*Visit of Commander, AFPPS to GHQPC, Cp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City*



AFP Medical Center in V. Luna, Quezon City (January 21); General Headquarters Procurement Center in Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo; 302nd CO at Fort San Felipe, Cavite City; 111th CO in Camp Natividad, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon; and 112th CO at Camp Rigoberto Atienza in Libis, Quezon City. ♦



*Visit of Commander, AFPPS to 406th CO AFPMC Compound, V-Luna Road, Quezon City on 21 Jan 2014*

# Commander's PROFILE

**C**OLONEL ALVIN FRANCIS A JAVIER PA (GSC) is the 5th Commander of the AFP Procurement Service since its activation in 2005. He took over on September 18, 2013. Prior to his appointment, he was the Commander and General Manager of the AFP Commissary and Exchange Service.

Colonel Javier holds the distinct record of having served as Head Executive Assistant to three AFP Chiefs of Staff, namely, GENERALS Ricardo A David AFP, Eduardo SL Oban Jr. AFP, and Jessie D Dellosa AFP from 01 July 2010 to 15 May 2012.

Other previous assignments are the following: From 01 August 1999 to 30 March 2003, he served as Assistant and later as Logistics Officer of the AFP Medical Center at V. Luna, Quezon City; Chief of the Office of the Inspector General from 26 January 2004 to 16 April 2004 and Chief Logistics Officer of the AFP Logistics Command from 16 April 2004 to 01 April 2005; and Chief of Staff of the AFP Procurement Service from 16 April 2005 to 16 April 2006. He was also designated as Commander, 10FSSU from 01 February 2007 to 15 August 2009, Assistant Chief of Staff, U4, Northern Luzon Command, AFP from 01 September 2009 to 01 July 2010.

He also worked in the Department of National Defense as Deputy Chief of the Office of Public Affairs and later as Division Chief of the Special Projects Division.

With these previous assignments, COL JAVIER continuously honed his abilities as a leader and as a manager, especially in the field of procurement and logistics.

COL JAVIER also had previous combat duties in Bicol, Quezon, Western Mindanao and Northern Mindanao. He also served as the military aide-de-camp of the late Speaker Ramon V Mitra, Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1988 to 1990. As a 2nd Lieutenant, he served as a Platoon Leader and participated in the conduct of many ISO in Southern Luzon and Bicol Region. In 1991 until 1992, he served as Assistant Intel and Intel Officer of the 103rd Bde, 1ID, PA and 401st Bde, 4ID, PA, both in Mindanao.

His leadership and management skills were shaped not only by his experiences in the field of logistics, but also through education and training he received. He successfully finished his studies at the Command and General Staff College of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City where he ranked 4th in the class of 101 equally competent officers and where he got the covetous Commandant Paper's Award.

He also has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from De La Salle University; a Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Purchasing and Supply Chain Management, and other studies in Procurement Law and Contract Management, Inventory and Warehouse Management, Demand Forecasting and Production Planning Course which he earned in De La Salle College of St Benilde. He views these academic trainings as important contributory factors to his success and development as an individual and as a leader.

COL JAVIER is a member of Philippine Military Academy 1985 "Sandawa" Class. In 1999, he took the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course in US Army Logistics Management College, Fort Lee, Virginia, USA.

Throughout his 33 years of service in the AFP, COL JAVIER received numerous awards, medals, commendations and recognition for his contribution to the organization. He is a recipient of several command plaques and numerous commendations and recognition both from military and civilian institutions.

He is happily married to the former Marie Yvonne Ortiz. "Jayvee," as he is fondly called by his friends, is a multi-talented person. He can even run a party or gathering and his audience will be amused of his magic tricks, dance and song numbers. ♦



**NEW YEAR'S CALL 2014 MODIFIED**

# Seminar-workshop caps 'Pagtitipon'

Maximizing on the presence of all key staff members and personnel during the annual New Year's Call, the AFPPS leadership conducted a two-day seminar-workshop that immediately followed the yearly meeting of personnel.

Dubbed Letter of Instruction "Pagtitipon" 2014, the activity traditionally serves as a New Year's Call for all AFPPS officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees,



but Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, modified the activity by calling for a two-day seminar-workshop.

The three-day activity was held January 15 to 17, opening up with the traditional New Year's Call which was followed by a Command Conference last January 15. The following two days were dedicated to the seminar-workshop.

The seminar-workshop was designed to discuss issues concerning the Service and come up with recommendations



*The traditional New Year's Call dubbed "Pagtitipon 2014" was modified with the introduction of a two-day seminar-workshop.*

to be forwarded to higher headquarters.

During the workshop, resource speakers were also invited to tackle specific topics and issues.

MGen Oscar P Lopez AFP, Chief, AFP Resource Management Office, was the Guest of Honor and delivered an inspirational message during the opening ceremony.

MGen Gamaliel S Cruz AFP, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, J4, served as the Guest of Honor during the closing ceremony, while Col Nestor Florante DC Rayos PAF (GSC), Commander and General Manager of AFPCES, was invited as an observer and resource person.

AFPPS officers and staff members were divided into four groups – each focusing on certain problem existing in the Service. Each group were tasked to present their respective outputs for submission to the Commander.

"We modified the traditional New Year's Call by holding a two-day seminar workshop to maximize on the presence of our officers from the field units," says Col Javier.

All heads of Procurement Centers, Contracting Offices and BAC Secretariats were present during the event.

"Instead of just the regular Command Conference, we extended the activity to have in-depth discussions and interaction in addressing issues concerning the procurement and logistics units," he adds.

The three-day event was capped by a fellowship night. ♦

## TO KEEP TRACK ON ALL TRANSACTIONS

# AFPPS orders weekly updates from PCs, COs

To keep track on all transactions of Procurement Centers and Contracting Offices, AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) ordered the submission of report updates on all procurement transactions from all the PCs and COs nationwide.

Col Javier explained that the move will not only allow AFPPS Headquarters to closely monitor all procurement transactions of PCs and COs throughout the country but will readily provide update to end users about the status of their requests.

"In order for this headquarters to regularly monitor the procurement transactions implemented or conducted by PCs and COs while, at the same time, enable the catered end user units or offices to be constantly updated on the status of the procurement of their logistical requirements, you are hereby directed to provide weekly status updates," Col Javier tells all heads of PCs and COs.

The heads of PCs and COs were instructed to submit their weekly update reports to AFPPS Headquarters through e-mails every Friday. Deadline is set at 3 p.m.

The AFPPS leadership has already set the format of update reports to have uniformity among the PCs and COs.

The move is a pro-active step to keep AFPPS customers up-

dated of the status of their transactions with the Service.

The weekly update is also in line with the periodic reportorial requirements of higher headquarters relative to the implementation of Republic Act 9184.

"As part of the Service's diagnostic scheme to further enhance the catered units' level of compliance to the directive on centralized procurement, the headquarters will conduct a general assessment and evaluation of the performance levels of PCs and COs," says Col Javier. ♦



AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) presides over the opening year Command Conference.