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AFPPS passes third party audit by international body

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The AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) has passed the third party audit conducted by TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc. – completing all the requirements toward ISO 9001:2008 Certification.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, proudly announced that the three-year Certificate of ISO 9001:2008 is expected to be received by AFPPS anytime this March.



“I am very optimistic that soon we will reap the fruits of our collective labor –the ISO 9001:2008 Certification. We worked very hard for this coveted certificate for almost a year, and we made it,” says Col Javier.

The AFPPS certification became surer after the conduct of third party audit on February 12 and 25 by TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc. –a pioneering international certification body established in the Philippines in 1991.

Auditors from TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc., which is involved in system certification and training and providing third party audit

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Deputy Commander Col Ares caps nearly 38 years in AFP

Col Winston A Ares PAF (GSC), AFP Procurement Service Deputy Commander, has retired from the AFP after nearly 38 years in the active service.



Col Ares reached the mandatory retirement age of 56 on March 2, 2015. He started his military service on May 18, 1977.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier, AFPPS Commander and the rest of the officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees of the Service, afforded Col Ares a “despedida party” for his dedication.

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FOR FASTER, MORE EFFICIENT AND
TRANSPARENT PROCUREMENT TRANSACTIONS

Various AFPPS units launch electronic procurement system

As part of the continuing efforts for faster and more efficient procurement transactions, various units under the AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) has launched the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

Currently, all the Procurement Centers –the Philippine Army PC, the General Headquarters PC (GHQPC), the Philippine Air Force PC and Philippine Navy PC, are now using

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AFPPS reports more than P300 million residuals for CY 2014

The AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) has reported more than P300 million in residuals in favor of the government for Calendar Year 2014.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) said that the Service managed to record a total of P304,354,966.53 residuals or 4.36 percent of the total approved budget for the contracts undertaken within Calendar Year 2014.

Col Javier said that the AFPPS processed or facilitated a total of 31,790 purchase orders or work orders and contracts with approved budget of P6,985,699,527.60.

Through various modes of procurement, primarily through competitive public bidding, the AFPPS only spent P6,681,344,561.07.

The AFPPS used public bidding as mode of procurement for more than half of the approved budget for the contracts (ABC) or

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The Gazette carries the successful hurdling of AFP Procurement Service's ISO 9001:2008 Certification audit conducted by TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc. TUV is a well-respected international audit body renowned for its expertise in evaluating management systems based on various international standards. Likewise, AFPPS has reached its goal and made its way to the attainment of the Quality Management System certification.

In his corner, the Commander commends AFPPS officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees after the Service passed the third party audit.

The Gazette carries story about the launching of the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System or EPMIS to various AFPPS units –another step toward transparency and pro-active procurement process.

We are giving honors to Col Winston A Ares, Deputy Commander AFPPS, for his retirement. We are publishing his valedictory speech.

The Gazette has the regular CNN or the Contracting Offices, Procurement Centers News Now.

We also covered various AFPPS activities, --the blessing of the newly-renovated Headquarters main lobby and Commander's Office, the earthquake and fire drills, among others.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

COL ALVIN FRANCIS A JAVIER PA (GSC)

Our move to get this coveted certification was to keep in step with the AFP Transformation Roadmap and in accordance with President Benigno Simeon C Aquino III's "daang matuwid" policy of governance. And personally, I wanted AFP Procurement Service to be pro-active in delivering our catered units requirements without sacrificing transparency and accountability.

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Now, after passing the third party audit conducted by the respected TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc., I can proudly declare that we made it! We are just awaiting formal awarding of the coveted certificate.

It is very seldom in government that a procurement unit or office will vie for an ISO Certification. However, we at the AFPPS "went against the tide."

This is the fruit of our collective labor –a proof that if we work together we will achieve what we are aiming for.

We should all be proud of what we achieved –as professional soldiers and individuals.

But mind you, this is not the end of our journey towards excellence. This is only the start of more hard work as the challenges ahead to maintain this certification are daunting. We need renewed dedication to the Service to sustain the momentum towards a pro-active Procurement Service.

But I am very confident that we can do it –we can sustain, if not, surpass the gains we had during the past months.

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101st CO chief calls on 1ID top officials

Lt Col Raul B Manglicmot (CE) PA, 101st Contracting Office (CO) chief, paid courtesy to senior officials of the 1st Infantry Division (1ID), Philippine Army as part of the efforts to maintain good relationship with catered units.

Lt Col Manglicmot took the opportunity to remind catered units on the procurement process and other logistical requirements as prescribed and stated on

Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Law.

At the same time, the 101st CO chief directed the conduct of troop information and education to personnel pertaining to leadership, discipline and law and order.



Lt Col Manglicmot presides over a conference with 101st CO personnel

105th CO targets faster delivery timeline

With an average of 19 calendar days of delivery in 2014, the 105th CO, under Maj Judy C Pascua PA, is targeting a faster timeline in processing transactions this year.

Maj Pascua expressed 105th CO's readiness for the onslaught of procurement transactions this year.

"Management conferences with suppliers and end-users were performed with the intent of further reducing the delivery timeline of the procurement transactions," says Maj Pascua.

"The delivery timeline last year was averaged at 19 calendar days and it is expected that with the majority of issues resolved and some of the vagueness cleared with the end-users, there will be a faster delivery timeline," she adds.

Moreover, preparation for the soft launching of Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) is underway. "The project is a welcome development given the perennial problem of the procurement system relative to its process and monitoring," says Maj Pascua



Major Pascua briefs 105th CO personnel on the latest guidelines in the procurement process.

108th CO facilitates PSDBM transactions

The 108th Contracting Office (CO), Lt Col Domingo B Mestiola Jr (CE) PA, has facilitated the first quarter transactions with the Procurement Service-Department of Budget and Management (PSDBM) of catered units under the 8th Infantry Division (8ID), Philippine Army.

Lt Col Mestiola said that 108th CO personnel actively provided services and worked hand-in-hand with personnel of catered units to facilitate the transactions.

The good coordination between the 108th CO and its catered units resulted in the prompt and timely delivery of required goods and supplies.



Delivered supplies facilitated by 108th CO

109th CO holds seminars, lectures on procurement process

In line with the AFPPS leadership's efforts to inform catered units with the latest guidelines in the procurement process, the 109th Contracting Office (CO) conducted four



Lt Col Satparam during one of the four 109th CO procurement seminars

seminars and lectures to various units of the 9th Infantry Division (9ID).

Lt Col Romulo R Satparam (OS) PA, 109th CO chief, said that the seminars and lectures were meant to familiarize personnel of the 9ID to the updates in the procurement system.

The first seminar was participated in by 40 non-commissioned officers from various 9ID units on January 7; the second was on February 3 with students of the Restructure Reenlistment System as participants; third was on February 11 with personnel of catered units at 9ID in attendance, and lastly on February 13 when the second batch of RRS students were lectured.

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111st CO assists PA inspection team

The 111st Contracting Office (CO) has assisted Philippine Army teams during the inspection of the Kawal Kalinga Housing project.

The inspection was conducted by representatives from the Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) PA, PA Housing Office, Office of the Army Chief of Engineers and MFO last January 28.

The P32 million Kawal Kalinga Housing Ground Development Project is being undertaken by Engineer Support Battalion, funded thru the AFP Modernization.

112nd CO chief holds dialogue with contractors, suppliers

To maintain good professional relationship with suppliers and contractors, Lt Col Graciano C Diocampo (CE) PA, chief of 112nd Contracting Office (CO), held a dialogue with contractors and suppliers of catered units at the 51st Engineer Brigade.

Lt Col Diocampo tackled issues concerning latest guidelines on procurement transactions.

Also attended the dialogue were representatives from the 51st Engineer Brigade and Commission on Audit.

202nd CO attends New Year's Call

To maintain good rapport with other units of the Air Education and Training Center (AETC), the 202nd Contracting Office (CO), led by Maj Nasul a Sajili PAF, attended the New Year's Call of all AETC units to Maj Gen



Chief, 112th CO, with MRRM Construction representative signs the Contract Agreement



Raul Gabriel L Dimatatac AFP, Commander of AETC last January 12 at the Fernando Air Base in Lipa City.

301st CO promotes transparency

In order to promote transparency, accountability and competitiveness of all procurement transactions and conform to the provisions of Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act, the 301st Contracting Office (CO) invited end-users and suppliers during the submission and opening of price quotation for the projects of Naval Forces Northern Luzon.

The activity was held on February 10 with representatives from NFNL-Forward Support Service Unit and local suppliers in attendance.

To ensure that the delivered items conform with the specifications, the 301st CO conducted inspection, witnessed by representatives from the end-user units.

303rd CO personnel donates blood in Legazpi City

Lt Cdr Edmond A Gepte PN, chief of the 303rd Contracting Office (CO), volunteered as blood donor during the "Sagip Buhay" blood-letting program spearheaded by the Department of Health (DOH) on February 28 in Legazpi City.

The said activity was part of Civil Military Operations (CMO) program of AFP which will enhance good relationship and camaraderie with other government agencies and in order to help the less fortunate patients of Albay.



306th CO holds information drive on RA9184

To keep its catered units informed of the latest guidelines on procurement process, the 306th Contracting Office (CO) conducted information drive on Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

The 306th CO conducted the lecture last February 18, focusing on the implementing rules and regulations of RA 9184.

The said activity was attended by 67 participants composed of Logistic Officers and Procurement/Finance NCO from catered units, namely, the Eastern Mindanao Command, AFP, 10th Infantry (Aguila) Division, Philippine Army, Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao Command, Philippine Navy, 701st Brigade, 7ID, PA and its Battalions, 11FSSU, ASCOM, PA, 11RCDG and 5th CRG.

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“It is our responsibility to educate and impart to our catered units and the proponents/suppliers as well, the importance and advantages of RA9184. Likewise, through the information drives conducted, we were able to identify and address issues and concerns related to the procurement process for future improvement and attaining efficiency in all our procurement activities,” says 306th CO chief.

401st CO chief lectures on RA9184

Maj Rolando O Bala Jr, 401st Contracting Office (CO) chief, was invited as guest lecturer during seminars of fund accountable and finance officers of catered units on February 9-13.

Among the events attended by Maj Bala were the 1st Finance Service Field Office, FCPA and Combat Service Support School, TRADOC, Philippine Army where he acted as guest instructor.

He also conducted lectures on AFP Procurement System during the five-day Fund Accountable Officer Seminar at Admin Bldg., 3RCDG, ARESCOM Camp General Servillano Aquino, Tarlac City and to the students undergoing Finance Service Officer Advance Course and Finance Service NCO Basic Course at Camp O'Donell, Brgy. Sta. Lucia, Capas, Tarlac, respectively.

During the activities, Maj Bala discussed thoroughly the AFP procurement process and he also emphasized the adherence to RA 9184 and its implementing rules and regulation to the participants.

402nd CO joins SOLCOM's 28th anniversary celebration

Personnel of the 402nd Contracting Office (CO), along with other tenants and Opcon units of Southern Luzon Command, joined and participated in a month-long activities in connection with SOLCOM's 28th Founding Anniversary.

Dubbed as “SOLCOM: 28 Taong Tapat na Serbisyo at Kaagapay ng Samabayanan Tungo sa kaunlaran at

Kasaganaan sa Katimugang Luzon”, the celebration jump-started on January 28.

Four teams were created to compete in various friendly games, including basketball.

The SOLCOM anniversary celebration was capped by the visit of Lt Gen Hernando DCA Iriberri, Commanding General, Philippine Army last February 12.

404th CO conducts 1st Quarter coordinating conference

The 404th Contracting Office (CO), headed by Maj



Datuluna D Dilangalen Jr (FS) PA, conducted its First Quarter Coordinating Conference on February 10.

Attended by Logistics Officers, MFOs, SAOs, FASUs of all catered units including all suppliers, the conference was presided over by Maj Dilangalen.

405th CO unveils “Knowledge Power Corner”

To further enhance the procurement operations and provide quality services to its catered units, the 405th Contracting Office (CO) unveiled its own “Knowledge Power Corner” wherein the office posts essential information to assist its personnel and other stakeholders.

Information posted on the corner are regularly replaced and shall be sourced from the Instructional Package (IP) of Headquarters AFPPS which was deliberately designed to uplift the level of efficiency amongst its organic personnel as well as the awareness of its stakeholders.



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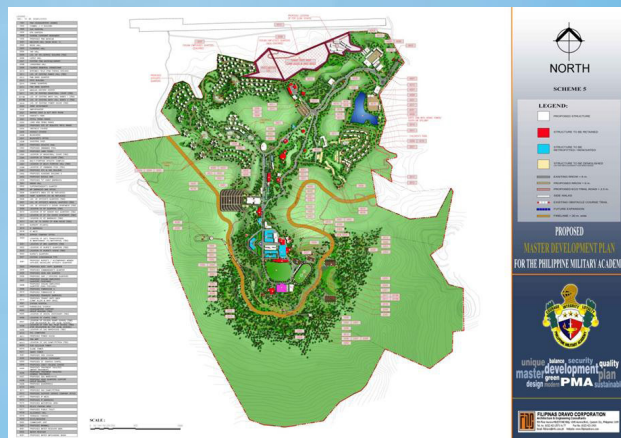
405th CO personnel joins mangrove-planting activity

Personnel of 405th Contracting Office (CO), together with local corporate volunteers and LGUs of Puerto Princesa City, joined the annual “Love Affair with Nature” through tree-planting activity on February 14, Valentine’s Day.

The highlight of the event was the mangrove planting along the coastal zones of Puerto Princesa City aimed at restoring the degraded mangrove areas.

407th CO-facilitated PMA project 60% complete

The Philippine Military Academy Master Development Plan (PMA-MDP), facilitated by the 407th Contracting



Office (CO), is already 62.5% complete.

The project is now on its 3rd stage that covered site inventory and analysis, conceptual design and preliminary design stage.

PAPC lectures finance service students on RA9184

Lt Col Jonathan A Pesebre (QMS) PA, Executive Officer of Philippine Army Procurement Center (PAPC), lectured finance students on the principles of Republic Act

9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Students –both officers and non-commissioned officers, of finance courses were the primary audience of the seminar.

Lt Col Pesebre focused on the implementing rules and regulations of RA9184 during his lecture to Finance Service Officer Advance Course Class 21-14 and Finance Service NCO Basic Course Class 49-14 at the Multipurpose Hall of the Finance Center, PA.



PNPC meets with Navy logistics officers

To ensure good working relationship with its catered units, the Philippine Navy Procurement Center, headed by Capt John R Garana PN (GSC), met with logistics officers of the Philippine Navy on January 7.

During the meeting, Capt Garana called for better coordination between the PNPC and the PN logistics officers to avoid delays in the procurement process.

Capt Garana also reminded the attendees on the AFP Procurement Service’s efforts towards computerization and the Service’s goal for ISO9001:2008 Certification.

Among the attendees were Col Danilo M Galicia PN (M) GSC of the Philippine Marine Corps; Lt Cdr Jaymund A Poblacion PN of the Naval Intelligence Security Force (NISF); Lt Daniel G Labrador PN of the Naval Reserve Command (NRC); Lt Jurex B Bilog PN of the Naval



Combat Engineering Brigade (NCEBde); Lt Cesar M Morales Jr PN of Manila Naval Hospital (MNH); Cpt Romulo P Ducad PN (M) of the Civil Military Operation Group, PN (CMOG-PN); Ens Stephen T Supresencia PN of the Philippine Navy Finance Center (PNFC), and Maj Glenn J Ventura PAF, Executive Officer, PNPC.

Deputy Commander Col Ares caps nearly 38 years in AFP

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In his speech during the “despedida party”, Col Ares expressed his gratitude to Col Javier and other officers and personnel of AFPPS whom he worked with during the last months of his military career.

“May I extend my warmest thanks and deepest appreciation to our incumbent Unit Commander, Brigadier Jayvee Javier, who, to my mind, is the epitome of a commander worth his salt, the so-called out-of-the-box type who is not only a wellspring of amazing and innovative ideas, but more importantly doggedly commits them into action with such undivided focus and relentless persistence, so much so that the resultant projects were either already accomplished,

or are on the verge of becoming tangible realities,” says Col Ares.

“To the rest of the officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees of this proud unit, most especially the very hardworking, very supportive and very resourceful members of the headquarters team, consisting of staff officers, post unit commanders, the unit sergeant major

and the chief civilian supervisor of which I am very much privileged and proud to be associated with, I would like to convey my sincerest thanks for the legacy of teamwork and fellowship. We may have our share of disagreements and differences in opinions, but at the end of the day, at least we all know that such verbal skirmishes and even heated discussions were all meant for the good of our unit,” he adds.

Col Ares reminisce on his military career –from the time he took his oath as cadet officer of the Philippine Air Force Regular Officer Procurement Program on the field of Basa Air Base in Pampanga.

“Fortunately, life has been generally good to me in the intervening years since then. Admittedly, there had been frustrations and setbacks as I scaled the challenge-filled rungs of the military ladder; there had been bawl-outs and

backpats to my credit in a lifetime of hits and misses, and just like the motorist’s signs, there had been green, yellow and red lights, potholed stretches, unmarked humps and even unanticipated detours along the figurative road that I’ve trod; there had been disappointments over unrealized dreams and unattained aspirations, and there had been regrets, sometimes over simple acts of kindness and compassion that should have been extended to a fellow human being which, had I not been too selfish at times, would have helped make a better, brighter world. But thank God, my blessings far outweighed most of them,” says Col Ares.

A native of Catmon, Cebu, also recalled how he, along with 10 other siblings, was raised by his parents amidst harsh realities of life and almost devoid of material comfort.

“I should say that I must have achieved some measure of success, and had made some headways, although concededly I am not an example of how to get ahead in life, but perhaps only on how to get sideways in life,” he says.



Col Javier hands over a plaque to Col Ares during the latter's retirement party.

AFPPS passes third party audit by international body

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and certification based on various international standards, found AFPPS Quality Management System (QMS) compliant to ISO 9001:2008 Certification.

“The AFPPS Quality Management System (QMS) was found to be working and in accordance with the requirements of the ISO 9001:2008 standard and the auditors recommended for the ISO 9001:2008 Certificate to be awarded to AFPPS immediately after the second and final audit,” says Col Javier.

“The result was noteworthy because it is not common to organizations or companies audited for the first time without a single nonconformity to the standard being found,” he points out.

The third party audit has two stages. The Stage 1 was conducted on February 12 when a Rheinland auditor verified the availability of the mandatory requirements and evaluated their completeness and conformity to the standard. Stage 2, held last February 25, was undertaken by five auditors who verified the implementation of the mandatory requirements and the QMS developed at the Headquarters AFPPS (HAFPPS), General Headquarters Procurement Center (GHQPC) and

302nd Contracting Office (CO).

The mandatory requirements developed and implemented by the Service are the AFPPS Quality Manual, Documents Control Procedure, Records Control Procedure, Corrective Action Procedure, Preventive Action Procedure, Internal Quality Audit Procedure and Control of Nonconformity Procedure.

The AFPPS also developed its own Procurement Process Work Instruction which shall become the guiding manual of the procurement operators of AFPPS.

The auditors lauded the three Management Reviews conducted by AFPPS, citing the move as manifestation of the organization's commitment to fully implement its QMS.

The third party audit was the last of the eight-month long activities, composed of training, workshops, documentations, development and implementation of the AFPPS QMS, undertaken by the AFPPS to achieve ISO 9001:2008 Certification.

“Our road to this achievement was not easy, there were rough times and obstacles along the way but, together as one unit, we overcame them all and we are almost there,” says Col Javier.

Col Javier, however, stressed that

receiving the certification will not mean AFPPS can now relax, on the contrary, it will open the gates for more challenges that require harder work.

“The bestowing of the certificate is not the end of the journey of AFPPS towards excellence but only the start. One principle of ISO 9001:2008 is continual improvement which summarizes the need of an organization to continuously plan, do, check and act on all matters pertaining to its QMS,” explains Col Javier.

The certificate will be valid for three years and depends on the performance of the AFPPS during the conduct of surveillance audits by third party auditors in the second and third year.

“I am optimistic –we made it this far, I know that we can sustain, if not surpass, the work we have done to achieve this coveted certification. With your dedication and hard work, we will succeed,” Col Javier tells AFPPS personnel.

The AFPPS, under the leadership of Col Javier, started working for ISO Certification last year to keep in step with the AFP Transformation Roadmap and in accordance with President Benigno Simeon C Aquino III's “daang matuwid” policy of governance.

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a total of P3,757,266,403.13 covering 420 contracts. Through competitive public bidding, the Service recorded a total of P217,778,492.53 residuals.

On negotiated transactions with approved budget of P1,024,452,896.97, the AFPPS gained P46,258,333.17 savings in favor of the government. The transactions covered 8,168 POs, WOs, or contracts.

“Truly, we have maximized government resources with the residuals we recorded for CY 2014 through transparent and pro-active Procurement Service,” says Lt Col Mutlah.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MODE OF PROCUREMENT	ABC	BID PRICE	RESIDUALS	% OF RESIDUALS	NO. of POs/WOs & CONTRACTS
Public Bidding	Php3,757,266,403.13	Php3,539,487,910.60	Php217,778,492.53	5.80%	420
Shopping	839,322,440.44	800,400,797.70	38,921,642.74	4.64%	6,734
Negotiated	1,024,452,896.97	978,194,563.80	46,258,333.17	4.52%	8,168
Direct Contracting	1,099,806,435.54	1,099,714,827.15	91,608.39	0.01%	14,739
Procurement thru PSDBM	204,006,520.33	203,857,847.23	148,673.10	0.07%	1,071
Procurement thru PITC	6,423,820.00	5,269,618.65	1,154,201.35	17.97%	6
Procurement thru AFPCES	54,421,011.19	54,418,995.94	2,015.25	0.00%	652
TOTAL	Php6,985,699,527.60	Php6,681,344,561.07	P304,354,966.53	4.36%	31,790

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EPMIS in processing procurement transactions.

The GHQPC started utilizing EPMIS on February 6 while the PNPC and PAFPC went automated on February 23. The PAPC was the first AFPPS unit to go electronic.

On the other hand, among the Contracting Offices (COs) that already launched EPMIS, namely, Fort San Felipe-based 302nd CO on January 29; 406th CO on February 18; the Malacanang-based 408th CO on February 18; 102nd CO based in Camp Capinpin on February 24, and Camp Atienza-based 112nd CO on February 26.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), Commander of AFPPS, said that more AFPPS units will be automated within the next few months.

“With EPMIS, we are not only going for faster and more efficient procurement process but more importantly to promote transparency in all levels of the transactions,” says Col Javier.

The automation will also result in more economical procurement transactions.

Col Javier has been personally involved in the launching of EPMIS in various AFPPS units, along with Mr Juanito S Sapasap Jr. who is leading the presentation of the system to familiarize AFPPS personnel to the automated process.

At the launching of EPMIS at 112nd CO at the Officer's Clubhouse of the 51st Engineer Brigade at Camp General Rigoberto J Atienza, Libis, Quezon City, Col Javier also took the opportunity to pay courtesy call to Brig Gen Vicente M Yordan AFP, Commander of the 51st Engineer Brigade. Lt Col Graciano C Diocampo, 112nd CO chief, accompanied the AFPPS



Col Javier engages officers and stakeholders of 406th CO during his visit at the AFP Medical Center.

Commander.

Other officers who were present during the call were 51st Engineer Brigade officers and men and other procurement stakeholders, particularly OG4, 14th Field Accountable Officer, OIC of COA, Chief, 14th FSFO, 14th Field Accounting Unit representatives to include the Battalion Commander of 548ECB, S4s, and Procurement NCOs of various 51st EBde battalions, S4 and Procurement NCO of RDC, ASCOM, PA and invited suppliers and contractors.

At the launching of EPMIS at the 406th Contracting Office (CO) based in AFP Medical Center, Col Javier emphasized that EPMIS is abreast with the principles of Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

A total of 205 end-users and supplier-contractors of 406th CO attended the launching.

Even AFP Medical Center Resident auditor Ms Annie P Barrios expressed her full support to the project.

Cdr Rommel John I Mendoza PN, 406th CO chief, welcomed the launching of EPMIS as a huge boost to

the 406th CO's efforts to better serve catered units.

“With the aid of the EPMIS, and with the desire of 406th CO personnel in making procurement transactions at AFPMC and AFPDSC to be as transparent, competitive and abreast with the founding principles of the Government Procurement Reform Act or Republic Act 9184, and policies stated under the AFP Procurement System,” says Cdr Mendoza.

“We are all elated and very optimistic that the EPMIS will reduce significant delays in the procurement timeline and provide a ‘just-in-time’ procurement of all logistical requirements at AFPMC/ AFPDSC, which are based on the desired delivery period, with the end-state of providing the appropriate and utmost patient health care,” he adds.

Cdr Mendoza said that with the complete implementation of the project at the AFPMC by the 2nd Quarter of this year, surely the interest of every stakeholders will be protected, and geared towards the ISO 9001:2008 Certification of AFPPS, and will then be very advantageous to the government.

Annual General Inspection held

The AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) underwent the Annual General Inspection (AGI) conducted by the Office of the Inspector General (OTIG), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Col Dino C Dino PAF (GSC), Deputy Inspector General, AFP, led the inspection team.

The inspection was conducted on February 9 to 17, covering Calendar Year 2014 –from January to December.

Schedule of Activities:

09 Feb 2015 – AGI Entrance Briefing at HAFPPS Conference Room with COL DINO C DIÑO PAF (GSC), Deputy Inspector General, AFP

09 Feb 2015 – OTIG Inspection at GHQPC

10 Feb 2015 – OTIG Inspection at



AFPPS officers, led by Col Javier, brief Col Dino during the Annual General Inspection at Headquarters AFPPS.

PAFPC and PAPC

10 – 13 Feb 2015 – OTIG Inspection to Staff Offices, HAFPPS

17 Feb 2015 – Exit Briefing with COL DINO C DIÑO PAF (GSC), Deputy Inspector General, AFP

Inspection Parameters:

a. Inspection Parameters and Rating System (IPRS) 2015
SOP # 20 GHQ, AFP dated 11 Aug 2014 (AFP Joint Readiness Reporting Systems).

GHQ BAC 2 facilitates public bidding for PMA Class 2019 ICA, nine other AFP projects

The General Headquarters Bids and Awards Committee 2 (GHQ BAC 2) successfully conducted public bidding for 10 projects of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) with a total approved budget for the contract (ABC) of P19,353,000.

Among the projects were the individual clothing allowance (ICA) for the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class of 2019; barong and pants for the Presidential Security Group (PSG); medical supplies and equipment for AFP Medical Center; construction of Central Command facilities and others.

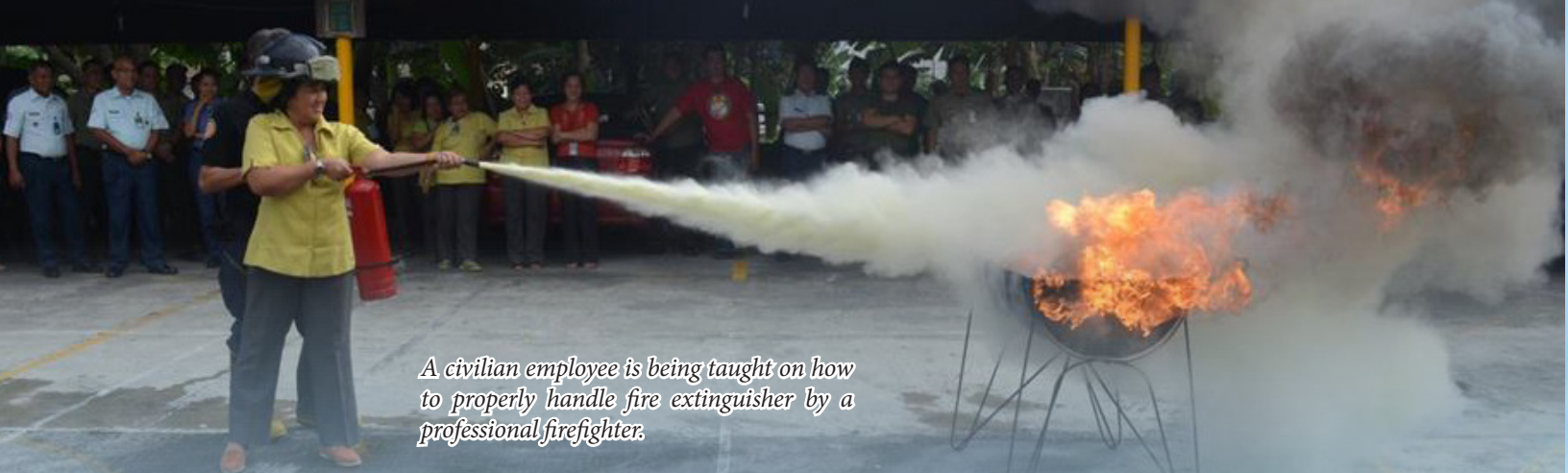
The GHQ BAC 2 stressed that all the procurement projects went through the processes prescribed under Republic Act 9184.

These AFP projects accumulated a total amount of P 1,929,500.84 as residual in favor for the government.



GHQ BAC members during one of their meetings

END-USER	NAME OF PROJECT	ABC	NAME OF BIDDER
PSG	Procurement of Barong and Pants (Negotiated)	3,008,000.00	Dante's Menswear
AFPMC	Procurement of Medical Supplies for First Forward Medics	900,000.00	Luzon Quick Drive
AFPMC	Procurement of Dental Equipment	5,421,570.00	New Citizens Dental Supply
AFPMC	Re-Roofing of AFP Medical Service School Building	1,569,413.01	Cado Construction
CENTCOM	Procurement of construction Materials for the Repair of CENTCOM Admin Bldg., and Extension of Parking Bay Lot 12 – Procurement of Battle Dress Attire (BDA) with Patches and Six (6) Others	1,171,779.00	CVAP Construction
PMA	Lot 13 – Procurement of Field Pack with Brace, Nylon Camouflage and /four (4) others	2,622,760.00	Neala Enterprises
PMA	Lot 14 – Procurement of Canteen, Water with Cup & Pouch and Three (3) Others	1,529,920.00	Neala Enterprises
PMA	Repair of CGEASH	432,964.00	Neala Enterprises
GHQ & HSC	Requirements for the PMA Cadet Barracks	958,570.20	CVAP Construction
OTCE		1,738,050.00	LOE Computer and Accessories



A civilian employee is being taught on how to properly handle fire extinguisher by a professional firefighter.

AFPPS personnel undergo fire, earthquake drills

To ensure readiness and alertness of its personnel during disasters like fire and earthquake, the AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) conducted fire and earthquake drills on February 20, with the help of professional rescue workers.

The fire and earthquake drills were conducted in close coordination with the General Headquarters and Headquarter Service Command (GHQ&HSC).

Aside from the actual evacuation drill, AFPPS personnel also underwent lecture and seminar on fire prevention and safety and earthquake preparedness.

Lt Col Dan C Sales PA, Commanding Officer, Headquarters Service Unit, AFPPS, worked closely with the GHQ&HSC, particularly with Cpt Julius Galleon PA, Commanding Officer of the Camp Aguinaldo Fire Station, for the conduct of the drills.

Lt Col Mutlah led a briefing of AFPPS personnel regarding the concept and objective of the seminar and training before the actual drills.

Reservist MSg Francis Buhion PN (M), a fire and rescue volunteer of Camp Aguinaldo Fire Station, discussed the importance of the seminar emphasizing its general and specific objectives. The lecturer expounded that Fire Prevention and Safety will generally establish proper



A professional rescuer teaches AFPPS personnel on what to do during an earthquake.

safeguards against loss of lives and property by fire and will specifically facilitate the prompt, orderly and safe evacuation of all personnel, documents and other valuables. The lecturer also demonstrated the proper usage of fire extinguisher and other firefighting equipment.

On the other hand, Mr Allan Bermudez, also a volunteer of the Camp Aguinaldo Fire Station, talked about earthquake preparedness and discussed fundamentals to consider before, during and after a strong earthquake and demonstrated the Earthquake Drill Procedures. The lecture lasted for almost one hour.

Actual exercises on Fire Prevention and Safety Drill and Earthquake Preparedness Drill were subsequently held after the seminars.

305th CO reports P22.5 million residuals for CY 2014

The 305th Contracting Office (CO), headed by Acting Chief Lt Cdr Henry C Maglasin Jr PN reported P22.5 million residuals in favor of the government for transactions completed for Calendar Year 2014.

In his report to Col Alvin Francis A Javier, Commander, AFPPS, during the "Pagtitipon" 2015 Visayas last January 26-27 at the Headquarters Central Command, AFP, Lt Cdr Maglasin said that the accumulated savings came from

projects of 2nd Air Division, 220 Air Lift Wing, 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing, 560th Air Base Wing and the Naval Forces Central located in Central Visayas.

Of these residuals, 655 POs/WOs were undertaken through shopping and 15 POs were negotiated.

"This accomplishment was brought about by religiously posting procurement opportunities to the PHILGEPS and proper canvassing," says Lt Cdr Maglasin.

Commander's *field visits*



Col Javier,
with Lt Col
Benjamin
C Mutlah
PA, AFPPS
Operations
Officer,
during his
visit at
305th CO.



Commander, AFPPS tendered Courtesy Call to BGEN VICENTE M.
YORDAN, AFP, Commander, 51st Engineer Brigade, PA

112nd CO hosts Col Javier at the soft
launching of Electronic Procurement
Monitoring Information System.



Transparent Delivery: Various AFPPS units meticulously



Sgt Riche C Mantile (MI) PA conducts visual inspection on various ammunition at Camp General Servillano Aquino in Tarlac City on January 23 under contract number 133-12-13 with a total amount of P88,463,340.00

A member of the 301st CO inspects delivered supplies one by one



Members of the Philippine Army-TIAC inspect delivered cartridge for caliber 45.

us check delivered supplies



Sgt Mantile inspects one lot of ammunition delivered through US Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program amounting to P24,988,333.88



403rd CO receives hi-tech medical equipment

Two advanced medical equipment were delivered to Camp Lapu-Lapu Station Hospital of the Central Command in Cebu City through the combined efforts of CENCOM and 403rd Contracting Office (CO).

With the delivery of the advanced medical equipment, the station hospital boosted its capability in providing better services to CENCOM personnel and their dependents.

Among the newly acquired equipment is an anesthesia machine worth P 1,485,000 acquired through public bidding with an approved budget for the contract (ABC) of P1,500,000.

This machine is designed to provide an accurate and continuous supply of medical gases such as oxygen and nitrous oxide, mixed with an accurate concentration of anaesthetic vapour such as isoflurane, and deliver this to the patient at a safe pressure and flow. On the other hand, the hematology automated analyser, worth P899,000.00 was acquired through public bidding with an ABC of P960,000.00.

The analyser is a medical laboratory instrument designed to measure different chemicals and other characteristics in a number of biological samples quickly, with minimal human assistance. These measured properties of blood and other fluids may be useful in the diagnosis of diseases.



Elements of the 107th CO inspect delivered food items and construction materials



TO MAINTAIN PROFESSIONALISM AFPPS-NCOs undergo military discipline seminar

As part of the continuing efforts to maintain professionalism and discipline within the ranks, the AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) Sergeant Major SMS Julieta C Lumanog PAF conducted troop information and education seminar on January 27 at the AFPPS Multipurpose Hall.

Non-commissioned officers (NCOs) based in the General Headquarters (GHQ) and National Capital region (NCR) units attended the seminar.

The Unit Sgt Major discussed military discipline to maintain high level of professionalism among AFPPS personnel.

“Discipline is created within a command by instilling a sense of confidence and responsibility in each individual,” says SMS Lumanog.

The AFPPS NCOs were also reminded that the primary purpose of this topic is to “go back to the basics” in order to rejuvenate their knowledge and skills on the fundamentals of the profession of arms and also to refresh their knowledge on the basic essential subject that guide



them in the effective and efficient performance of their duties.

“The information drive promotes a good relationship, coordination and ensure teamwork among members of the organization,” says SMS Lumanog.

New look of AFPPS lobby, commander's office unveiled

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, welcomes guests and AFPPS personnel during the blessing of the AFPPS Headquarters Main Lobby after renovation as part of the facility improvement program of the current AFPPS leadership. With its new-look, visitors of the Service can now enjoy better ambience while transacting business with the AFPPS. The newly-repaired HAFPPS Main Lobby also complements the Service's efforts toward ISO 9001:2008 Certification.



*A glimpse of the
commander's
office.*