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AFPPS: The first government procurement office to earn ISO Certification



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The Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service (AFPPS) has earned ISO 9001:2008 Certification, becoming the first procurement office

in the government bureaucracy to obtain the coveted certification.

The certification became the highlight

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AFPPS units report more than P325 million residuals for 1st Semester CY 2015

In conjunction with the five AFP Bids and Awards Committees (BACs), various AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) units reported more than P325 million residuals in favor of the government for the first semester of Calendar Year 2015.

Registering the highest saving was the Philippine Air Force Procurement Center (PAFPC), under Lt Col Pedro Pedro S Francisco III PAF (GSC), with a total of P159,316,817.25 residuals.

The amount represents 20.6 percent of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for the projects the PAFPC facilitated and implemented in conjunction with the PAF BAC, headed by Maj Gen Isagani P Silva AFP.

Coming in at second was the

Philippine Army Procurement Center (PAPC), under Col Joel I Enrile (GSC) PA, with a total residual of P47,032,145.37 or 4.6 percent of the ABC for the projects the PAPC facilitated and implemented in conjunction with the PABAC, headed by Brig Gen Roland M Albano AFP.

The PAPC also led other AFPPS units in generating savings in favor of the government through alternative modes of procurement with P52,663,057.58 through the proper conduct of canvassing of the PAPC Canvass/Contracting Committee.

The General Headquarters (GHQ) Procurement Center, under Lt Col Prudencio A Iddoba (OS) PA, placed at second in generating residual through alternative modes of procurement with a total of P5,152,770.76.



Col Javier receives the ISO 9001:2008 Certification from Mr. Tristan Arwen G. Loveres and Ms. Heide M. Mateo, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy COO, respectively, of TÜV Rheinland Philippines Inc.

AFPPS strengthens Quality Management System with training courses

Immediately after obtaining the prestigious ISO 9001:2008 Certification, the AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) lined up training courses to strengthen the established Quality Management System (QMS) not only to sustain the momentum but to further improve internal processes.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, said that the training courses are important not only to abide by the provisions of ISO

IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS LAUNCHING

Electronic system yields positive responses from stakeholders

Barely months after it was first introduced at the AFP Procurement Service, the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) has already yielded positive results in various AFPPS units which noted faster and more efficient procurement transactions through EPMIS.

The General Headquarters Procurement

Center (GHQPC), in its report to AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), noted much improvement in terms of cost-effectiveness, faster timeline and efficient procurement processes.

The GHQPC initially launched EPMIS last February 7, 2015 and implemented it

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The AFPPS Gazette reports the subsequent efforts of the AFPPS after earning the coveted ISO 9001:2008 Certification for Quality Management System (QMS) in April.

We have the update and initial results of the implementation of the Electronic Procurement and Management Information System (EPMIS) in various units –which noted the positive impact of the system.

In his corner, the Commander rallies all AFPPS personnel to sustain, if not level up, the momentum brought about by the ISO certification and the implementation of EPMIS.

We also have our regular Contracting News, Procurement Centers News Now or CNN wherein AFPPS units report their respective significant activities during the 2nd Quarter, and the Transparency in Action – capturing the religious compliance to procurement processes by different units.

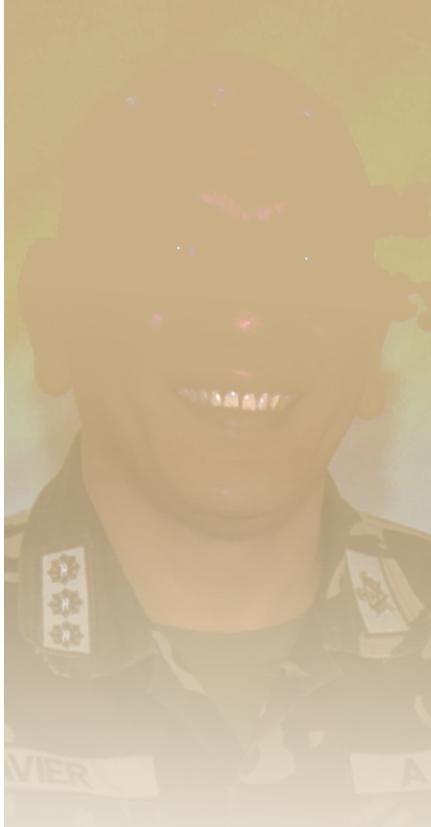
We have in our Photo Gallery the team building and Family Day activities of AFPPS units as part of the leadership's efforts promoting closer family ties, teamwork and camaraderie.

The AFPPS Gazette is introducing Performers' Corner where we will be honoring exemplary AFPPS units and personnel.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

COL ALVIN FRANCIS A JAVIER PA (GSC)

Admittedly, we are still in the process of familiarizing with the system which is relatively new to most, if not all of us. But, just like when we applied for the certification last year, I am very confident that we can do it, and we will do it well.



When we obtained ISO 9001:2008 Certification in April, we also welcomed the responsibility that comes with it – we are not only bound to familiarize ourselves with the system but we must, and we shall, absorb the concepts that come with it. We will conduct regular training courses that will further strengthen our Quality Management System not only in compliance to the certification's provisions but more importantly to equip our personnel with the proper skills and knowledge, thus providing them with the opportunity for career development.

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Initially, we have created a QMS Core Team tasked to orient all Procurement Centers and Contracting Offices regarding the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 Certification.

I want the ISO-QMS we have here in the Headquarters to cascade down to all AFPPS units so that we can maximize the advantages of the system.

By end of this year, a refresher course on Internal Quality Audit (IQA) is scheduled to further strengthen our QMS.

Aside from the IQA refresher course, the AFPPS leadership has also lined up Corrective Action and Preventive Action (CAPA) Training to be attended by the officers, selected EPs and CEs by the end of this year.

These training will help our personnel to effectively perform root cause analysis, provide accurate correction and corrective action to any nonconformity that might be raised during observations and internal and external audits.

With this, I am encouraging all AFPPS personnel to extend utmost coordination to the QMS Core Team for the smooth conduct of orientation. Feel free to ask questions and raise issues so that we can further improve our systems.

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102nd CO holds lecture on RA 9184



Lt Col Michael P Duquez (OS) PA, 102nd Contracting Office (CO) chief, conducted lecture at 4th Forward Service Support Unit, ASCOM, PA last May 21 which was participated by logistics officers, local suppliers and procurement non-commisioned officers of catered units from Laguna and Quezon provinces. During the event, Lt Col Duquez emphasized the flow of procurement transactions and discussed Republic Act 9184 and pre- and post-qualifications check of suppliers eligibility requirements needed to process the purchase orders/work order.

103rd CO launches EPMIS at 3ID Headquarters



In line with the AFP Procurement Service's goal towards full automation, the 103rd Contracting Office launched its Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) at the Headquarters 3rd Infantry (Spearhead) Division, PA last May 25.

Logistics officers and non-commisioned officers attended the launching.

Immediately after the launching, the 103rd CO implemented the EPMIS which is designed to better serve its catered units.

104th CO personnel join quadrathlon challenge

Personnel of the 104th Contracting Office (CO), led by Lt Col Atanacio F Sarzadilla (GSC) PA, joined the Quadrathlon Challenge 2015 at Camp General Climaco Pintoy in Barangay Suarez, Iligan City last May 30.



104th CO hosts 4ID assistant commander

Brig Gen Joselito M Reyes AFP, Assistant Division Commander, 4th Infantry Division (4ID), Philippine Army, was invited as guest of honor and speaker by the 104th Contracting Office (CO) during its launching of EPMIS.

Brig Gen Reyes delivered an inspirational speech during the gathering at EP Clubhouse, Camp Evangelista in Patag, Cagayan de Oro City last May 21.



105th CO joins 5ID in celebrating 34th Founding Anniversary



The 105th Contracting Office (CO) joined the 5th Infantry Division (5ID) during its 34th Founding Anniversary celebration last May 8.

Personnel of the 105th CO, led by Acting Chief Cpt Santiago R Bautista PAF, participated in the blood-letting activity held at the 5ID Gymnasium spearheaded by the Blood Bank Isabela with the theme "Dugong alay natin, dudugtong sa buhay ng mga kapatid natin".

6ID officers, NCOs attend 106th CO launching of EPMIS

Logistics officers and non-commisioned officers (NCOs) from various units under the 6th Infantry Division (6ID), Philippine Army attended the launching of the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) by the 106th Contracting Office (CO).



The launching, led by 106th CO chief Lt Col Patricio P Alejaga (CE) PA, was held last June 4 at the EP Clubhouse.

Those who attended the launching were officers and NCOs from 12FAU, 12FSFO, JAGO, MFO, G4 and 12FPAO.

Some contractors were also present during the whole day affair. Lt Col Alejaga emphasized the importance of EPMIS in promoting a more efficient and faster procurement process.

The 106th CO also took the event as an opportunity to hold lecture on Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

107th CO joins "Brigada Eskwela 2015"

Members of the 107th Contracting Office (CO), headed by Lt Col Rodrigo D Medrano (CE) PA, participated



in the annual "Brigada Eskwela" last May 18, assisting in the clean-up drive held at the Honorato Perez Memorial Science High School in Cabanatuan City.

The activity was led by Mr Albert Santos, School Principal and Councilor Gave Caling.

Centers News Now (CNN)

“Briagada Eskwela” is an annual activity aimed at preparing schools for opening of classes through cleanup operation. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) has been actively involved in the worthwhile project.

107th CO holds lecture to catered units



As part of the efforts to keep its catered units well-informed, the 107th Contracting Office (CO) held a lecture on the implementation of the Electronic Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

Procurement non-commissioned officers (NCOs) from various catered units attended the lecture last May 18.

Lt Col Medrano declared the gathering as a success with the NCOs actively participating in the discussion, raising question and clarifications.

108th CO conducts UPR templates orientation seminar

The 108th Contracting Office (CO), headed by Lt Col Ferdinand B Rondina (QMS) PA, conducted an orientation on the preparation of Unit Purchase Request (UPR) compatible with the newly-implemented Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

The orientation was held last June 5 with procurement NCOs of the different Brigades, Battalions, Division Reconnaissance Company, Post Units, G-Staffs, Technical and Special Staffs and other PA units of 8th Infantry Division.

Lt Col Rondina said that the orientation was lively participated in by the attendees.



110th CO chief lectures on RA9184

Lt Col Arlene A Epe (OS) PA, chief of the 110th Contracting Office (CO), conducted a lecture on Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act upon the invitation of the 7th FSFO in Camp Lapu Lapu, Cebu City.

The lecture was part of the five-day Fund Accountable Officer Seminar and Workshop held at the De Goma Hall, Central Command (CENTCOM) Headquarters last May 19.

The activity was hosted by



7th FSFO, FC, PA and participated in by the Disbursing Officers/Special Disbursing Officers, Enlisted Personnel and some Civilian Employees.

111st CO personnel undergo quarterly exams

In line with the guidance of the commander, AFPPS to be pro-active in delivering our catered units logistical requirements without sacrificing transparency and accountability, the 111th Contracting Office conducted quarterly examination and table tap exercises to its personnel in order to enhance their knowledge on Republic Act 9184. This effort is essential to evaluate and further improve the competence of each personnel in every aspect of their assigned tasks.



112nd CO reports P40 million residuals

Through transparent and competitive public bidding, the 112nd Contracting Office (CO), headed by Lt Col Graciano C Diocampo Jr (CE) PA, reported more than P40 million residuals in favor of the government during the first six months of 2015.

In his report to Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, Lt Col Diocampo stated that the 112nd CO registered a total of P40,203,854.26 savings for the government after processing a total of P662,371,738.84 worth of procurement transactions.

Of the projects, 17 are now ongoing, seven were already forwarded to Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin and Lt Gen Hernando DCA Iriberry, Commanding General, Philippine Army, for approval and four have just been issued with Notice of Award.

Most of the projects were infrastructure aimed at modernizing AFP facilities in various camps like Camp O'Donnell in Capas, Tarlac, Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City and Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan.

202nd CO reports accomplishments for April-May

From April 1 to May 30, 2015, the 202nd Contracting Office (CO) has processed 55 purchase orders (POs) and 17 work orders.

The 202nd CO, led by Maj Nasul A Sajili PAF, managed to save P149,072.60 in favor of the government in processing the orders with Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of P16,180,703.00.

The 55 processed orders were among the 67 unit procurement requests (UPRs) forwarded to the office by

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catered units. Immediately upon receipt, the 202nd CO posted the UPRs to the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS).



302nd CO sponsors Flores de Mayo

The 302nd Contracting Office (CO), led by Lcdr Rodiard F Babera PN, sponsored the celebration of the traditional Flores de Mayo at the Stella Maris Chapel in Fort San Felipe, Cavite City.

The activity commemorates the search of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena (Reina Elena) and her son. It is also one of the May devotions of the Filipino people and identified with youth, love and romance to the Blessed Virgin Mary which lasted for the entire month.

The activity was held last May 8 with the 302nd CO providing snacks to the participants, mostly youth.

303rd CO supports NFSL eye care program

Personnel of the 303rd Contracting Office (CO) actively participated the Naval Forces Southern Luzon's (NFSL) eye care program dubbed "Eye Care, Navy Care, Eye Mission" held last May 8 at the NFSL Multi-purpose Hall.

Military and civilians alike benefited from the eye care program, initiated by the NFSL in close coordination with naval reservists and other sponsors in Legazpi City.

During the activity, there were free eye checkup and free reading glasses were also distributed. The program was part of the civil military operation (CMO) projects of NFSL.



304th CO holds lecture on RA 9184 for NETC students

The 304th Contracting Office (CO), headed by Cdr Marlon B Varona PN conducted a lecture on Government Procurement Reform Act or Republic Act 9184 and the AFP procurement process to students of the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC).

The participants, who are members of the Storekeeper System Management Course (SKSMC) Cl-01-15, were composed of 13 students.

The lecture, held last April 21 to 28, was primarily aimed at educating the students on the AFP procurement process in line with Republic Act 9184 such as the procurement planning, modes of procurement and



contract implementation.

After the lecture, Cdr Varona divided the students into two groups for the workshop and practical application of what they learned during the discussions.

Likewise, the students were invited as observers during the opening of sealed quotation envelope last April 22 presided over by the chairman and members of the 304th Contracting and Canvass Committee (C3), representative from accounting, unit logistics officers and suppliers.

305th CO orients catered units on EPMIS

The 305th Contracting Office (CO), under Acting Chief Lcdr Henry C Maglasin Jr PN, conducted orientation on the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) to its end-users.



During the lecture, Lcdr Maglasin tackled the functions and the importance of the system in improving the timeline of procurement process. He also held a briefing on how to use the EPMIS in processing Unit Procurement Request and the role of the end-users in the process.

306th CO joins "Brigada Eskwela"

Members of the 306th Contracting Office (CO) joined the "Brigada Eskwela 2015" cleanup drive at the AFPLC Elementary School as part of the preparation for the opening of classes last June 1.

Led by Cdr Manuel L Gimena PN, members of the 306th CO particularly participated in the "Escubasurero 2015" along the sea shore of Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao at Beach Park, NSFA, Panacan, Davao City



402nd CO consults with Southern Luzon Command on procurement process

The 402nd Contracting Office (CO), headed by Lt Col Russel T Reinde PA, conducted consultation with the Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM) on procurement matters, involving all stakeholders last May 12.



The activity was attended by personnel from the O/U4, Resident COA, Finance Office, Field Accounting Office and end users from different tenant units of SOLCOM.

Procurement Centers News Now (CNN)

“This event was conducted in order to amplify the guidance coming from Headquarters AFPPS to expedite procurement transactions by maintaining constant communication from other stakeholders,” says Lt Col Reinde.

Furthermore, also held during the activity was the Opening of Canvass, led by Lt Domingo B Sumayo Jr PN, Chairman of the CCC 402nd CO.

404th , 405th COs launch EPMIS

The 404th Contracting Office (CO), headed by Maj Datuluna D Dilangalen Jr (FS) PA, successfully launched the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) last June



10 at WESTMINCOM Conference Room.

The activity was attended by officers and personnel from Logistics, MFO, Field Accounting Unit and SAO of WESTMINCOM, 3AD, 530TH ABW, PAF and NFWM. Accredited suppliers also attended the launching.

Maj Dilangalen emphasized the objective and importance of EPMIS to stakeholders for a more efficient and faster procurement timeline.

The launching was highlighted by interactions and sharing of views or concerns by the stakeholders during the open forum.

Meanwhile, the 405th CO also launched EPMIS as it reaffirmed its commitment to improve services being rendered to catered units; enhance the procurement processes and other related activities to promote transparency and timeliness of logistics acquisition in support to the requirements of operating units.

The 405th CO, during the launching, stressed that the system is aimed at streamlining the procurement processes, which features document tracking to enhance monitoring of procurement transactions through its process oriented automations.

407th CO blacklists contractor

The 407th Contracting Office (CO) facilitated the issuance of Blacklisting Order against a contractor at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA).

Recommended for black-listing was Kilusang Magkaibigan Multi-Purpose Cooperative (KMMPC), contractor of repair works of various facilities at Lim Hall Building, PMA.

The 407th CO made the recommendations for the negative slippage of 15% and above within the critical path of the project due entirely to the fault or negligence of the contractor.

Storekeeper students benefit from PNBAC lecture on RA9184

Thirteen members of the Storekeeper System Management Course Class 01-15 benefited from the lecture conducted by the Philippine Navy Bids and Awards Committee and PNBAC Secretariat on Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

The lecture was held last May 14 with the primary objective of familiarizing the students on the different logistics functions and enhance their understanding on the procurement system. Discussed during the activity were bidding process for common supplies, general services and equipment; ship/craft/repairs and spares; infrastructure; weapons, communication and electronic and consulting services.



During the event, lecturers also gave emphasis on the role of BACs in the bidding process and procedures, particularly in the areas of transparency, accountability and fair competition

PAFPC donates books, school supplies

In time for the opening of classes, the Philippine Air Force Procurement Center (PAFPC) donated books and school supplies to the street children at Erda Tuklasan Center of Street Children last June 12 at the 2655-B Ibuna St., San Juan City.



Among the objectives of the program were to further motivate the students of Erda Tuklasan Center to gain more knowledge and be an inspiration to the other groups.

Col Pedro S Francisco III PAF (GSC), Commanding Officer of PAFPC, led PAFPC personnel during the activity.

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AFPPS units hold team-buildi

Col Javier and the rest of AFPPS Headquarters officers and personnel, along with their families, enjoy the beach during summer outing.



107th CO holds Family Day, team-building at the Hunter Valley resort and Plantation in Cabantuan City last April 30.



103rd CO invades Boracay during two-day team-building activities last May 27.



Personnel of 201st CO, along with their loved ones, unwinds at Poracay Resort in Porac, Pampanga during team-building activities

ng, summer outing activities

GAMES



DANCE



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AFPPS Headquarters personnel unwind and build up teamwork through parlor games, dance numbers and karaoke.

202nd CO holds team-building at the Mountain Rock Resort in Talisay, Lipa City last May 22.



Members of the 302nd CO tour Ilocandia as part of the four-day team building activities as part of the unit's morale and welfare program.



403rd CO members take respite at the Hidden Valley Wave Pool Resort in Pinamungajan, Cebu.



TRANSPARENCY IN ACTION:

From canvassing to delivery, AFPPS units religiously follow procurement processes through inspections.



↑ Personnel of the 301st Contracting Office (CO) –from submission and opening of bids up to inspection of delivered items, meticulously follow procurement procedures.



↑ Personnel of KCSSH, 1ID, led by the pharmacist, check all the expiry dates of delivered medicines.



↑ Members of the Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) 2ID inspect actual deliveries of construction materials intended for the repair and maintenance of the 2ND Infantry Division Admin Building.



106th CO TIAC members inspect the deliveries of medicines intended for line units of 6ID,PA.

107th CO chief Lt Col Medrano leads the inspection of delivered spare parts for the use of the Army Aviation Battalion, Mechanized Infantry Division, to ensure they all passed the specifications. With Lt Col Medrano were Cpt Jay Percival D Maglalang (CAV) PA and representatives from the Commission on Audit and 3FPAO.



Lt Col Domingo B Mestiola Jr, chief of the 109th CO, presides over submission of quotations by accredited suppliers during canvassing of items intended for 9ID



AFPPS strengthens Quality Management System with training courses

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9001:2008 Certification but also in equipping the Service's personnel with the proper skills in auditing.

"While we want to sustain the momentum after earning ISO certification by complying with all the requisites, these training courses would also provide AFPPS personnel with additional knowledge for their professional growth," says Col Javier.

The AFPPS obtained ISO 9001:2008 Certification last April 6, 2015 –highlighting the Service's 10th Founding Anniversary.

Initially, a refresher course on Internal Quality Audit (IQA) was held last May 19-20 with Ms Cristy M Elnar, Consultant and Trainer of Global Management System Inc., presiding.

The IQA refresher course was also part of the AFPPS preparation for the upcoming internal audit which is one of the requirements of ISO 9001:2008.

The IQA training was designed to enhance the auditing skills of the AFPPS auditors by familiarizing themselves with the ISO 9001:2008 requirements and be able to recognize how to state audit findings effectively.

In addition, the internal audit

aims to assess the conformity and effectiveness of an organization to the implementation of ISO 9001:2008 QMS and focuses on opportunity for improvement.

"Internal audit is not a fault-finding activity as many believe, on the contrary, it provides opportunity for improvement when taken constructively," stresses Col Javier.

A total of 17 AFPPS officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees benefitted from the IQA refresher course.

The participants were Cdr Rommel John I Mendoza PN, Col Ferdinand L. Torres PAF (GSC), Lt Col Rowell S Velasquez PA (GSC), Lt Col Benjamin C Mutlah (OS) PA, Lt Col Samuel C Pamittan (OS) PA, Maj Donald C Hugo (CE) PA, Maj Julius Tancred G Managuelod (OS) PA, Maj Julius S Espiritu (QMS) PA, Lcdr Vincent C Castañeda PN, Ltjg Jeroen G Resus PN, Lt Lester DC Agmata PAF, SSg Sheryll E Mendoza PAF, Sgt Jerico B Perez (SC) PA, Ms Rowena F Decena CE, Ms Elloisa B Perez CE, Ms Myla Jane F Rodriguez CE and Ms Kevin O Cariño CE.

Aside from the IQA refresher



course, the AFPPS leadership has also lined up Corrective Action and Preventive Action (CAPA) Training to be attended by the officers, selected EPs and CEs by the end of this year.

"This training will help AFPPS to effectively perform root cause analysis, provide accurate correction and corrective action to any nonconformity that might be raised during observations and internal and external audits," says Col Javier.

Col Javier said he wants the ISO-QMS to cascade down to all Procurement Centers and Contracting Offices to keep them abreast with the standardization.

Initially, the AFPPS QMS Core Team will orient all PCs and COs regarding ISO 9001:2008 requirements starting June.

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of the 10th Founding Anniversary celebration of AFPPS last April.

"There is no better way to celebrate our 10th anniversary than with this coveted certification – which we achieved through hard work and dedication," said Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC).

TUV Rheinland Philippines Inc., a well-respected international audit body renowned for its expertise in evaluating management systems based on international standards, officially awarded the ISO 9001:2008 Certification to AFPPS on April 6. It will be valid for three years.

According to the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), the AFPPS is the first procurement office or unit in the government bureaucracy

to be ISO 2001:2008 certified.

"It is seldom for government procurement office or unit to vie for ISO certification. But we, at the AFPPS, went against the tide and succeeded," said Javier.

Currently, the AFPPS Headquarters, the General Headquarters Procurement Center and 302nd Contracting Office (CO) were ISO 9001:2008 Certified.

Javier, however, stressed that the AFPPS leadership is determined to have the entire service compliant to international standards to keep in step with the AFP Transformation Roadmap.

"We are determined to have all the units of AFPPS to be compliant to international standards," vowed Javier.

During the anniversary, Javier

also reported to AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr. the other significant accomplishments of AFPPS, including the automation of field units through its Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) and the more than P300 million residuals for Calendar Year 2014 in favor of the government.

With EPMIS and the ISO 9001:2008 Certification, the AFPPS has reduced the delivery period of requested supplies by catered units from the previous 35 working days to only 18 days.

The AFPPS was activated in 2005 after the deactivation of the AFP Logistics Command in compliance to the recommendations of the Feliciano Commission in the aftermath of the July 2003 Oakwood mutiny.

AFPPS hosts AFP Sgt Majors

Sergeant Majors from different AFP units paid a visit to the AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) Headquarters last May 22.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, warmly welcomed the Sergeant Majors led by SMS Hernani C Montero PA, Assistant Sergeant Major of the Philippine Army.

Col Javier poses with the visiting Sergeant Majors, led by SMS Montero

During the sergeant majors courtesy call, Col Javier briefed them on the history of AFPPS.

The Commander proudly announced that the AFPPS is the first government procurement office that is ISO 9001:2008 certified and that the Service is now aiming for full automation with its Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

Col Javier also



toured the sergeant majors around various units inside the AFPPS Headquarters. The SMs were surprised on the innovations they witnessed at the AFPPS.

After the courtesy call, a troop information and education (TI&E) for Metro Manila-based Enlisted Personnel of AFPPS was conducted with SMS Montero as the invited guest lecturer.

A reliable instructor from Philippine Army Training Command and AFPGSC for the Sergeant Major Course, SMS Montero gave an informative discussion about the latest policy regarding the Attrition System in the AFP.

The visit of the Sergeant Majors was capped with Col Javier issuing his guidance to the EPs, citing their important role in the Service.



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fully starting April 1, 2015.

“As observed during the short period of operation, this information technology solution proved to enhance accountability, transparency, improve the efficiency of the procurement process and decrease the cost involved in traditional purchasing wherein most of the paperwork is eliminated, thereby cutting the cost and time required,” says Lt Col Prudencio A Iddoba (OS) PA, Commanding Officer of GHQPC.

“The system also enhanced internal Fiscal Controls thru system-based validation of UPRs. Likewise, significant effects are evidence in terms of procurement timeline reduction, enhance the monitoring of procurement projects, availability of real-time data/reports for analysis and decision making,” he adds.

According to Lt Col Iddoba, the new process needs total cooperation from all stakeholders such as the end-users where the unit procurement requests based on the approved Annual Procurement Plan emanate and serve as the triggering instrument of the procurement activities.

The 408th Contracting Office (CO), which launched EPMIS only last February 18, 2015, reported “remarkable progress” in processing transactions by using the system.

“The EPMIS transformed 408th CO into a faster and efficient office in processing procurement transactions,” says Maj Donald C Hugo PA, 408th CO chief.

According to Maj Hugo, as of second quarter of 2015, the office managed to processed P22,078,061.99 worth of transactions –53.9 percent through negotiated contract while 52.1 percent using shopping as mode of procurement. While there were initial problems, primarily on the technical aspect, during the launching of EPMIS, the AFPPS’ office for Communications, Electronics and Information Systems

(CEIS), headed by Assistant for Chief of Procurement Staff for CEIS, ACPS6 Lt Col Romulo R Satparam (OS) PA, provided the assistance in resolving the issues.

The OPS6 also conducted hands-on training on concerned AFPPS personnel to familiarize them to EPMIS.

Even representatives from the end-users, who were involved in the preparation of UPRs, were also briefed regarding EPMIS where there is a standard format for UPRs.

Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, advocated EPMIS to promote transparency and accountability and in accordance to the AFP Transformation Roadmap which envisions to have a world-class armed forces which is a source of national pride by 2028.

The EPMIS was initially introduced early this year and is now fully implemented in all Luzon-based AFPPS units – four PCs and 16 COs.

The system is scheduled to be implemented in Visayas and Mindanao units by 3rd Quarter of 2015.

“Only a few months after the introduction of EPMIS, we are now reaping the fruits of our collective labor –faster and more efficient procurement processes without compromising transparency and accountability,” says Col Javier.

While the current system only covers shopping and negotiated mode of procurements, the AFPPS is aiming to incorporate public bidding in the program.

Additionally, Lt Col Satparam explains that a website is being developed by the OPS6 to give the MFO, Accounting Service, end-users and even accredited suppliers access to view the status of their transactions online.

“EPMIS has proven its effectiveness. The results are clear, we only have to sustain and seek further improvements to keep in step with the AFP Transformation Roadmap 2028,” concludes Col Javier.

NEWLY PROMOTED OFFICERS



COL Pedro S Francisco III PAF (GSC)
Chief, PAFPC



LTC Joel P Panopio (CAV) PA
Head, PA SBAC 2 Secretariat



LTC Gerry H Juele (CE) PA
ACS for Personnel, PS1



LTC Windell Lee B Quilaman PN (M)
Chief, 111 Contracting Office



CDR Marlon B Varona PN
Chief, 304th Contracting Office



LCDR Rodiard F Babera PN
Chief, 302nd Contracting Office

RECOGNITION CORNER

SSg Liwliwa R Aperin received Certificate of Recognition from the Office of the Chief of Staff AFP for finishing Third Place during the 5K-Women's Category (Open) of the 2015 CSAFP Fun Run.



Maj Ventura receives 30,000 pieces of surgical masks from Mr Yuki Yokoi, President of Yokoisada (Phils) Corporation



406th CO welcomes new Chief

Maj Julius S Espiritu (QMS) PA was named as new chief of the 406th Contracting Office (CO) which caters primarily to the AFP Medical Center.

Immediately after his assumption, Maj Espiritu, along with his Assistant Chief Lt Augustus Liberator M Amatong PN, paid courtesy call to Col Joseph M Acosta (MNSA) MC, Commander, AFPMC, on 01 June 2015, same day he assumed office.

Maj Espiritu has mapped out his plans and intentions for 406th CO and relayed them to Col Acosta.

Among the immediate concerns identified were the modifications of the Therapeutic List issued by the V. Luna General Hospital (VLGH); the conduct of Market Research; addressing alleged overpricing, and the programming of AFPMC's PPMP and APP.

Regarding the Therapeutic List, Maj Espiritu recommended that V Luna General Hospital should publish a list of medicines that have harmful effects or not effective.



Col Acosta concurred with the suggestion.

On the issue of market research, it was agreed that O/MC2 will assist O/MC4 in the conduct of market research and the computation for their price index should be the average of at least three (3) good prices plus 3% to 5% contingency for the inflation rate.

To address the alleged overpricing, Maj Espiritu explained that there will be no overpricing as long as the canvassed price for the request items does not exceed the amount of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) programmed by the end-user.

On programming of AFPMC's PPMP and APP, the 406th CO participated last June 10, 2015 in the presentation of the proposed PPMP and APP for CY 2016 of AFPMC. Maj Espiritu made his recommendations on various topics such as price prediction and scheduling of requirements.

In concluding the courtesy call, Maj Espiritu assured Col Acosta of his full support with regards to the procurement of AFPMC requirements.

New faces join AFPPS family



1LT George V
SANTOS JR PAF



YN3 Vicente V
Taccad III PN



Cpl Leo A Catamin
(MS) PA



DK3 Bernice A
Palmiano PN



Pfc Fernan C Camomot
PA



Ms Leila DG Ulalan CE



Ms Bea Jane B
Mandawae CE



Ms Karen C Pinili CE



Ms Marian S Ramos CE



Ms Jasmine Joy M
Barrera CE

TO MAINTAIN WELL-INFORMED PERSONNEL

AFPPS holds annual training program

To maintain a well-informed work force, the AFP Procurement Service conducted its Annual Training Program for Calendar Year 2015 last May 11 at the AFPPS Multipurpose Hall with Col Ferdinand L Torres PAF (GSC), Acting Deputy Commander, as keynote speaker.

Dubbed as "Joint Seminar on Introduction to RA 9184 & AFP Procurement Process and Contract Management", the activity lasted for four days with 32 newly-assigned

from different Procurement Centers, Contracting Offices, BAC Secretariats, and Headquarters Support Unit.

Seven main topics were tackled during the joint seminar which was culminated by presentation and addressing of a case study that participants were tasked in order to apply the knowledge they learned from the training.

The objectives of the joint seminar were to inform the participants about and let them understand the basic and

documentation and terminologies that are commonly used in procurement activities and to understand the basic provisions of AFPLLD Nr PC 13-02 and its application to the procurement processes, among others.

During the closing ceremony, Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), AFPPS Commander, acted as the keynote speaker and led the distribution of Certificates of Appreciation to the guest lecturers and certificates of Completion to the participants.

It was observed during the joint seminar that the participants were interested in the subject matters by raising questions to acquire new ideas and knowledge.

Aside from listening to the lecturers, the participants were also given the opportunity to bring out their own ideas.

Col Javier declared that the seminar achieved its objectives and vowed to continuously conduct similar training seminars to keep AFPPS personnel well-informed.

They were also given opportunities to try out ideas and received useful responses, discussed situations and problems encountered and how to solve them to maximize their creativity. Through the joint seminar the participants also tested their understanding and developed new insights, learned from other participant's approaches and ideas and clarified concepts.



Col Javier addresses participants of the annual training program during the closing ceremony.

military and civilian personnel of AFPPS participating.

The participants were composed of three officers, 16 enlisted personnel and 13 civilian employees coming

commonly used provisions of Republic Act 9184 and its implementing rule and regulation (IRR) and the provisions of the DND/Department Circular Number 12; familiarize them with the basic



Lt Col Benjamin C Mutlah (OS) PA, ACS for Operations, PS3 supervises the Quarterly Procurement Examination held at the AFPPS Multipurpose Hall on 25 May 2015. The examination was participated by the GHQ-based Military and Civilian Personnel of AFPPS.