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In his corner, Col Javier rallies all his personnel to sustain, if not surpass, the Service's momentum toward transformation by continuously adhering to the principle of transparency, competitiveness and accountability as advocated by his leadership.

We have the regular Contracting Offices and Procurement Centers News Now (CNN) –covering the activities of field units.

We also feature various training, procurement-related seminars and social activities conducted by the Service to maintain well-informed and effective human resources.

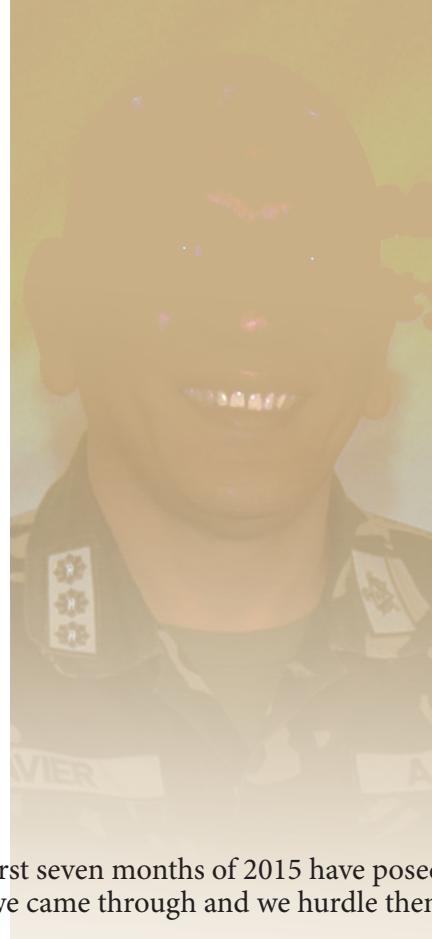
The Gazette welcomes the new officers and personnel who join the AFPPS family recently.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

COL ALVIN FRANCIS A JAVIER PA (GSC)

With these initiatives already in-place, we are starting to feel the “fruits of our collective labor” through much-improved procurement transactions. But we should not stop here, instead we must push for more and work doubly hard to sustain or surpass what we have achieved.



While the first seven months of 2015 have posed challenges to the Service, we came through and we hurdle them with flying colors.

The solid proof of the success of our collective efforts is the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System (QMS) Certification that we proudly attained last April and our own Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS). Both initiatives were aimed to enhance and streamline the procurement system, while continuously promoting transparency, competitiveness and accountability.

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Challenges will surely continue to come our way –that's a given fact, but together we can conquer them. We have proven that together as one Service, we can and we will surely hit the targets.

So, I urge every officer, enlisted personnel and civilian employee of AFPPS – let us continue treading the straight path towards genuine transformation.

While many subscribe to the saying “if it ain't broke, why fix it?”, I personally believe that there is always room for improvement and strive to do more, so there is no reason to be complacent where we are now.

We will work hard for continuous improvement and aim for excellence, we will look for further innovations to better serve our catered units, and maximize the meager resources that we have. Our initiatives are not only for the Service, they are made to develop our professional and personal growth.

In short, “*we innovate, to motivate.*”

Contracting Offices, Procurement

PNBAC Secretariat holds feeding program in Cavite



Many children from selected areas of Cavite benefitted from the feeding program jointly conducted by the Philippine Navy Bids and Awards Committee (PNBAC) Secretariat and the Noveleta Parish Church's Los Devotos on August 16.

Cdr Demetrio A Calderon PN, the PNBAC Secretariat head, said that 60 less fortunate children aged nine years old and below from Noveleta, Cavite benefitted from the outreach program.

Aside from providing nutritious food to the children, the PNBAC Secretariat and Los Devotos also included parlor games that brought smiles to the kids.

The children were also given hygiene kits.

PNPC distributes school supplies in Taguig City

The Philippine Navy Procurement Center (PNPC) conducted an outreach program in partnership with Civil Military Operations Group-PN and Red Cross on July 3 at the Covered Court of Zone 1, Barangay Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

Two hundred eighteen (218) students benefitted from the school supplies and sports items distributed during the outreach program.

There was also feeding program during the event.



101st CO gathers NCOs for dialogue

LCdr Alexander J Orio PN, Acting Chief of 101st Contracting Office (CO), held a dialogue with all procurement Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) of 1st Infantry Division (1ID) Philippine Army on August 12. The meeting was meant to remind the NCOs of the required documents by the 9th Accounting Office in the procurement process.



102nd CO personnel join marksmanship training

Personnel of the 102nd Contracting Office (CO) participated in a marksmanship training held at the firing range of the 2nd Infantry Division (2ID) Philippine Army in



Tanay, Rizal.

Dubbed as "Marksmanship Sustainment Training", the event also included officers and enlisted personnel from Headquarters AFP Procurement Service.

102nd CO conducts TI&E, discusses EPMIS

The 102nd Contracting Office (CO) gathered liaison Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) for a Troop Information and Education (TI&E) on July 30.

TSg Orlino S Sumay (QMS) PA led the TI&E on procurement procedures with all liaison NCO of catered units in attendance.



On the other hand, SSg Noemi P Idul (FS) PA tackled the flow of Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) at their office.

102nd CO chief leads men during quake drill

Lt Col Michael P Duquez (OS) PA, Chief of the 102nd Contracting Office (CO), led his personnel during the "Metro Shake Drill" on July 30 at Camp Capinpin, Tanay, Rizal. The exercise was deemed beneficial to everybody, should a "Big One" comes.

105th CO helps prepare 2016 APPs of 5ID units

With the intent of helping the catered units in properly preparing their 2016 Annual Procurement Plans (APPs), Maj Judy C Pascua (QMS) PA, Chief of 105th Contracting Office (CO), volunteered to be one of

the panelists during APP Workshop and Deliberation Process of the 5th Infantry Division (5ID).

The APP Workshop and Deliberation was conducted on August 5-6.



The Logistics Officers of each unit presented their output and were also evaluated by Lt Col Presco Lobos (INF) PA, the G4, 5ID, PA; Lt Col Antonio V Burton (INF) PA, Chief, MFO, 5ID, PA, and Mr Noel D Bautista, CPA the Chief Accountant, 2FAU.

Maj Pascua recommended the appropriate mode of procurement transactions for each activity to avoid problems in implementing the APP for CY 2016. The end-users expressed their warm gratitude to Chief 105th CO for helping and guiding them in their formulation of the APP CY 2016.

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US Army procurement officers visit 107th CO

The 107th Contracting Office (CO), led by Lt Col Rodrigo D Medrano (CE) PA, hosted visiting American Procurement Officers at its headquarters in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija.



During the meeting, Lt Col Medrano discussed the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) to Major Robinson and Sergeant First Class Burns of the United States Army.

During the discussion, it was learned that our EPMIS, which was initiated by the AFP Procurement Service, is similar to the procurement process of the US Army.



108th CO conducts troop information and education

The 108th Contracting Office (CO), under Lt Col Ferdinand B Rondina (QMS) PA, conducted Troop Information and Education (TI&E), emphasizing on the

organic personnel's attitude towards dealing with various stakeholders. Likewise, 108th CO personnel were directed also to show good manners and politeness in dealing with stakeholders end-users and the suppliers.

109th CO starts integration of Procurement System to 9ID program of instruction

As part of the efforts to propagate the AFP procurement system to the minds of the soldiers, the 109th Contracting Office (CO) and the 9th Infantry Division (ID) has included the system among the regular topics during re-enlistment.

Lt Col Romulo R Satparam (OS) PA, 109th CO chief, coordinated with the Commandant of the Division Training School of 9ID for the integration of AFP Procurement System to the Program of Instruction Restructured Re-enlistment System as a regular topic or subject to be presented to the RRS student which is a regular training program every month.

"This is the best opportunity for the AFPPS to propagate and spread to our fellow soldiers who somehow do not appreciate the centralized procurement system or the adherence of RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and



Regulations (IRR)," says Lt Col Satparam.

"We were also able to enlighten the RRS students on the alternative methods of procurement that is being undertaken by contracting office in the pursuance of our mandate to conduct procurement operation in support of the logistical requirements of the AFP units," he adds.

110th CO chief as head PABAC Secretariat during Pre-bid Conference

Lt Col Arlene A Epe (OS) PA, chief of the 110th Contracting Office (CO), acted as the Head of the PABAC Secretariat during the Pre-bid Conference held at 53rd Engineering Brigade's Conference Room on July 30.

The pre-bid conference involved the construction of one (1) unit enlisted personnel barracks each for the 3ID and 8ID, PA respectively.

The activity was presided by Brig Gen Ronald N Albano AFP, the PABAC Chairman.

The conference was attended by suppliers coming from the Visayas area. The activity was conducted at H53rd EBde in order to convince more local suppliers to participate, thus making it more competitive and most likely will result to contracts most advantageous to the Philippine Army and to the government as a whole.



112nd CO holds dialogue with logistics officers

The 112th Contracting Office, headed by Lt Col Gerry H Juele (CE) PA, held a dialogue with logistics officers and logistics and liaison Non-Commissioned Officers of the 51st Engineer Brigade and the Research and Development Center (RDC) of the Army Support Command (ASCOM) on August 9.

The dialogue focused on the flow of procurement operations, the proper way of filling-up the EPMIS-generated Unit Purchase Request (UPR) and other relevant issues and concerns that are being encountered by the end-users.

Lt Col Juele, together with other 112nd CO personnel, emphasized to the attendees that improper way of filling up UPRs was one of the causes of the delay in the implementation of the procurement of their logistical requirements.

Among the common mistakes is the lack of information on the mode of procurement, mode of payment, the authorized signatories and the price lists of an item that is not within the current market value.

Lt Col Juele encouraged the end-users to regularly update their respective price listings in order to attract more suppliers to participate in providing their logistical requirements.

Contracting Offices, Procurement

202nd CO facilitates repair of P9.86 million infra projects



The 202nd Contracting Office (CO), based in Fernando Air Base, Lipa City, Batangas, facilitated the repair of P9.86 million worth of infrastructure projects for the Air and Education Training Command (AETC).

As of August 31, 40 infrastructure projects worth P9,863,962.00 were processed by the office for its catered unit.

These projects include the repair and renovation of the main grandstand, junior officers quarters, perimeter fence, hangar and the repainting of various facilities within the base.

302nd CO joins simultaneous earthquake drill

The 302nd Contracting Office (CO), led by LCDR Rodiard F Babera PN, participated in the simultaneous earthquake drill on August 5 at the Naval Station Pascual Ledesma (NSPL), Fort San Felipe, Cavite City.

The activity was organized by the national government under the supervision of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) aimed at ensuring readiness in case of an earthquake.



303rd CO calls to NAVFORSOL leaders



Lt Col Domingo B Mestiola Jr (CE) PA, newly-installed chief of 303rd Contracting Office (CO), paid courtesy call to Capt Adeluis S Bordado (GSC) PN, Deputy Commander of the Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NAVFORSOL).

Lt Col Mestiola was accompanied by LCDR Edmond A Gepte PN, the erstwhile 303rd CO chief, during the courtesy call to Capt Bordado on August 10.

During the call, Lt Col Mestiola relayed the AFP Procurement Service leadership's efforts promoting the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

Captain Bordado vowed full cooperation of the NAVFORSOL to the AFPPS efforts.

304TH CO cites significance of TIAC

The 304th Contracting Office (CO) cited the importance of the Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) in ensuring that only the right quality and quantity of supplies are delivered to end users.

The 304th CO, which is catering to units under the Naval

Education and Training Command (NETC) based in Naval Station Leovigildo Gantioqui in San Antonio, Zambales, said that the office's TIAC is religiously performing its mandate to ensure that only the best supplies are delivered to NETC.

Among the projects that 304th CO inspected are the upgrade of base and ground equipment (August 2); dental supplies for organic personnel; maintenance of NETC Library; maintenance of printing and publication of NETC-NSLG; upgrade and maintenance of printers of NETC (August 6); delivery of computers for NETC; support training requirements for Pre-Entry Course; maintenance of PNOCS Building (August 7); maintenance of NETC Armory (August 12); maintenance of reproduction machine (August 20), and repair of dental chair (August 25).

305TH CO inspects ongoing repair at 205th THW



LCDR Henry C Maglasin Jr PN, chief of 305th Contracting Office (CO), led the inspection of the ongoing repair of Combat Utility Helicopter (CUH) Annex Warehouse of 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing, PAF.

The project is under the command of newly-installed 205th THW Commander Brig Gen Ernesto R Milo AFP.

306th CO chief lectures on fund accountability



Lt Col Raymehl A Mondejar (QMS) PA, chief of 306th Contracting Office (CO), served as the guest lecturer during the Fund Accountable Seminar/ Training at the 10th Infantry Division (10ID) on August 27.

The activity was attended by finance officers, SDO, DO, MFO and finance sergeant of 10ID, Brigades (1001st, 1002nd, 1003rd, 701st), Battalions (25IB, 27IB, 39IB, 66IB, 72IB, 28IB, 69IB, 67IB, 38IB, 71IB, 84IB), 2 FAB and 11FSSU.

Lt Col Mondejar also discussed some key features of RA 9184, modes of procurement and procurement flow during the seminar while SSg Jeffrey I Arendain (Inf) PA presented the basic background on Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

During the open forum, attendees were given the chance to raise questions and share their views and recommendations to further improve the procurement process.

402nd CO spearheads consultation with stakeholders

The 402nd Contracting Office (CO), under Lt Col Russel T Reinde PA, spearheaded a consultation with

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stakeholders at the Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM) regarding procurement matters on August 3.

The activity was attended by leading personnel from the O/U4, SAO, MFO and end users from different tenant units of SOLCOM.

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

During the activity, the scheduled opening of canvass was held, led by Lt Domingo B Sumayo Jr PN, Chairman of the CCC 402nd CO.

404th CO introduces EPMIS to stakeholders

The 404th Contracting Office (CO), headed by Maj Datuluna D Dilangalen Jr (FS) PA, is holding regular seminar and training to familiarize organic personnel and civilian employees to the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

Maj Dilangalen said that the 404th CO is holding hands-on training both organic and catered units such as Western Mindanao Command, Naval Forces Western Mindanao, 3rd Air Division and other AFP operational units in the AOR in order to adopt the automation of the procurement transactions through EPMIS.

Maj Dilangalen acknowledged that EPMIS has improved the capability of the AFP Procurement Service in the contract management system and in the timely processing of transactions for the procurement of supplies and materials.



405th CO orients catered units with EPMIS



The 405th Contracting Office (CO) conducted staff-to-staff talks with catered units to orient them regarding the Electronic Procurement Monitoring System (EPMIS).

Personnel of 405th CO engaged personnel of various catered units in open discussion regarding EPMIS as part of the efforts of the AFP Procurement Service

leadership's to cascade the system to other units.

406th CO promotes AFPPS quality policy

The 406th Contracting Office (CO), led by Maj Julius S Espiritu (QMS) PA, is promoting the AFP Procurement Service's quality policy dubbed as "Mabilis na Serbisyo, Magandang Kalidad, Mababang Presyo."

Acknowledging that only the best supplies should be delivered to the AFP Medical Center (AFPMC) and AFP Dental Service Center (AFPDC), the catered units of 406th CO, Maj Espiritu ensured that the office is working hard to better serve the two medical institutions.

"AFPMC and AFPDSC require medicines and medical supplies in their day to day operations. Their need for these medicines and medical supplies are immediate. Most of the time, the very lives of the patients depends on the availability of these medicines and medical supplies," notes Maj Espiritu.

"With the implementation of the AFPPS Quality Policy of "Mabilis na Serbisyo, Magandang Kalidad, Mababang Presyo" in the 406th Contracting Office, we continuously conduct assessment in our office to improve our procurement operations to better serve our catered units and for them to provide efficient healthcare to our soldiers and their dependents," he adds.

As a result, the 406th CO has facilitated the delivery of medicines amounting to Php 17,023,049.37 and medical supplies amounting to Php 14,198,954.35 –registering a total of Php 31,467,561.62 residuals in favor of the government.

At present, the pharmacy of AFPMC has medicines stocked amounting to more or less Php 50,000,000.00 which contributed to the decrease of DMRs.

Maj Espiritu attributed the success of 406th CO to the effective communications between 406th CO and its catered units.

407th CO chief attends training on RA9184

The acting chief of 407th Contracting Office (CO), Maj Joy M Rivera (FS) PA attended a two-day training on the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

The training was spearheaded by the Regional Composite Training Team for the Cordillera Administrative Region and in partnership with the Association of Local Budget Administrators-CAR.



The training was held last August 5-6 at Newtown Plaza Hotel, Baguio City.

408th CO levels up capability with EPMIS

To complement the implementation of the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS), the 408th Contracting Office (CO), led by Maj Donald C Hugo (CE) PA, acquired new computers.

Maj Hugo said that three brand new sets of desk tops were installed at the 408th CO in addition to the two old ones.

With the new equipment, the 408th CO managed to processed 556 Purchase Requests.

Commander's Photo gallery



COL ALVIN FRANCIS
A JAVIER PA (GSC) as guest
lecturer during the conduct
of Integrated Resource
Management Seminar last
10 September 2015 held at
Chateau Royal Sports and
Country Club in Nasugbu,
Batangas.



Oathhtaking of MGEN EDGAR R FALLORINA
AFP, Chairman and BGEN JOSE S YUCOCO AFP,
BGEN ALI FERRERAS AFP, COL ANASTACIO C
CABADING JR PA (GSC) COL ALVIN FRANCIS
A JAVIER PA (GSC). Members of the General
Headquarters Contract Termination Review
Committee (GHQ CTRC) during the meeting of CTRC
held at OJ4 conference room last 17 August 2015.



Marksmanship Sustainment Training,
on July 15, 2015 at 2DTS Firing Range, 2ID Camp Capinpin, Tanay.





→ Participated by AFPPS Staff Officers, Commanding Officers of Procurement Centers, Chiefs of Contracting Offices and Heads of Bid and Awards Committee Secretariats, the two-day Semi-Annual Conference held last 23-24 July 2015. Operation updates on Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS), cascading of international organization for standardization (ISO 9001-2008 and the presentation of Accomplishment Report of each unit were the major activities of the two-day conference.



→ Taking time out from the rigors of work and to promote camaraderie, Col Javier leads the holding of Quarterly Socials where the AFPPS family enjoys music and dance, and each other's company.



→ CDR ROMMEL JOHN I MENDOZA PN, Chief of Staff, AFPPS, gives a lecture during the Joint on Introduction to RA 9184 & AFP Procurement Process and Contract Management Seminar held last 11- 14 August 2015.



→ Col Javier leads the donning of ranks to newly-promoted Enlisted Personnel of AFPPS last 17 September 2015 at the AFPPS Multi-Purpose Hall.



→ Col Javier addressed AFPPS personnel during one of the seminars and training for 3rd Quarter CY2015.

TRANSPARENCY IN ACTION:

From bidding to actual delivery, AFPPS units religiously follow procurement process



Lt Col Patricio P Alejaga (CE) PA, 106th Contracting Office chief, leads the opening of canvass in the presence of stakeholders at 6ID, PA as part of the AFPPS leadership's efforts toward transparency.

Lt Col Rodrigo D Medrano (CE) PA, chief of the 107th Contracting Office, leads the Canvass Contracting Committee during the opening of sealed price quotations with representatives of various catered units, as well as the proponents in attendance.



104th CO personnel inspect delivered construction materials, individual clothing and equipment items, school and medical supplies.



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Representatives from the Commission on Audit (COA) join members of the 107th Contracting Office in inspecting delivered items for use of its catered units.



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Personnel of the 301st Contracting Office meticulously check medicines and medical supplies delivered.

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401st CO leads canvassing of medicines and medical supplies intended for Camp Aquino Station Hospital in Tarlac City.



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Delivery of construction materials, drugs and medicines and other supplies being inspected by the TIAC members at 4FPAO, APAO, PA.



Col Javier: AFPPS aims for excellence and continuous improvement

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Furthermore, a quarterly procurement examination was undertaken by Officers, Enlisted Personnel and Civilian Employees to reinforce and refresh each employee on the basic concepts and procedures of the government/ AFP Procurement System.

The personnel's morale and welfare were enhanced by giving awards to unit achievers with a total of 342 recipients consisting of 151 Military Merit Medals, 165 Military Commendation Medals and 26 Letters of Commendation. Moreover, a total of six Officers and 55 Enlisted Personnel were promoted to the next higher grade while 51 Enlisted Personnel were reenlisted to the military service.

On Procurement Operations

The Service introduced bold innovations and instituted them in its system and processes which further enhanced the efficient implementation of existing procurement policies and guidelines in order to be effective and responsive to the procurement requirements of end-users. Central to this Unit's pursuance of the above cited thrust is its accreditation to the ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System which was certified last 16 April 2015 by TUV Rheinland Philippines, Inc. a well-respected international audit body renowned for its expertise in evaluating management systems based on international standards. With this, the AFPPS is made the Unit the first in the government procurement bureaucracy to attain such an achievement. Such ISO certification initiative which started last June 2014, is designed to increase the Unit's effectiveness and efficiency on internal management system, including timely action on all procurement requests and the real time monitoring of all transactions.

On Training and Education

Corollary to the said ISO Certification initiative, the AFPPS is also aggressively pursuing its procurement automation thrust dubbed as Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) which aimed at streamlining the procurement process, document tracking, monitoring and archiving of procurement documents. This automation innovation was initiated first as a monitoring tool on 12 July 2014 at the Cavite City-based 302nd Contracting Office which was later on adopted by other Procurement Centers (PCs) and Contracting Offices (COs) nationwide. It is now being implemented to all PCs and COs giving emphasis to expedite the procurement process and lessen marginal errors in all our procurement activities aside from addressing the timely delivery of necessary requirements

of our catered Units/Offices. EPMIS is expected to deliver a significant improvement in terms of procurement timeline. The new system recorded an average of 9 calendar days upon receipt of UPR to NOA from the previous 18 calendar days with real time availability of data/reports, in compliant to standards, including statutory and regulatory requirements.

Likewise the conduct of several sustainable training programs to develop the capacity and enhance the proficiency of our personnel has been instituted. Officers, Enlisted Personnel and Civilian Employees were trained on proper handling of procurement documents, as well as on canvassing/contracting transactions, thus resulting to the smooth and expeditious procurement processes. To ensure that all its personnel are up to the tasks, the AFPPS leadership has strengthened implementing on-the-job training (OJT) and subsequent written examination on prospective recruits and ordered the newly-assigned personnel at AFPPS to undergo at least one month of OJT at the General Headquarters Procurement Center and GHQ Bids and Awards Committees 1 and 2 Secretariats. We also explained to 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 and also directed those who failed the examination will be given a chance to retake and whoever fail the retake will be denied in reenlistment into the Regular Force of the AFP including those old-timers who shall take the same examination on a quarterly basis.

On Facility Development, Mobility Assets and Office Equipment

The AFPPS leadership is not only focused on capabilities enhancement but also in the uplifting of the morale and welfare of all its personnel by providing them the most conducive working environment. Towards this end, the unit had initiated and successfully undertaken a number of major repair and renovation projects, which are also part and parcel of the unit's ISO initiatives, and in line with the AFPPS Commander's vision of what an ideal workplace should look like. Fixtures and furniture of the offices are refurbished alongside with the renovation of the PS4 office, Management Fiscal Office and the RFU facility. Forthcoming, the major improvements of the entire Headquarters AFPPS shall come to its completion. Furthermore, for the

benefit of our female enlisted personnel and civilian employees who live distantly from the office, the improvement of the ladies quarters is underway. The service also repaired 16 mobility assets and issued printers, laptop, computers to PCs, COs to address the need in their logistical requirement.

On Communications, Electronics and Information System

Complementary to the said thrust for ISO certification, and to further promote transparency and accountability, the AFPPS and the Philippine Army formally launched the Philippine Army Procurement Center Electronic Procurement System, with no less than the Commanding General Philippine Army expressing utmost confidence for the project's successful implementation that will redound to the expeditious acquisition of the army's logistical requirements that in turn will result to the enhancement of the army's mission-performance capabilities. As it is, the project aims to hasten the procurement timelines through the introduction of a web-based information technology solution. The information system is expected to deliver a significant effect in terms of procurement timeline reduction, make data or reports available real-time to the right person and the Philippine Army and AFPPS leaderships in analysis and decision making, and comply with external and internal regulations and standards.

On Way Ahead Plans

In line with ISO QMS certification, the AFPPS is continually improving its internal management system to increase the unit's effectiveness and efficiency. Likewise, a second version of the EPMIS (EPMIS version 2.0) is currently being cascaded to PCs and COs nationwide and expected to be completed before the 4th Quarter of this year. The upgraded version added a system that monitors public bidding proceedings.

Also, to implement are the programs "I-Canvass Ko Sa Bahay Mo", and Video Teleconferencing System (VTS). The "Sa Bahay Mo, I-canvass Ko" was conceptualized to enhance transparency and promote customer satisfaction and convenience to end-users. Our goal is to have a timely conduct of the opening of sealed canvass proposals that can be easily undertaken, and is accessible to stakeholders, and convenient to end-users.

Concurrently, the expansion of the GHQPC is set to complete by 4th Quarter of CY2015. This is also part and parcel of the continuous efforts to improve AFPPS facilities in line with the ISO 9001:2008 QMS Certification.

Opening of sealed canvass held at offices of catered units

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AFPPS officers and staff who never cease to strive for excellence and continuous improvements. This is another proof that by working together, we will make a difference," says Col Javier.

Under "I-Canvass Ko Sa Bahay Mo" concept, AFPPS sends personnel to catered units to actually hold opening of sealed quotations from project proponents. Previously, canvassing are being held inside AFPPS units.

Like the usual opening of sealed quotations, representatives from end-users, observers and suppliers were present to witness the activity.



The new canvassing concept is aided by AFPPS' Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

"This is a pro-active step to further streamline the procurement process without sacrificing transparency and

accountability. In this way, we are also able to show our catered units how procurement procedures are undertaken," explains Col Javier.

Initially, "I-Canvass Ko Sa Bahay Mo" was held at the AFP Command and General Staff College (CGSC) on September 9, and at the Communications Electronics and Information Systems Service of AFP (CEISS) on September 11.

Maj Julius Tancred G Managueod (OS) PA, Chairman of the Canvass and Contracting Committee, led the proceedings at the CGSC and CEISS.

Col Romeo A Mappala PA (GSC), C4, CGSC, expressed elation to the AFPPS' new concept of canvassing and the implementation of EPMIS. He noted timely delivery of required supplies at CGSC.

Lt Col Arthur G Pulmano (SC) PA, Chief of Staff, CEISS highly noted how properly the canvassing was conducted.

"Of my 27 years in the service, it's only now that I witness actual canvass proceedings, it's really proper. I was educated and this knowledge is very critical and important," says Lt Col Pulmano.

For his part, Maj Armando L Flores PAF, Provost Marshall, CEISS, says "I feel very proud as a member of the AFP. I am proud of the transparency."

CGPA lays out guidance to Army procurement units

Lt Gen Eduardo M Año AFP, Commanding General of the Philippine Army, presided over a conference focused on the updates of ongoing and programmed projects for the PA, and issued his directive.

The conference, held last August 25, was attended by Brig Gen Ronald N Albano AFP, Chairman of the PA Bids and Awards Committee, and Cdr Pablo O Fuentebella Jr PN, head of the PABAC Secretariat.

During the discussion, Lt Gen Año ordered the following:

NO CONTACT POLICY

All personnel shall refrain from making contact, personal or by telephone with suppliers, contractors, etc. except in the actual performance of their procurement duties. Likewise, all personnel, especially those involved in the procurement process should refrain from receiving favors from suppliers such as: gifts of any form, dining out and undue familiarity so as not to compromise the decisions and actions of their respective offices. This should be considered as part of Procurement ethics to be exercised by everybody.



Lt Gen Eduardo M Año AFP, Commanding General of the Philippine Army, issues his guidance to PA procurement units.

New J4 visits AFPPS, cites gains achieved by the Service

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Brig Gen Yucoco stressed that the true measure of success is customer satisfaction and despite limited resources.

At the same time, the J4 urged AFPPS personnel to continue the "excellent job" and do their best to comply with the timetable of projects and procurement activities.

As part of the visit, Col Javier briefed Brig Gen Yucoco and his staff, namely Col George Blanco PAF (GSC), Col Joselyn A Regis-Bandarlipe PA (GSC), and Maj Charlie Teria (OS) PA.

Col Javier informed our guests about AFPPS' road to ISO certification and its initiatives towards automation. He said the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS) was designed to streamline the procurement process anchored on transparency and accountability.

The AFPPS Commander also mentioned the Service's generation of substantial residuals amounting to Php325 million in favor of the government.

Col Javier also raised some issues and concerns on how to improve the AFPPS with the help of OJ4.

For his part, Brig Gen Yucoco addressed the points presented by Col Javier and gave recommendations and actions to be taken regarding the issues and concerns. He also suggested ways on how J4 will extend its help to the AFPPS and how to aid for the advancement of the quality of services in relation to the unit's future affairs and operations.

LEGAL OPINIONS

All decisions with respect to contract agreements shall have firm legal opinions from Army Judge Advocate (AJA). Half-baked or hanging opinions should be avoided in order for the command to have confidence in the exercise of procurement. This will prevent civil liabilities for the command.

ON THE CONDUCT OF POST-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS

The PABAC and concerned Technical Working Groups (TWGs) should judiciously and meticulously conduct post-qualification of suppliers. A brief background check of suppliers with regards to reputation and past transaction can preempt future problems. Delays in the delivery of projects is the result of qualifying suppliers with records of failure to fulfill previous agreements and contracts.

ON THE INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF DELIVERED ITEMS/SERVICES

The Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) shall make sure that delivered goods and services are in accordance with the agreed specifications or scope of work and based on the contracts. Review of the contract should be done by designated TIACs to ensure compliance of suppliers and contractors.

AFPPS Headquarters personnel join 'Metro Shake Drill'

As part of the AFPPS leadership's efforts to keep its personnel alert against possible disaster, personnel at the Headquarters AFPPS participated in the "Metro Shake Drill" spearheaded by the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) on July 30.

Members of the AFPPS Office of the Assistant Chief of



Procurement Staff for Operations (OPS3) and Headquarters Support Unit (HSU) organized the drill and strictly supervised by the Chief of Staff, AFPPS.

Lt Col Dan L Sales, HSU Commanding Officer, said that during the activity, the participants were

reminded of the "cover, duck and hold" technique during earthquake.

"The shake drill started after a long siren that gave signal to the military and civilian personnel of AFPPS to observe one minute drop, roll and hold-on method at their respective offices," says Lt Col Sales.

"Then after one minute of long siren, the military and civilian personnel proceeded to the basketball court which was the designated evacuation area," he adds.

Overall, the drill went on smoothly with Col Alvin Francis A Javier, AFPPS Commander, commending both the participants and the organizers.



CHANGING OF GUARDS

Col Javier hands over the unit flag of the Philippine Air Force Procurement Center (PAFPC) to Lt Col Rhosel R Duque PAF (GSC), the incoming commanding officer during turn over ceremony on July 31 at Villamor Air Base.

AFPPS Sgt Major holds troop information and education

As part of the efforts of the AFPPS leadership to keep our personnel alert, the Unit Sergeant Major held a Troop Information and Education (TI&E).

During the Commander's Time, AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) issued his guidance to the attendees composed of personnel based at the General Headquarters (GHQ) and National Capital Region (NCR), giving emphasis to his priority tasks.

Col Javier called for more hard work and dedication from the participants if only to sustain the gains of AFPPS. He cited the positive results triggered by the Service ISO 9001:2008 Certification and the installation of the Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

SMS Julieta C Lumanog PAF, Unit Sergeant Major, expressed gratitude to the Commander for taking time



Col Javier gives guidance and inspiration during the Unit Sergeant Major's Commander's Time.

out to join the TI&E despite his busy schedules.

After the Commander's Time, Lt Col Benjamin C Mutlah PA, AFPPS Assistant Procurement Staff for Operations (PS3), held a lecture on the procurement process and other related matter under Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Lt Col Mutlah also lectured on traditional basic soldiery and military courtesy and discipline.

NEW FACES JOIN AFPPS FAMILY



Col Amor T
Acpalo PA (GSC)



Lt Col Jessie M
Trinidad PA



Lt Col Rhosel R.
Duque PAF



Maj Earlwynne
Queen P Gullem
PA



SSg Alvic B.
Oribello PAF



Sgt Cornelio C.
Lopez Jr PA



Ptc Michael T.
Orendia, PA



Ssg Triumpo N.
Cantillo, Jr PA



S1YN Hersa R.
Osorio PN



SSg Benito
Alejandro P.
Ariola, PA



Ms Ma Teresa
C. Sacal CE



Mr. Jericho V.
Beltran, CE



Ms. Jonna N. Naz
(CE)

GHQ BAC2 Secretariat head holds lecture at AFPPS

LCdr Elmer O Lunas PN, head of the General Headquarters Bids and Awards Committee-2 Secretariat, was invited as guest lecturer during the regular training and seminar at the AFP Procurement Service.

LCdr Lunas lectured on the specific functions and responsibilities of the BAC Secretariat in relation to the procurement procedures based on Republic Act 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

training to equipped AFPPS personnel with the proper knowledge and skills regarding procurement process under RA9184.

Col Javier wants the skills obtained by AFPPS officers, through various training and seminars, to be passed on to AFPPS rank and file as part of the Service's human resource development programs.

The Contract Management Seminar was held last August 11-14 at the

AFPPS Multi-purpose Hall with dozens of enlisted personnel and civilian employees in attendance.

The AFPPS also took the four-day activity as

an opportunity to orient 30 newly-assigned personnel to the nitty-gritty of procurement process.



Col Alvin Francis A. Javier, AFPPS Commander, has instituted the regular conduct of seminars and

PAFBAC records more than P80 million savings

The Philippine Air Force Bids and Awards Committee (PAFBAC), through the administrative support of its Secretariat, has recorded more than P80 million residuals in favor of the government from July 1 to September 15, 2015.

The PAFBAC-Secretariat reported that the committee has undertaken successful conduct of public bidding for 54 various projects.

The projects have a total Approved Budget for the Contracts amounting to Php811,623,586.18 of which the Philippine Air Force was able to realize a residual of Php87,769,830.76.

Moreover, the PAFBAC is already set to undertake advance bidding for CY 2016 PAF projects by October 2015.

Through the years, PAFBAC has gained the reputation of conducting expeditious procurement of its logistical requirements not to mention the prompt approval of PAF Unit's Annual Procurement Plans (APP's) and most number of projects undertaken each year realizing residuals used to enhance the PAF's operational readiness.

These remarkable accomplishments were results of the strict implementation of Republic Act Nr 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. Moreover, the Committee, Technical Working Group and the PAFBAC Secretariat worked diligently for the successful conduct of all stages.

PS4 initiates AFPPS-wide inventory

Lt Col Samuel C Pamittan (OS) PA, AFPPS Logistics Office chief, initiated the conduct of nationwide inventory of AFPPS Plant, Property and Equipment (PPE).

Lt Col Pamittan said that the Service-wide inventory was meant to update and reconcile records with the General Headquarters

Accounting Center.

"This is in line with higher headquarters thrusts to determine accuracy on the AFP management and inventory systems on acquisition, warehousing, issuances and disposal of unserviceable PPE," explains Lt Col Pamittan.

The inventory was conducted to

Procurement Centers, Contracting Offices, BAC Secretariats, Reimbursable Fund Unit 72-100 and Headquarters staff offices. Likewise a parallel inventory was conducted at the RFU 72-100 stocks to reconcile records and to determine Dormant, Obsolete and Damaged (DOD) items.

UPDATE ON ISO 9001:2008 CERTIFICATION AFPPS holds QMS orientation to PCs, COs

To sustain the gains of obtaining ISO 9001:2008 Certification, the Headquarters AFP Procurement Service (HAFPPS) conducted an orientation on the implementation of ISO certification to all Procurement Centers (PCs) and Contracting Offices (COs) alongside the scheduled Command Conference held last July 24.

The orientation was presided over by Maj Julius S Espiritu (QMS) PA, Commanding Officer of 406th CO.

The conduct of orientation was in accordance with the thrust of AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC) to standardize the established quality management system (QMS) to all AFPPS units.

The orientation covered an overview of the established QMS of HAFPPS, GHQPC and 302nd CO including brief introduction to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and ISO 9001:2008 requirements.

During the orientation, Col Javier also gave emphasis on the established quality policy which states:

"We, at the AFPPS, are committed to quality procurement service to satisfy the needs

of our customers while complying with the requirements," declares Col Javier.

"We aim for excellence and strive to continuously improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our Quality Management System," he adds.

Col Javier stressed the motto "Mabilis na Serbisyo. Magandang Kalidad. Mababang Presyo."

He iterated that AFPPS must commit to rendering quality procurement service and promote continual improvement in every process so that the end-users and the stakeholders will be satisfied.

"Nothing is perfect but we must strive and be open to recommendations to continually improve," Col Javier points out.

During the orientation, representatives of PCs and COs were also given uncontrolled copies of the QMS Manual, Procurement Flow, Work Instruction for Procurement Process and procedure for Handling Customer Complaint to be able to familiarize on the quality management system implementation.

On 10-12 August, Col Ferdinand L Torres, the Quality Management Representative with

the rest of the QMS Core Team, paved its way to coaching ISO 9001:2008 Implementation to 112th, 406th and 408th contracting offices.

The team presented an introduction to ISO with its benefits and a concise outline on the ISO 9001:2008 requirements including the implementation of HAFPPS.

Furthermore, as per compliance to ISO 9001:2008, HAFPPS, GHQPC and 302nd CO held the 1st Internal Quality Audit (IQA) cycle last July 28-30. The audit objectives were to determine the conformance of the organization's QMS to ISO 9001:2008 and to determine areas for improvement.

Generally, the results of the audit indicated that the established QMS of HAFPPS, GHQPC and 302nd CO is maintained though there are minor lapses and recommendations for improvement that need to be addressed.

These minor lapses were set up with corrections and corrective actions by the process owners and will be verified by the auditors a month after the implemented dates. Verification will focus on the implemented corrections and corrective actions then effectiveness of the implemented corrective actions.

HIGHLIGHTING TRANSPARENCY IN PROCUREMENT PROCESS

GHQPC conducts live opening of sealed price quotations

The GHQ Procurement Center (GHQPC), under the leadership of Lt Col Prudencio A Iddoba (OS) PA, played a vital role during the conduct of the two-day 1st Semi-Annual Command Conference of the AFP Procurement Service which was

attended by the Command Staff, Commanding Officers of Procurement Centers (PCs) and RFU, Chiefs of Contracting Offices, Heads of Bids and Awards Committee Secretariats and other stakeholders.

Highlighting the Service's effort promoting transparency, the GHQPC's Canvass and Contracting Committee led the live opening of sealed price quotations for projects assigned to the center.

Maj Gen Rolando V Picar AFP, Chief of the Resource Management Office (RMO) AFP, led those who witnessed the proceedings that featured AFPPS' Electronic Procurement Monitoring Information System (EPMIS).

The activity showcased how the system worked, how it streamlined the procurement process and its other advantages as compared to previous proceedings. It also provided the venue where the participants and observers witnessed the advocacy of competitiveness and transparency of the AFP Procurement Service.



highlighted by the live opening of sealed bids.

The conference, presided over by AFPPS Commander Col Alvin Francis A Javier PA (GSC), was held on July 23-24 July 2015

AFPPS welcomes new Deputy Commander

The AFP Procurement Service welcomed Col Amor T Agpalo PA (GSC) as new Deputy Commander starting July 16.

A member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) "Sandiwa" Class of 1985, Col Agpalo was previously the Vice Chairman of the General Headquarters Bids and Awards Committee 2 from October 2012 up to last July 15.

Col Agpalo is described as a combatant and logistician having served in various capacities to combat units and logistics offices of the Philippine Army.

He served as platoon leader under 50IB, 5ID after graduating from PMA and went up the ladder of his military service occupying logistics units.

Col Agpalo is happily married to Mrs Lizabel Salvador Agpalo and blessed with two sons and a daughter, namely, John Christian, Jon Daniel and Ainza Amor. The family is presently residing at PA Officers Village, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

