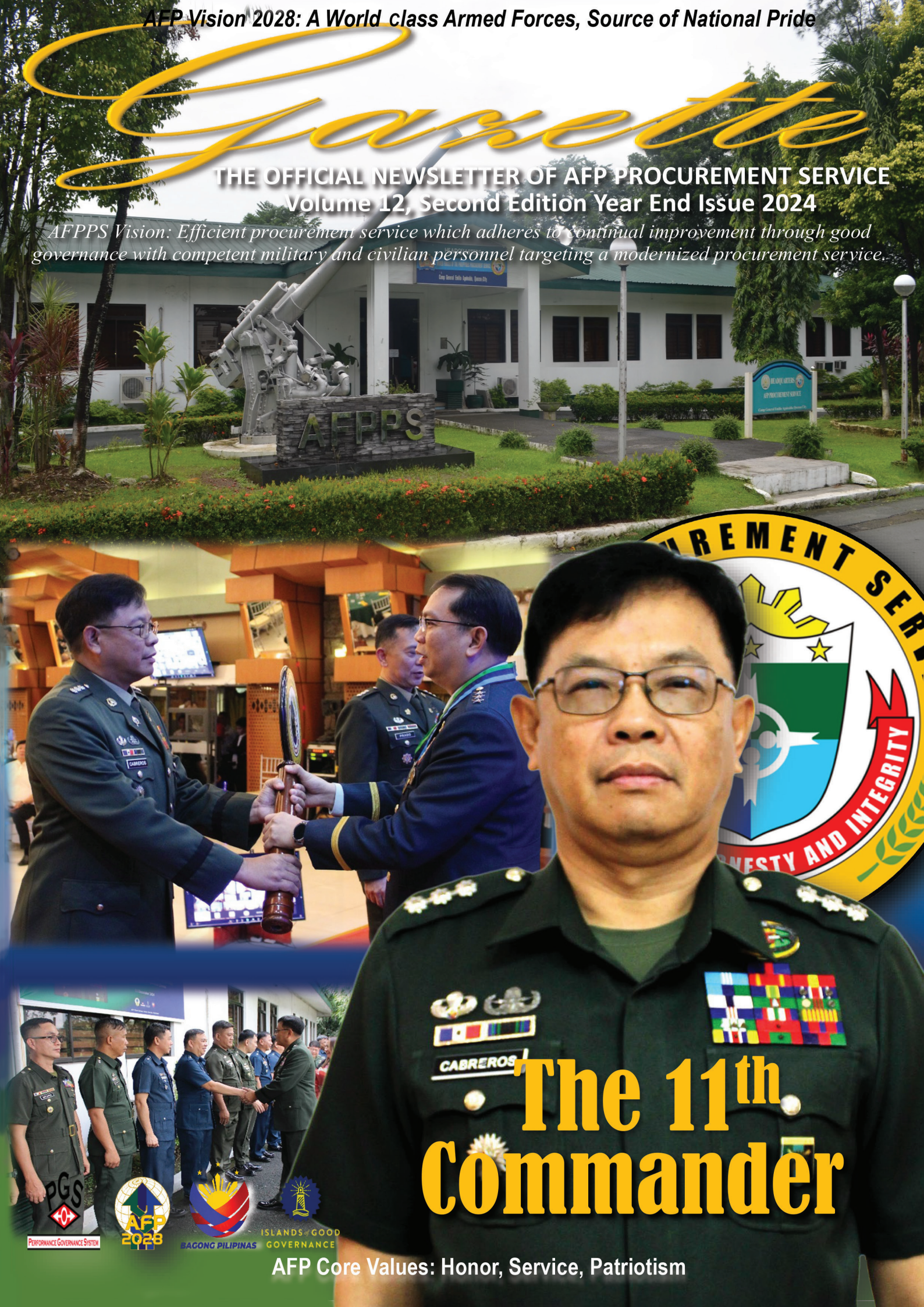


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# Commander's Profile

**C**OLONEL **GEORGE PAGSOLINGAN CABREROS PA (GSC)**, a native of Alcala, Pangasinan is the newly installed 11th Commander of the AFP Procurement Service.

His journey in the military service began on 01 April 1987, as a distinguished member of the PMA "Sambisig" Class of 1991. Before assuming his current role, he served in several significant leadership positions, each demanding greater responsibility, commitment, and a pursuit of excellence. Among these are: Commanding Officer, Transportation Battalion, 1LSG (2008); Commandant, Service Support Training Center (2009); Commanding Officer, 11th Forward Service Support Unit (2014-2016); Commanding Officer, Armament and Ammunition Battalion (2016); Deputy Commander, 1st Logistic Support Group (2019-2020) and ultimately advancing to the role as Director of the Research and Development Center (2020-2021). He also played a vital role in different procurement activities for acquisition of mission essential equipment of Philippine Army as a member of AFP Technical Working Group under the Department of National Defense (2005-2007); Member of PT-3 Philippine Defense Reform Logistics and Acquisition Program of General Headquarters, AFP (2009-2011) and Program Manager for Procurement Force Protection Project of Headquarters Philippine Army (2010-2016). Prior to his current role, he was the Chief of Staff of the Army Support Command (2021-2024).



To fulfill the demands of an advancing military career, he participated in various military and civilian educational training aimed at further developing essential leadership competencies. Among these are: Infantry Officer Basic Course at 6th ATG, 6ID, PA (where he ranked 11th of the class in 03 June 1995); Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course of the Training and Doctrine Command, PA (ranking 5th of the class in 07 May 2002); FSSU Commanders Course SSTC, ASCOM PA in 03 December 2002; AFP Comptrollership Course at Command and General Staff College in 10 September 2004; Planning, Programming and Budgeting System Training Project Management Team Training at Army Resource Management Office in 28 August 2009 and 30 July 2010; and the Command and General Staff Course at AFP Command and General Staff College in 19 September 2012. COL CABREROS holds his Master's in Public Management, Major in Development and Security from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) in 04 May 2023. Further, he participated in various international training to include: Security Assistant Management Foreign Purchase Course at DISAM Ohio, USA in 18 March 2005 and Small Arms and Light Weapon Program at USA Department of Defense in 25 June 2010.

COL CABREROS PA (GSC) earned various military awards and decorations, among which are: Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge; Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Operations Badge; AFP Basic Parachutist Badge; Wounded Personnel Medal; Military Merit Medal; Mindanao Anti-Dissidence Campaign Medal and Ribbon; Military Commendation Medal; Mindanao Campaign Medal and Ribbon; Combat Commander (Kagitingan) Badge; Military Civic Action Medal; People Power II Medal; Luzon Anti-Dissidence Campaign Medal and Ribbon; AFP Logistics Eligibility List; Long Service Medal; Election Duty Badge; CGSC Badge; Parangal sa Kapanalig ng Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas Medal and Ribbon; Sagisag ng Ulirang Kawal; Bronze Cross Medal; Distinguished Service Medal, Philippine Army Personnel Readiness Badge (Gold Category); Meritorious Achievement Medal; Gawad sa Kaunlaran Medal; Award of CSAFP Commendation Medal and Ribbon; Distinguished Service Star; and the Gold Cross Medal (which is recognized as the third highest military honor for acts of heroism); and numerous Letter of Commendations and Certificate of Appreciations from both military and civilian institutions.

COL CABREROS PA (GSC) is married to Ms Rosa May Himbing Cabreros and blessed with two (2) lovely daughters - Geeanne Pauline and Geeanne Patricia.



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## Message



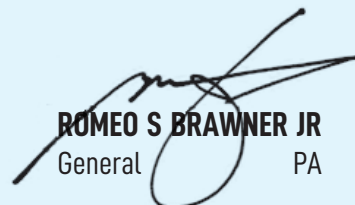
**O**n behalf of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, I extend my warmest greetings of peace and joy to the Officers, Enlisted Personnel, and Civilian Human Resource of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service (AFPPS) this Holiday season.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past years, we also look forward to the year ahead with new vigor under the capable leadership of your newly installed Commander, COLONEL GEORGE P CABREROS PA (GSC).

Moreover, the AFP is deeply grateful for the resilience and efficiency that AFPPS has demonstrated particularly in streamlining procurement process and delivering outstanding results. Through your efforts you have contributed to the overall success of the AFP and establish a legacy of innovation, growth, and capacity building.

During this Yuletide Season, may the spirit of the time inspire us all as we look ahead with determination and purpose, confident in our shared ability to meet the challenges of the year to come. Together, let us welcome 2025 with a continued commitment to excellence, diligence, and an unwavering dedication to fulfilling our collective duties.

*Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon!*  
*Mabuhay ang AFPPS!*  
*Mabuhay ang Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas!*

  
**ROMEO S BRAWNER JR**  
General PA





**VICE CHIEF OF STAFF**  
**ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
 CAMP GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO, QUEZON CITY

## Message



**A**S we come together to welcome the spirit of the Yuletide season and conclude another productive year, I extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to the gallant men and women of the AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS).

The AFPPS has played a crucial role in equipping our personnel to effectively fulfill their duties in CY 2024. Through steadfast commitment and reliable procurement services, the AFPPS has supported the operational demands of the AFP, enabling us to perform with efficiency and excellence.

I commend the AFPPS for its dedication to transparency and accountability—values that safeguard our integrity and uphold the trust the Filipino people have placed in us.

As we celebrate the holidays, let us reflect on the birth of Christ and let His teachings guide our lives. This season is a time to cherish our loved ones, whose unwavering support inspires us to serve with pride and honor. May your Christmas be joyful and your new year filled with blessings and success.

Isang Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon!

  
**ARTHUR M CORDURA**  
 Lieutenant General PAF



**THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF**  
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

## Message



In celebration of the Christmas season, I extend my sincerest greetings of hope, love, and peace to every Officer, Enlisted Personnel, and Civilian Human Resource of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service (AFPPS).

In recent years, AFPPS has consistently fulfilled its mandate, ensuring the successful implementation of procurement programs for AFP Units and supporting Bids and Awards Committees in meeting the AFP's logistical needs. Under the capable leadership of your new Commander, COL GEORGE P CABREROS PA (GSC), I am confident you will continue this excellent work.

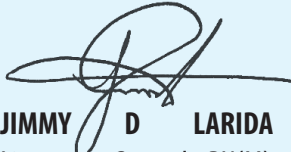
Every acquisition, whether small or large, has contributed to our organization's modernization. Your dedication as public servants show that procurement is more than a process - it enriches lives. You have reliably and promptly met the logistical needs of our troops, both in the field and beyond.

On behalf of the AFP, I extend my deepest gratitude to the AFPPS for your outstanding achievements and commitment to efficient procurement services. Your cooperation, hard work, and dedication help us grow as an organization, enabling us to better serve the nation.

May God Almighty continue to bless the AFPPS in the year ahead. May this Christmas bring joy and warmth to you all, reflecting the true spirit of the season. Keep up the excellent work!

Maraming salamat po.

Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year!

  
**JIMMY D LARIDA**  
Lieutenant General PN(M)





ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS, J4**  
 Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

# Message



I extend my heartfelt greetings to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service as we celebrate this eagerly anticipated season with renewed vigor, purpose, and optimism.

As we embrace the refreshing December breeze and the joyous atmosphere of the year-end festivities, we take this opportunity to commemorate our achievements over the past year. The AFPPS, as a vital component of the AFP, merits recognition for its exemplary role in fulfilling the logistical needs of the organization, thereby enabling it to carry out its responsibilities effectively and efficiently.

With this, I wish to express my appreciation for the collective efforts of the AFPPS personnel. As we conclude another year of dedicated service, the members of AFPPS can reflect on their accomplishments with pride. Your unwavering commitment and dedication have significantly enhanced the capabilities of the AFP and contributed to the successful execution of its mission.

Let us conclude this year and usher in the next with renewed sense of pride and dedication to serving our country and its people. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Rey B. Alemania*  
**REY B ALEMANIA**  
 Major General PA  
 DCS for Logistics, J4

## HAFPPS UPDATE

# AFPPS Recognizes Excellence Through Two Recent Change of Command Ceremony: Bridging its Continuing Commitment to Leadership

by Ms Jaki B Allana Civ HR

The Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service (AFPPS) conducted a Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony on 18 November 2024, honoring BRIGADIER GENERAL FERMIN M CARANGAN PAF as he concluded his tenure as the Commander of the AFPPS. The event was presided by the AFP Vice Chief of Staff, LTGEN ARTHUR M CORDURA PAF, who acknowledged BGEN CARANGAN's retirement and facilitated the transition of responsibilities to the Acting AFPPS Commander, COLONEL CRISANTO G PRADO PA (MNSA).



Before his current role, BGEN CARANGAN PAF held the position of Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Military Operations, J7. He is a member of the Philippine Military Academy "Tanglaw-Diwa" Class of 1992. Meanwhile, COL PRADO PA (MNSA), the Deputy Commander of AFPPS, has previously served as the Director of the Research and Development Center at the Philippine Army Support Command. He belongs to the PMA "Marilag" Class of 1995.

In his address, LTGEN CORDURA PAF praised BGEN CARANGAN PAF for his unwavering commitment and significant contributions to the AFP, particularly in enhancing the organization's procurement processes. He also expressed his confidence in COL PRADO's leadership capabilities and his potential to advance the mission of the AFP Procurement Service.

After 24 days, COL GEORGE P CABREROS PA (GSC) officially assumed as the new Commander of AFPPS during a Change of Command Ceremony held on 11 December 2024. LTGEN CORDURA PAF, Vice Chief of Staff, AFP, graced the ceremony.

COL CABREROS PA (GSC) took over the helm from COL PRADO PA (MNSA), who had been serving in an acting capacity. Prior to assuming this new position, COL CABREROS, a member of the PMA "Sambisig" Class of 1991, spent 17 years with the Army Support Command (ASCOM), where he established himself as a dedicated



logistician with significant experience in the field. Throughout his distinguished career, he has held several key leadership roles, including Commanding Officer of the Transportation Battalion of the 1st Logistics Support Group, Commandant of the Service Support Training Center, and Commanding Officer of the 11th Forward Service Support Unit. His leadership experience also includes serving as Deputy Commander of the Armament and Ammunition Battalion of the 1st Logistics Support Group, Director, Research and Development Center, and as Chief of Staff, ASCOM.

COL CABREROS PA (GSC) emphasized the importance of remaining focused on the mission and introduced a guiding principle for the command's operations, represented by the acronym G-P-C, which stands for Grounded in Law, Professionalism, and Credibility.





## HAFPPS UPDATE

# Civilian Human Resource: Career Cycle of a Public Servant

by Ms Maritess N Daet Civ HR

At the end of CY 2024, three (3) of the Command's Civilian Human Resource (Civ HR) pillars retired from their respective decades of service as public servants of the AFP, namely: Ms Rowena F Decena, Ms Magdalena F Bitor and Ms Clarita A Guillermo.

As the saying goes, in every ending, a new beginning arises. By this, the AFPPS welcomed four (4) Civilian Human Resource, namely: Ms Winielyn S Ramos; Ms Precious M Magudang; Ms Gelyn D Gome; and Ms Ma Erika M Julian. These ladies shall fill-in the duties and responsibilities of those women mentioned above who have retired and separated from the service.



Additionally, nine (9) of the Command's Civilian HR have been promoted to the following positions, namely:

Ms Rowena L Estandarte	SG 11	Admin Officer II (HRMO I)
Mr Leo O Ignacio	SG 11	Admin Asst V (Mech/I Shop Foreman)
Ms Percy D Tan	SG 10	Admin Officer I (Supply Offr I)
Ms Aime L Montenegro	SG 8	Admin Asst II (MAA)
Ms Carmina Mari B Ilustrisimo	SG 8	Admin Asst II (PPCA)
Ms Mary Gracelyn C Altillo	SG 8	Admin Asst II (PPCA)
Ms Jacqueline B Allana	SG 7	Admin Asst I (Comptr Optr I)
Ms Aida Fe B Balod	SG 7	Admin Asst I (Comptr Optr I)
Ms Karla Kriselle O Belarmino	SG 6	Admin Aide VI (Clerk III)



Continuous honing and developing knowledge and skills is part of the obligation of the Civilian HR of the AFP as a public servant. True to this, five (5) Civilian HR of this Command attended the schooling at the AFP Education, Training and Doctrine Command (AFPETDC) whose names are listed below:

Ms Rodelia R Palomar	CHRS Level 2 CI 20-2024
Ms Keilah Praise V Baldomaro	CHRS Level 1 CI 40-2024
Ms Lissa Marie C Orias	CHRS Level 1 CI 41-2024
Ms Karla Kriselle O Belarmino	CHROS CI 59-2024
Ms Reannalyn G Linantud	CHROS CI 60-2024



*Ms Baldomaro and Ms Palomar have not only completed their respective career courses but excelled among their peers and have been awarded as honor students.*

Career cycle of a public servant is challenging, and passion and dedication to duty should always be upheld to be better in service to the people and to the nation.



## AFPPS Thanksgiving Fellowship

*"The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father full of joy grace and truth." -John 1:14*

Celebrating our Thanksgiving Fellowship, together we will worship the living God with full of joy, love and peace.

On a festive occasion during the holiday season, the AFPPS held its Year-end Thanksgiving and fellowship at the AFPPS basketball court. Prior to the event, a Thanksgiving mass was conducted, led by LTC ROEL A ISIP CHS (GSC). The program commenced with an invocation by Ms Maritess N Daet Civ HR, followed by welcome remarks from COL CRISANTO G PRADO PA (MNSA), the Deputy Commander, who expressed his gratitude and commendation to all Officers, Enlisted Personnel, Civilian Human Resources, and their dependents for their exemplary contributions throughout another successful year.

The newly designated Commander, AFPPS, COL GEORGE P CABREROS PA (GSC), emphasized to the personnel the significance of family and the importance of maintaining health. This underscores the notion that Christmas transcends mere seasonal celebration as it embodies a mindset that encourages humanity and the promotion of goodwill. Demonstrating compassion towards our neighbors is among the most authentic and meaningful gifts we can offer.

The event included a "Christmas Exchange Gift" that followed an enjoyable series of parlor games, which highlighted creativity, humor, and camaraderie. With great enthusiasm, the personnel showcased a delightful intermission through an Acapella Singing Contest, featuring participation from both Officers and EP, as well as Civ HR, who poured their hearts into their performances, eliciting cheers of excitement and joy from the audience.









# Determination, Faith, and Perseverance

by CMS Romel A Constantino PAF



Determination, faith, and perseverance are not simply abstract concepts; they constitute the essential foundation upon which we establish our commitment to duty. These qualities serve as relentless forces that propel us forward, even in the face of challenges and obstacles. Determination represents the core strength that energizes our endeavors and maintains our focus on our objectives. When we embody determination, we steadfastly refuse to yield, regardless of how insurmountable the path may appear. Meanwhile, faith embodies the assurance that our efforts will ultimately lead to a greater good, even when the immediate outcomes are uncertain. This belief instills in us the motivation to endure hardships, recognizing that our actions are imbued with purpose and significance. Moreover, perseverance signifies our unwavering commitment to persist in our efforts, despite encountering setbacks and disappointments. It encompasses the capacity to learn from our errors, adapt our strategies, and advance with renewed vigor, resilience, and an unwavering



resolve to resist the temptation to abandon our responsibilities. These three attributes are not mere figments of imagination; they lie at the very heart of one's journey. As soldiers, we may contend with various units, offices, or even colleagues and subordinates, yet we embrace the understanding that we can surmount these challenges with unwavering determination. They are the instruments we require to navigate difficulties and fulfill our obligations. Collectively, they forge a formidable strength

that empowers us to achieve our objectives, inspire others, and create a positive legacy, as we transition from our roles and pass the baton to the newly appointed Command Sergeant Major (CSM) MSg Jerry T Garcia (QMS) PA, in his capacity as the senior enlisted advisor.

Before his designation, MSg Garcia served at the Defense Procurement Service (DPS), Department of National Defense (DND) in 2023, and held the position of First Sergeant at the GHQ Procurement Center from 2015 to 2023. He was the Operations Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) at the 53rd Reconnaissance Company, 5th Infantry Division from 2013 to 2014, and served as an NCO at the Armed Forces of the Philippines Medical Center (AFPMC) from 2010 to 2013. His career also includes various significant leadership roles, progressing from rifleman to team leader at Security Escort Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Group and 71st Infantry Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, Philippine Army.

MSg Garcia assured the AFPPS Family of his commitment to being a reliable personal advisor to the Commander, AFPPS, COL GEORGE P CABREROS PA (GSC) regarding enlisted personnel matters, and to serve as an effective conduit between the Enlisted Personnel and the Commander, particularly concerning issues requiring immediate attention and action. He urged the troops to extend their full support and cooperation to the newly appointed CSM. To initiate his responsibilities, under the guidance of the Commander, AFPPS, MSg Garcia prioritized visiting AFPPS personnel who were spending their holiday at the Victoriano Luna Medical Center. He extended the Holiday Message and distributed Christmas packages from the Command, emphasizing that as a leader, responsibilities extend beyond procurement contracts and transactions to encompass the morale and welfare of the troops. He underscored that Leadership, Discipline, and Service create a legacy for AFPPS.





# Driving Excellence in Operations and Procurement Support for CY 2024

by LTC MARC ANTONY M SONGGADAN PAF (GSC)



The Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (OPS3), has steadfastly supported the AFP Procurement Service's mission through its unwavering dedication, meticulous planning, and exceptional execution of its responsibilities. OPS3 has collectively delivered outstanding achievements that underscore their commitment to operational excellence.

The Admin Branch has also demonstrated exceptional capability in handling communications and contract management for CY 2024. The branch processed 17 contract agreements, Notices to Proceed, and 29 addendums, amendments, and extensions to existing contracts. It facilitated legal reviews for 13 contracts and managed 25 terminations of agreements, including Notices to Terminate, Decisions, and Blacklisting Orders. On top of this, the Admin Branch efficiently managed 141 requests for competitive bidding, 106 approvals of End-User Certificates, and the recommendation of 28 personnel for pre-delivery inspections abroad. The Admin Branch further disseminated 115 policies, directives, and compliance documents to ensure proper guidance within the Command. Its efforts extended to issuing 363 certifications for suppliers, processing 114 deferred payments with the Bureau of Customs, preparing 45 Statements of Duties and Taxes, and drafting 27 Letters of Instruction.

Meanwhile, the Operations Branch has successfully facilitated significant events, including the smooth conduct of turn-over ceremonies that symbolized unity and continuity within the Command. It has also played a vital role in processing deferred payments and issuing certifications of "No Overdue Deliveries" and "Not Blacklisted" for various suppliers, ensuring the integrity and reliability of the procurement process. Additionally, the branch has ensured the timely submission of Procurement Accomplishment Reports to the cognizant offices, reflecting its dedication to transparency and accountability.

The Training Branch has been at the forefront of advancing professional development within the Command. It has planned and implemented all programmed Learning and Development Activities for the year, equipping personnel with the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the demands of modern procurement. Through academic reviews and curriculum revisions, the branch has ensured that training programs remain relevant, effective, and aligned with the needs of the organization. Moreover, the Training Branch organized the successful conduct of the AFP Bids and Awards Committee Summit, spearheaded by the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, J4. This event provided an essential platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and process improvement across the AFP.

These achievements are a testament to the collective efforts of OPS3, but they would not have been possible without the exceptional leadership of LTC MARC ANTONY M SONGGADAN PAF (GSC). His guidance, strategic vision, and unwavering support have inspired the men and women of OPS3 to exceed expectations and deliver results that have significantly contributed to the success of the AFP Procurement Service.

As OPS3 moves forward into CY 2025, it remains committed to its mission of operational excellence, fostering a culture of professionalism, accountability, and continuous improvement. With the leadership of LTC SONGGADAN PAF (GSC) and the dedication of its personnel, OPS3 is well-positioned to achieve even greater accomplishments in the years ahead.



## Renovated Facilities: Enhanced AFP Procurement Service

by LTC RENATO A DOROTEO (ARM) PA



The AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) recently celebrated the completion of renovations to its Transient Officer's Quarters (TOQ) and Central Records Room. These upgrades significantly improve living conditions for transient officers and streamline record management.

A formal blessing ceremony was held on 15 November 2024 to mark the completion of these improvements. The event was officiated by LTC ROEL A ISIP CHS (GSC) signifying a positive and auspicious start for the newly renovated facilities. The ceremony underscored the importance of these spaces for the well-being of AFP personnel and the smooth operation of AFPPS.



The TOQ renovations focused on providing a more comfortable and functional living environment for officers staying at the facility. This included reroofing and upgrades to bedrooms, bathrooms, common areas, and kitchenettes. The aim was to ensure a sense of homeliness and to facilitate a conducive environment for the officers' well-being and productivity.

The Central Records Room renovations emphasized a modern and organized space for the efficient management of files, records, and supplies. This included enhanced storage solutions, improved lighting, and a more ergonomic work environment for the AFPPS staff responsible for maintaining these critical assets.



The renovations were a collaborative effort, with the AFPPS working closely to ensure the successful implementation of the project. The commitment to quality and functionality was evident throughout the project, leading to a well-executed and impactful renovation.



## OPS5 Gearing Up for CY 2024 and CY 2025 through Lecture Series



The Command organized a series of educational lectures at the AFPPS Multi-purpose Hall, aimed at improving knowledge of the Force-Oriented Cost Information System (FOCIS), the Program Objective Memorandum (POM), and the Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC). This initiative highlighted the commitment to professional development within the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), attracting both military personnel and civilian human resources.

Ms. Maricor B. Betic Civ HR, representing the Plans and Programs Division, OJ5 provided a detailed overview of the POM, including the elements of the GHQ PREXC and its objectives, as well as its integration with current AFPPS operations. Following her presentation, CDR JANICE N TIHUME PN and Mr. Kenneth S. Hermosisima discussed FOCIS, focusing on its applications and the associated data.

Additionally, the AFPPS, led by MAJ JOSHUA JAMES T IGNACIO (OS) PA, AC of S for Plans, PS5, participated in a FOCIS Workshop from 13 to 15 August 2024. This workshop, facilitated by OJ5, allowed participants to gain a deeper understanding of the program and its systems. Insights from a recent refresher course further enhanced the command's efforts to improve the FOCIS process. As of 04 October 2024, the Command has successfully updated all pertinent information within the FOCIS database, reflecting significant progress in this area.

Notably, the approval of the Letter Directive on Mental Wellness Break highlights a strong commitment to the mental health of AFPPS personnel. Further, two significant policies under consideration are the AFPPS Mutual Benefit Assistance Program and the Qualification and Designation of AFPPS Officers. In addition to these key policies, several other directives are pending approval. These include the AFPPS Viber Group Letter Directive, the AFPPS Senior NCO Council Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), the SOPs on Program Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence for Civilian Human Resources, POL Allocation and Submission of POL Status Report, and Recording and Reporting System of All Property and Supply. These initiatives are primarily driven by AFPPS leadership, reflecting the Command's unwavering dedication to excellence. The aim is to ensure that policies not only address current needs but also foster a supportive and efficient environment within AFPPS.

## Signal On Transition

by MAJ REYNANTE R MACARIO (INF) PA

The Office of AC of S for Communications, Electronics and Information System or OPS6 is focused on ensuring the sustained efficacy of all automated systems



and Information Communication Technology (ICT) equipment, maintaining them in optimal working condition at all times. The personnel assigned at OPS6 possess the necessary expertise and skills set to provide training to various individuals within AFPPS and enhancing overall operational capabilities. One of the functions and responsibilities of OPS6 includes supporting the Public Address System (PAS) which plays a vital role in effective communication across operations. In addition, OPS6 is tasked with the repair and maintenance of desktop and laptop computers, printers, operating systems, and implementing measures for robust cyber security to safeguard organizational information.

Further, continuous monitoring of OPS6 with the Command-initiated Automated Procurement Processing Monitoring Information System or APPMIS, is essential in maintaining the system's effectiveness and ensuring that it continues to meet the Command's needs and its sub-units by proactively monitoring the system and making any necessary adjustments to ensure that the system remains a valuable resource for the Command.

Lastly, fostering a culture of collaboration and inclusivity will be the key in harnessing the collective intelligence and creativity of diverse perspectives. As of now, OPS6 and its other systems will soon be adopted, which could help create a more reliable and effective flow of command. By promoting teamwork and communication, these systems are designed to drive innovation at a rapid pace. This transition involves not only the implementation of advanced technologies but also a cultural shift within our organization, where collaboration is prioritized over hierarchy.

Ultimately, by embracing this modernized approach, OPS6 aims to not only enhance operational efficiency but also cultivate a culture of continuous improvement and adaptability, positioning the AFPPS as a reliable Command in our organization.



## Pre-Annual General Inspection to 406th Contracting Office

by COL ARNULFO C DE VERA PA (GSC)

On 09 October 2024, the Command Inspector General, COL ARNULFO C DE VERA PA (GSC), together with his team conducted a Pre-AGI to 406th Contracting Office located at AFP Medical Center, V Luna Road, Quezon City. The purpose of the inspection of subordinate unit is to evaluate their performance in managing resources, morale, discipline and compliance with Higher Headquarters' policies which are essential for ensuring the operational efficiency and readiness of all units. The Inspection team consists of one (1) representative per unit/offices of the AFPPS headed by COL DE VERA, the Command Sergeant Major, CMS Romel A Constantino PAF, MSg Benito Alejandro P Ariola PA, OPS1 representative, TSg Neil A Concha PAF (OPS2), Sgt John Eric C Golosinda PA, (OPS3), MSg Rhoda P Adarna (QMS) PA, (OPS4), PO1 Rafaelito G Acuna PN, (OPS5), Mr Romeo Tauro III, (OPS6), TSg Joy Adah G Guiaman (FS) PA, (OPS10), PO1 Michael De Leon PN and Ms Winielyn S Ramos Civ HR, (OIG) and Mr Michael F Sta Maria Civ HR, SAO. The Team was



welcomed by the 406th Contracting Office Commanding Officer MAJ CHRISTIAN S CORNELIO (CE) PA and Executive Officer MAJ LOLITA ANGELA M PALMA PAF.

The highlight of the Pre-AGI was a Unit Briefing presented by the 406th Commanding Officer wherein he reported their unit accomplishments, unit readiness, funds and logistical support, AOM received, best practices and issues and concerns. This was followed by the Inspection Proper, answering of survey questionnaires of the 406th personnel to assess the effectivity of their Commanding Officer, and the Exit Briefing where the Command Inspector General also discussed the issues and concerns of the unit and findings of the Pre-AGI team. Lastly, the CIG paid Courtesy Call to COL JONNA D DALAGUIT MC (GSC), Commander, AFP Medical Center.

The Pre-AGI concluded with an exchange of tokens of appreciation. The 406th Contracting Office obtained a 98% overall rating with an "Excellent" adjectival rating.



## The Backbone of AFPPS and the Commitment of HSU Personnel

by TSg Julius D Noriega PAF

The Headquarters Support Unit (HSU) is committed to fulfilling the Commander's directive to ensure a safe, secure, and productive working environment for both military personnel and the Civilian Human Resource of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service (AFPPS).

The members of HSU willingly forgo their personal comfort to achieve this mission. The unit is led by its Commanding Officer LTC VIC M TIROL PAF (GSC), with Command First Sergeant CPO Euphrecina F Ragasa PN also playing a very vital role. Despite operating with a limited number of personnel and resources, HSU has demonstrated remarkable strength under the effective leadership of LTC TIROL. By fostering agility and cultivating a strong organizational culture, HSU has maintained a robust bond, ensuring that all logistical support for the Command's activities are executed with excellence.





# The AFPPS Commitment to Support the 18-day Campaign to End VAW (Violence Against Women)

by Ms Josephine C Sundia Civ HR

In support to the 18-Day Violence Against Women (VAW) campaign, which runs from 25 November to 12 December 2024, the Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service (AFPPS) donned orange advocacy shirts to demonstrate solidarity with the initiative. As part of this Annual Observance, the Command prominently displayed the banner prescribed by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), emphasizing the theme for Calendar Year 2024: "VAW Bigyang Wakas, Ngayon na ang Oras."

This action reflects the Command's dedication to raising awareness and serving as a Call to Action to eradicate all forms of violence against women. The Command also hosted CPT MA LILY TERESA A SALAZAR (ARM) PA, Chief GADO of the Armor Division of the Philippine Army, as guest lecturer during the seminar on RA 7877 Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995, RA 11313 Safe Spaces Act, and RA 9262 also known as the Effective Handling of Gender-based Violence. This seminar which held on 12 December 2024, marked the culmination of the 18-day campaign against VAW.

The personnel from the Headquarters, AFPPS, its various Procurement Centers, Contracting Offices, and Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariats participated in the event - both in person and via videoconferencing.





## Streamlining Personal Scorecards

by Ms Josephine C Sundia Civ HR

In alignment with the AFP Procurement Service's commitment to achieving its Strategic Goals, MAJ REYNANTE R MACARIO (INF) PA, the AFPPS Transformation Roadmap Action Officer, presented a lecture on Personal Scorecard Management on 06 December 2024, at the AFPPS Main Conference Room. This event was participated by five (5) newly assigned Officers, 25 Enlisted Personnel, and 20 Civilian Human Resources from various units, including AFPPS Headquarters, Procurement Centers, Contracting Offices and BAC Secretariats. The lecture aimed to enhance the ongoing training of AFPPS personnel, particularly those in subordinate units, by introducing the updated Personal Scorecard which have been streamlined from four to two forms.



This initiative is designed to support the sustainability of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Transformation Roadmap Institutionalization Pathway (AFPTRIP) systems, processes, and mechanisms, as well as the key elements of Functions, Resources, Expectations, and Messages throughout the various stages of Initiated, Compliant, Proficient, Institutionalized, and Recertification. The AFPPS is actively engaged in the cascading of the rationalized Chief of Staff Scorecard, with MAJ MACARIO (INF) PA spearheading this process to promote clarity and awareness among personnel regarding the CSAFP-approved Scorecard Strategic Measures related to National Military Strategy.

It is noteworthy that in CY 2023, AFPPS achieved its Recertified "Institutionalized Status" under AFPTRIP, following a comprehensive audit conducted by the Office of Strategic Studies and Strategy Management (OSSSM). The Command remains dedicated to continuous improvement, reinforcing the AFP's vision of becoming a "World-class Armed Forces, Source of National Pride by the year 2028."



## Enhancing Procurement Resilience in the AFP

by LTC ALEX E ESTABAYA (INF) PA

Alexandre Gagnon (Vice President of Amazon) views that "Procurement is Fundamental" – It spans everything from day-to-day purchases to measuring sustainability to future-proofing operations for long-term growth. It's a wide spectrum of mission-critical responsibilities, spanning all business functions." This aptly summarizes the achievements of GHQ Procurement Center (GHQPC) for second half 2024, which showcased the immense dedication and hard work the unit and its personnel.

As a strategic pillar, the GHQPC in order to sustain the logistical requirements of the AFP, has indulged into conducting management meetings to its catered units and accredited suppliers regularly. As a platform it opened an avenue for dialogue between Logistics Officers, Budget Officers, and other stakeholders, enabling the identification and solution of procurement bottlenecks to enhance operational efficiency across all Program 4 units/Offices.

As a value-creation pillar, the Center has played a crucial role in the implementation of all programs, activities and projects



*COL JOSELITO C MUNAR PAF (GSC) and his staff during the conduct of 2nd Semester Management Meeting for CY 2024 to its catered units.*

(PAPs) by meticulously evaluating potential suppliers based on their financial capability and previous contract performance and by strictly monitoring the implementation to ensure timely delivery.

As a common practice, stringent quality control measures are in place to ensure that the goods being procured meet the required standards and achieved the desired outcome at the best possible fair price. Systematic inspection of goods and services are being conducted to verify the quality, quantity and compliance to desired specification stated in the approved contract to ensure the procured items are suitable for the intended use of end-user.

With the current paradigm shift, the GHQPC is forward looking to the procurement trends for the upcoming year, proactively reworking strategies that mitigate risks and unlocking competitive advantages. With the upcoming implementation of the new government law, this Center shall strive harder in fostering transparency and efficiency and making the procurement process more effective.



*Canvass/Contracting Committee (CCC), GHQPC, AFPPS spearheaded the conduct of Post Qualification to Ubaldo-Reidenbach Solutions Inc. (left) and; INFINIVAN Incorporation.*



*Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) conducted inspection to ensure the newly procured items/infrastructure are compliant to the specification stated in the approved contract.*



## PAPC, AFPPS Unveil Enhanced ePMIS Version 2 for Streamlined Procurement

The PAPC Electronic Procurement Information System (ePMIS), introduced around 2014, was designed to modernize the procurement process in the Headquarters Philippine Army. However, in 2016, the Commission on Audit issued a circular to utilize the Government Accounting Manual (GAM) and its accompanying forms for procurement documents to standardize the forms used in procurement transactions.

Despite its availability, some documents were made on manual procedures for preparing procurement requests, ensuring compliance with their respective Annual Procurement Plans (APPs) and Project Procurement Management Plans (PPMPs).

Additionally, PAPC manually evaluates the submitted procurement requests (PRs), prepares procurement documents, and updates the status of higher headquarters, end-users, and suppliers. This manual process often delays the preparation and submission of procurement documents and reports, resulting in inefficiencies.

The PAPC E-Procurement Information System was introduced in phases to address these issues. The initial phase (version 1) allowed for basic computerization, automating specific tasks and reducing manual effort. This first step improved efficiency by introducing digital processes and enabling fundamental data management, laying the groundwork for future improvements.

The second phase (version 2) enhanced the system by integrating advanced features. It improved operations accuracy, expanded system functionality, and offered better user interfaces. Additionally, version 2 allowed for a more robust data analysis, further streamlining decision-making processes and operations.



*Engr Ricafrente from Media Matrix Solutions provided the background and sequence of the training and, subsequently, started the training/workshop properly.*



*The Assistant Chief of Staff for Command and Control, Communications, and Cyber Systems, G6, PA, was the guest of honor and was introduced by the PAPC Commanding Officer, COL CLARENCE C GARRIDO QMS (MNSA) PA. COL CONSTANCIO M ESPINA II GSC (SC) PA emphasized the four 'Ps' (Policy, People, Processes and Products) of cybersecurity*

The improved computerization addressed many of the inefficiencies of the manual processes and set the stage for continued digital transformation in procurement management.

On 22 0900 August 2024, the seminar/workshop was held at Luna Hall O'Club Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. This seminar aims to educate personnel from catered units and offices on procurement automation, which will improve efficiency and shorten the timeline of procurement processes. The seminar/workshop was divided into morning and afternoon sessions to accommodate the large number of attendees from the various catered units within this center.

Overall, the participants showed keen interest in learning the fundamentals and application of the e-PMIS and actively participated throughout the workshop. Careful planning and cooperation among each personnel are the keys to the activity's success. The training/workshop met its primary objective.



## PAFPC: Flying High Over the Horizon

### Bridging Perspectives: Enhancing Collaboration Between End Users and Stakeholders



COL VITO MINLO V SARMIENTO PAF (MNSA) together with the end-users and proponents engaged in discussions related to contracts that aims to achieve expectations, align objectives, and ensure that both parties have clear understanding of the terms and conditions through comprehensive interaction.

### Transforming Spaces: Before and After Restoration



Before and after repair and renovation of PAFPC building, highlighting the significance of maintaining the facilities to ensure enhanced operational readiness, safety and morale of personnel.

### Ensuring Excellence: A Comprehensive Guide to Inspection of Delivered Items for Quality and Specifications



TIAC Team conducted inspections on delivered items to different units to ensure that all items/products complied with the required quality standards and specifications as provided in the bidding documents of the projects.

### Cheers to Milestone



COL VITO MINLO V SARMIENTO PAF (MNSA), Commanding Officer PAFPC gracing the 37th Founding Anniversary of PAFPC along with birthday celebrants for the quarter poses with big smiles creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere for their special day.

### Mastering Procurement: An Effective On-the-Job Training Program for Future Professionals



COL VITO MINLO V SARMIENTO PAF (MNSA), Commanding Officer, PAFPC together with LTC NAVALES JR PAF, Executive Officer, PAFPC, MAJ ALIBASA PA, Admin/Operations Officer, PAFPC during the On-the-Job Training of the students of Procurement Management Officers Course Class 04-2024 at PAFPC.



## PNPC on the Road to Holistic Fitness

### PNPC Conducts Semi-Annual Physical Fitness Test

The Philippine Navy Procurement Center (PNPC) successfully conducted its Semi-Annual Regular Physical Fitness Test (PFT) on 17 October 2024. The event, led by CAPT ARCHIBALD DINO C DELFIN PN (MNSA), emphasized the importance of maintaining optimal physical fitness among its personnel.

The PFT is a crucial component of military readiness, ensuring that personnel are physically capable of carrying out their duties effectively. By regularly participating in such activities, the PNPC aims to enhance the overall physical and mental well-being of its members.



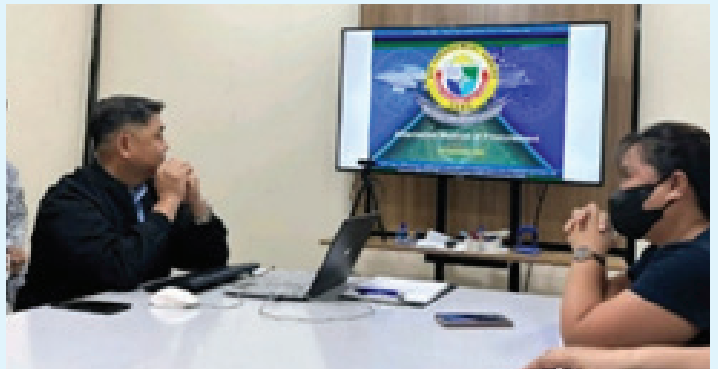
### PNPC Conducts Procurement Process Training for Enlisted Personnel

The Philippine Navy Procurement Center (PNPC) recently held a training session for its enlisted personnel involved in procurement processes. The training was led by MAJ GLORIA D MATANGUIHAN PAF, the Admin and Operations Officer, in collaboration with the Public Bidding and Small Value Procurement personnel of the Center.

The session, which took place during the 3rd Quarter of CY-2024, aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of enlisted personnel in understanding and navigating the complex procurement process. By providing clear guidance and practical tips, the training sought to streamline operations and expedite the completion of the Philippine Navy projects.

The interactive nature of the training allowed for open dialogue and the sharing of experiences between the trainers and participants. This collaborative approach fostered a sense of teamwork and encouraged the identification of potential challenges and solutions.

By empowering its personnel with the necessary knowledge, the PNPC continues to



### PNPC Conducts Annual Post-Qualification Inspection

The Philippine Navy Procurement Center (PNPC) recently conducted an Annual Post-Qualification Inspection to ensure the eligibility of suppliers for upcoming bidding and canvassing processes. The inspection, led by CAPT ARCHIBALD DINO C DELFIN PN(MNSA) and CDR AUGUSTUS LIBERATOR M AMATONG PN, is crucial in maintaining the integrity and efficiency of the Center's procurement procedures.

By rigorously assessing the qualifications of suppliers, the PNPC aims to select vendors who can consistently deliver quality products and services. This rigorous process helps to mitigate risks and ensure the successful execution of the Philippine Navy projects.



## Blessing and Turn-over of the new 101st Contracting Office

by LCDR JEROEN G RESUS PN

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality." - Warren Bennis

For almost ten months in waiting, temporarily working for a year at the Mess Hall, the renovation of the 101st Contracting Office was fulfilled on 02 December 2024. The conduct of the unveiling of the Marker, Blessing and Turn-over of the renovated building by the 1st Infantry (Tabak) Division Philippine Army was graced by MAJOR GENERAL GABRIEL C VIRAY III PA, Commander, 1st Infantry Division and BRIGADIER GENERAL ANTONIO B DIVINAGRACIA PA, the Assistant Division Commander. Afterwards, MAJOR ROBERT R DIOSAY (CHS) PA, the Division Catholic Chaplain, officiated the blessing of the said building which was turned over to LCDR JEROEN G RESUS PN, Commanding Officer of the 101st Contracting Office. Other building requirements such as the flooring, furniture and fixtures that were vital in the completion of the office, were initiated by 101st CO.



## 102nd CO and its CY 2024 Highlights

by LTC JOHNREY A FILLONE (QMS) PA

### Supplier's Management Meeting CY-2024

In today's fast-paced business environment, the importance of effective Suppliers' Management Meeting cannot be overstated. The conduct of this regular meeting experiences significant improvements in operational efficiency and over-all business performance. The Suppliers' Management Meeting conducted last 31 July 2024 at Lalugan Hall, Camp Mateo Capinpin, Tanay, Rizal by 102nd Contracting Office led by LTC JOHNREY A FILLONE (QMS) PA serves as an example of how structured communication and collaboration can lead to positive outcomes. The pivotal event brought together key stakeholders from different companies of diverse backgrounds, fostering an environment of transparency and mutual understanding.

One of the primary objectives of the meeting was to strengthen relationships between suppliers and its clientele. By engaging in open dialogue, were able to discuss challenges, share insights and align their goals. These kinds of meeting are crucial for building trust and ensuring that we are all on the same page. When suppliers feel valued and heard, they are more likely to go the extra mile to meet our needs.

The meeting also provided a platform for identifying areas of improvement. Suppliers presented their feedback on current processes, highlighting bottlenecks and suggesting innovative solutions. This collaborative approach led to the identification of several key initiatives aimed at streamlining operation and developed actionable plans to address issues.





## 103rd CO Renders Military Honor to Commander, AFPPS

by LTC JONIEFER G DELA TORRE PA

The former Commander, Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service, BGEN FERMIN M CARANGAN PAF and Party arrived on 24-25 September 2024 at 103rd CO, AFPPS at Camp General Macario B Peralta Jr, Jamindan, Capiz. The 3rd Infantry Spearhead Division accorded a snappy military honor for the Commander, AFPPS and subsequently conducted a tree planting activity as part of the program and for environmental commitment as well.

LTC JONIEFER G DELA TORRE PA, Commanding Officer, 103rd Contracting Office gave a Unit Briefing and subsequently introduced the personnel. In response, BGEN CARANGAN PAF expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome, delivered his inspiring message and guidance for the betterment of the Office. Finally, he reminded all personnel to work professionally and maintain good working environment between personnel and stakeholders.

After the formal activity, the personnel of 103rd CO prepared a simple boodle fight with some of the best Ilonggo dishes. Despite his hectic schedule, the 103rd CO did not let the Commander, AFPPS go back to Manila without showcasing in his itinerary the stunning beauty of the Province of Iloilo and some of its tourist spots.



## 104th Contracting Office Mastery of Marksmanship Training

by TSg Annalee T Talip PA

The personnel of the 104th Contracting Office, Armed Forces of the Philippines Procurement Service, stationed at the respected Camp Evangelista, Barangay Patag, Cagayan De Oro City, recently emerged triumphant from a demanding and comprehensive Marksmanship Training Program for CY 2024. This training was expertly directed by the Commanding Officer, LTC JOSHUA C LIM (CE) PA, whose leadership played a pivotal role in the 104th personnel's development.

During this intense program, the personnel engaged in various challenging exercises specifically designed by the highly skilled instructors from 4ID Training School held at the expansive 4ID Firing Range. Each drill was carefully crafted to elevate their shooting capabilities while encouraging strategic thinking and precision in a controlled environment. This training initiative serves as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the personnel to uphold the highest standards of military proficiency and operational readiness. Mastery of marksmanship is an essential aspect of military duty. It equips each member with the critical skills necessary for effective performance in a broad range of scenarios they may encounter.

The successful culmination of this training not only enhances the individual competencies of 104th Contracting Office personnel but also significantly strengthens the collective readiness of the entire office, ensuring they stand prepared to meet any challenges head-on with confidence and expertise.



## Transition Of Leadership

by MAJ MELVIN CHRISTOPHER M CATINDIG (SC) PA

As a manifestation and intent of the former Commander, AFPPS to uplift the Morale and Welfare of every personnel assigned to its subordinate units, BGEN FERMIN M CARANGAN PAF and Party visited the 105th Contracting Office based at Camp Melchor F Dela Cruz, Upi Gamu, Isabela from 18 to 19 October 2024. As part of the visit, the 5th Infantry (Star) Division, PA tendered an Arrival Honor for BGEN CARANGAN. After which, the party made a Courtesy Call to MGEN GULLIVER L SEÑIRES PA, Commander, 5ID. The main event of the visit was the Turnover of Command of the 105th Contracting Office from LCDR LEO C MAGUDANG PN, the Outgoing Commanding Officer to MAJ MELVIN CHRISTOPHER M CATINDIG (SC) PA, the Incoming Commanding Officer and jibed with the Retirement Ceremony in honor of LCDR MAGUDANG PN and TSg Philam D Pasicolan (FS) PA, the Operations NCO of the unit.



## Building a Collaborative Culture in Military Procurement

by LTC FARCON G CANAUGAN (OS) PA

The Financial Management Seminar is a flagship initiative of the 12th Field Service Finance Office, Philippine Army. Financial Management Seminar equips military units with the knowledge and tools to manage their finances effectively, leading to better resource allocation, efficient procurement, and increased operational effectiveness from Philippine Army Major Units, extending down to the battalion level. The seminar provides a platform for assessing existing gaps in financial and procurement management policies while identifying best practices and challenges in the implementation of budgets, programs, activities, and projects. Insights gathered during the seminar will contribute to the development of enhanced guidelines for financial and procurement processes, ultimately strengthening the Philippine Army's support systems.

During the event, LTC FARCON G CANAUGAN (OS) PA, Commanding Officer of the 106th Contracting Office, delivered a lecture and presentation covering key topics such as Procurement Flow, Procurement Timelines, Issues and Concerns, and Best Practices. He emphasized that the efficiency and timeliness of procurement transactions are largely attributed to the proficiency of liaison or procurement Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)

in the procedures. Additionally, fostering close and harmonious relationships with stakeholders was highlighted as a hallmark of a true team player.

In conclusion, the participants unanimously committed to upholding and enhancing collaboration and cooperation to achieve the organization's goal of efficient and timely procurement processes. This collective effort aims to ensure the success of the 6th Infantry Division's mission and the broader objectives of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).





## Enhancing Efficiency

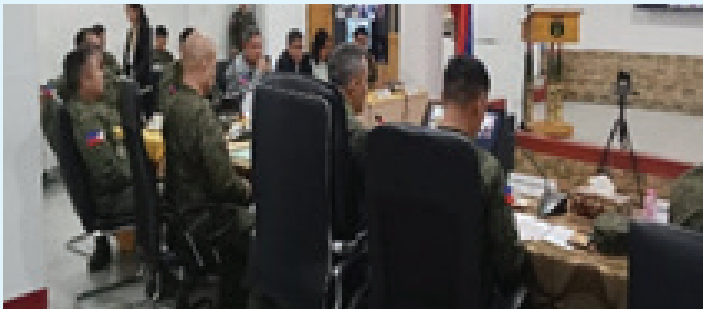
by LTC RICHARD A TABANIAG PAF

LTC RICHARD A TABANIAG PAF, Commanding Officer of 107th Contracting Office, attended the Management Audit Exit Conference of 7th Infantry Division (7ID) and Army Artillery Regiment (AAR), Philippine Army respectively. The conference was attended by the Commander of 7ID and AAR together with the Field Accountant, Ms Marnie Garcia and Ms Nenita Quismundo from the 3rd Field Property Accountability Office (3FPAO).

The audit focused on Financial, Property and Supply Management for Fiscal Year 2023 on the Third Quarter of Calendar Year 2024. The findings and recommendations were presented to improve efficiency and implement corrective actions. The activity was conducted by the Office of the Army Internal Audit (OAIA) on 02 and 17 October 2024 at AAR Maharlika Hall and 7ID Officers Clubhouse, Fort Ramon Magsaysay, Palayan City, Nueva Ecija.

The activity was attended by G4, G10, Procurement NCOs and all Battery Commanders. As part of the unit's best practices, LTC TABANIAG PAF, conducted lecture on AFP Procurement Process on 24 September 2024 at 7th ID Officers Clubhouse, Fort Ramon Magsaysay, Palayan City, Nueva Ecija. He shared valuable insights about Public Bidding and Small Value Procurement (SVP) as well as the specific timeline to be followed in the procurement process. He also discussed the New Government Procurement Act (NGPA) or RA 12009.

The lecture aimed to equip end-users with knowledge and skills to manage procurement projects effectively, ensuring compliance with regulations and organizational goals. It also emphasized the unit's commitment to transparency, accountability and continuous improvement of the procurement process in the AFP.

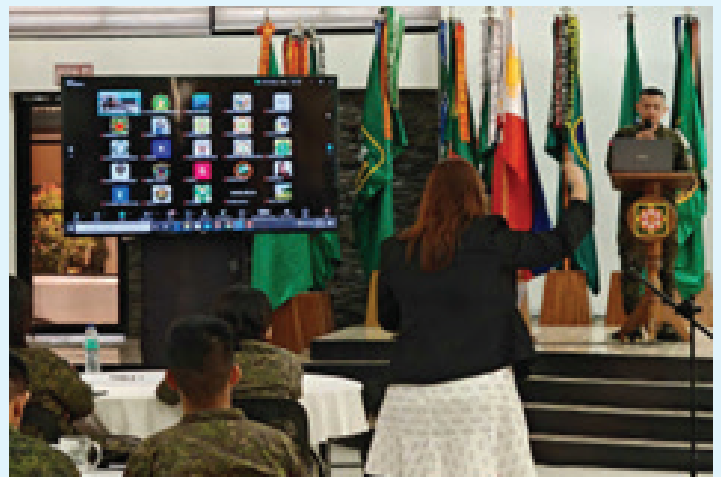


## Internal Control System Advocacy Drive CY 2024

by CPT JESUS A REYES (FS) PA

The 108th Contracting Office headed by CPT JESUS A REYES JR (FS) PA conducted a lecture on the Procurement Process Flow during the Internal Control System Advocacy Drive CY 2024 initiated by the Office of the Army Internal Auditor (OAIA) held at 8ID Abanador Hall, Camp Vicente Lukban, Catbalogan City, Samar on 27 November 2024.

The activity was attended by Disbursing Officers (DO), Special Disbursing Officers (SDO) and Logistic Officers of the 8th Infantry Division, Philippine Army. The initiative aimed to ensure the efficiency, effectiveness and integrity of the organization's resource management. It also sought to empower participants by promoting the adoption of best practices in Internal Control Systems within their respective units and offices.



*CPT JESUS A REYES JR (FS) PA receives a Plaque of Appreciation from LTC PERSEUS N SOL (INF) PA, Chief, Plans and Research Branch, OAIA.*

## Commander AFPPS Visits 109th CO and 9ID

by Karla Kriselle O Belarmino Civ HR

On 23 August 2024, the former Commander of AFPPS conducted a visit to the 109th Contracting Office located at Camp Elias Angeles in San Jose, Pili, Camarines Sur and made courtesy call to the 9th Infantry Division.

The visit aimed to enhance the morale and welfare of the personnel while also addressing their individual concerns. The troops at the 109th Contracting Office expressed great enthusiasm regarding the Commander's visit, appreciating that despite the remote location, he made the effort to come to the Bicol Region.



*MGEN NOE ALBERTO Q PEÑAFIEL PA and BGEN FERMIN M CARANGAN PAF, Commander, AFPPS talks during the Courtesy Call*

## Fully Committed in Supporting the "Kaayadans"

by: MAJ MOISES L PECAYO (QMS) PA

The 111th Contracting Office, headed by MAJ MOISES L PECAYO (QMS) PA and personnel, once again surpassed its level of compliance from last year's accomplishments.

Constant Coordination with the Office of Financial Management (OG10), 52EBde, PA, as an addition to the existing Best Practices of this office which effectively resulted to the early obligation of the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) CY 2024 of the 52nd Engineer "KAAYADAN" Brigade, Philippine Army and was completely disbursed early on the last month of this year's 3rd Quarter (September).

The Office timely conducts meeting with the Chief, OG10 and any of its available personnel - may it be in person or thru phone call whichever is convenient at the time, to discuss upcoming and expected releases and availability of the Advice of Sub-Allotment

(ASA) and suggested to them to encourage the Procurement NCOs to review their PPMP to anticipate possible adjustments or amendment and prepare in advance the necessary documents needed to be attached on their Unit Procurement Requests (UPRs). As soon as 111th CO be informed with the availability of the ASA, the Office subsequently furnished STL to OG4, 52EBde, PA regarding the deadline for submission of UPRs.

This practice was proven effective; indeed, 111th CO had received appreciations and recognitions for the unwavering support we have contributed to the accomplishments and fulfillment of the KAAYADANs mandate for Fiscal Year 2024.

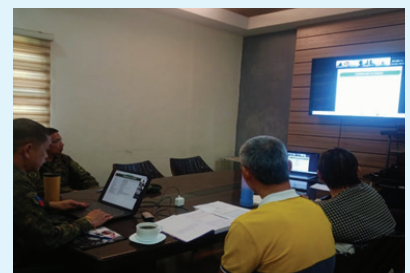


## Navigating Construction Challenges: A Strategic Approach

by MAJ RAY ROY B IBANES (QMS) PA

The Commanding Officer, 112th Contracting Office, MAJ RAY BOY B IBANES (QMS) PA, presided a Management Meeting re Construction of twenty-four (24) Units Earth Covered Magazine for AABn, ASCOM, PA at Laur, Nueva Ecija last 19 November 2024 physically attended by COL ROGER ALEJANDRINO (CE) PA, AC of S for Operations, G3, 51EBde, PA and representatives of Protech Construction and Development Corporation. Also present via VTC are MAJ SEVERATO R MAZON (CE) PA, Engineering Branch, G4, PA, MAJ MARVIN ARCIL (CE) PA, OACE, MAJ RHIMMON RHEE C ELING (CE) PA, EX-O, 522ECB, 51EBde, PA and CPT CHRISTOPHER G BAÑES (CE) PA, Unit S3, 522ECB, 51EBde, PA. The meeting aimed to address the existing issues and concern of the said project. In line with this, CO, 112th presented the background and chronology of events pertaining to the said project and gave emphasis to

the existing issues and arising concerns of the project. 112th CO received a positive feedback from the supervising unit headed by the COL JONJIE C JUGILON CE (GSC) PA, Acting Commander, 51EBde, PA agreeing on the suspension of works until such issues and concerns are already resolved. The CO, 112th CO reminded the representative of implementing units and the contractor to efficiently monitor and properly execute the terms and conditions of the project as stipulated in contract agreement and encouraged to constantly communicate to ensure the 100% implementation of the said project.





## Budget Execution Process Seminar SME

by LTC AMADEO J PANLILIO (CE) PA

The Commanding Officer of 113th CO, AFPPS, LTC AMADEO J PANLILIO (CE) PA, was invited as one of the Subject Matter Expert (SME) during the conduct of Budget Execution Process Seminar conducted at the Army Support Command (ASCOM), PA on 28 November 2024. It was attended by Logistics and Procurement Officers and NCOs of the three (3) different Philippine Army Major Units (PAMU) and eight (8) on-post PA sub-units catered by this Office. He imparted his knowledge, experiences and observations in the procurement of process and discussed the significant factors that contribute to the delay of the procurement project. The seminar has an end-view of proper execution and implementation of procurement projects of the unit with its culminating activity of group discussion and case presentation.



## 114th Contracting Office: On The Go

by CDR ALEXANDER J ORIO PN

Conducted Coordinating Meeting via VTC with the contractors of Markbuilt Enterprises, Vista Construction together with G3, 54EBde, G4, 54EBde and 549EB, 54EBde to discuss the Issues and Concerns of Infrastructure Projects at Camp Lucero, Carmen, Cotabato on 30 October 2024 presided by CDR ALEXANDER J ORIO PN.



CDR ALEXANDER J ORIO PN attended the Pre-Construction Conference (Construction of 11ID Facilities) on 23 September 2024 which was presided by COL DONALD C HUGO GSC (CE) PA the Chief of Staff, 54EBde at Conference Room, Headquarters 54EBde, Cabaatangan, Zamboanga City and was attended by Key Staff Officers of 54EBde, End-users, Winning Contractors/Bidders, Chief, 16FSFO, Chief, 16FPAO, and Chief, 16FAU

## 115th CO as SME during Fund Accountable Officer Seminar

by LTC MICHAEL B DE GUIA (CE) PA

LTC MICHAEL B DE GUIA (CE) PA, the Commanding Officer of the 115th Contracting Office, delivered a lecture to attendees of the Fund Accountable Officer Seminar for Calendar Year 2024. This seminar was organized by the 17th Finance Service Field Office (17FSFO), FCPA, and took place on 17 September 2024. The audience comprised personnel from the 11th Infantry Division, Philippine Army, and its Operational Control Units, who are currently serving or are expected to be appointed as Special Disbursing Officers, Logistics Officers, and Procurement Non-Commissioned Officers.

The lecture was designed to enhance participants' understanding of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Procurement Process. It provided an overview of the significant provisions of Republic Act 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), as well as an explanation of the various modes of procurement and a detailed step-by-step procurement flow. Additionally, participants were encouraged to pose questions regarding challenges faced during the procurement process that may lead to delays.



## Completion of Projects Undertaken by 201st CO

by LTC CECILIO C MADRID (OS) PA

LTC CECILIO C MADRID (OS) PA, Commanding Officer, 201st Contracting Office, participated in a briefing regarding the completion of repairs and maintenance for eight (8) projects undertaken by the 600th Air Base Group. This briefing was conducted in the presence of BGEN GENARO C MENOR PAF, Deputy Commander of the Air Installation Base Development Command and Chairperson of the TIAC, at the Mabuhay Lounge, Clark Airbase on 23 October 2024.



Subsequently, on 13 November 2024, LTC MADRID attended the Technical Inspection and Acceptance of three (3) completed projects. This event was led by COL ROMELL ALLAN P GENETE PAF (GSC), Chairperson of the TIAC for the 710th SPOW, which included the renovation of the Sky Warrior's Covered Court, the Armory Building No. 0910-01, and the installation of one (1) unit of a 100KVA transformer at Captain Ernesto Ravina Air Base (CERAB), located in Crow Valley, Sta. Juliana, Capas, Tarlac.



## Rigorous Inspection Process by 202nd CO

by MAJ RUBY D VILLAPANDO PAF

The 202nd Contracting Office has initiated a comprehensive inspection program for deliveries related to critical operations, including aircraft spares, consumables, chemicals, and office supplies. This initiative is designed to ensure that all procured items meet high standards of quantity, quality, and usability, thereby enhancing operational readiness and effectiveness.

Recognizing the importance of rigorous inspection processes, the 202nd Contracting Office is committed to maintaining the integrity of its procurement and contracting operations across various sectors. The office oversees a diverse range of deliveries and emphasizes excellence in its operations. The inspection procedure is conducted by a team of procurement experts, contract administrators, and quality control specialists. It involves thorough evaluations, including visual inspections, quality assessments, and usability checks, to ensure compliance with the specifications set by the Air Education, Training, and Doctrine Command and the 550th Air Base Group.

Additionally, the inspection process fosters transparency and collaboration between the 202nd Contracting Office and its partners. The open exchange of feedback and observations promotes continuous improvement in procurement practices and operational efficiency. Through these initiatives, the 202nd Contracting Office demonstrates its commitment to excellence, accountability, and operational readiness. By prioritizing stringent quality control in procurement, the office significantly supports the mission-critical functions of its partner units, contributing to the overall success and effectiveness of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Air Force.



Inspection of Medical Supplies at FABH Lobby for use of FABH, 550th ABG



Inspection of Infrastructure Projects with Chairman TIAC at AETDC



Inspection of Aircraft Spare Parts and Consumables with Chairman TIAC at AETDC Warehouse



## Milestones at 301st CO

by MAJ JESSIE S LOPEZ (QMS) PA

### Third Quarter Management Meeting to all Stakeholders and Opening of Sealed Canvass of End-user Projects CY-2024

MAJ JESSIE S LOPEZ (QMS) PA, Commanding Officer 301st Contracting Office conducted the Third Quarter Management meeting to End-users and Suppliers of this Office. Also, as Chairman of the Canvass Contracting Committee, he regularly presides the opening of Sealed Canvass of catered units of Program 2 (580th ACWW and 585th ABG of the Philippine Air Force) and Program 3 (Naval Forces Northern Luzon and Naval Forces Installation Facilities) projects on 09 August 2024 at 301st Contracting Office, NSEO, Poro Point, City of San Fernando, La Union.

As part of Stakeholder Engagement, 301CO regularly conducts management meeting to end users and Responsive Suppliers every quarter in order to clarify issues and concerns related to the procurement activities for CY 2024 and to maintain harmonious working relationship to End-User and Suppliers.

Further, in order to increase fairness and transparency of the procurement process, MAJ JESSIE S LOPEZ (QMS) PA, Chairman of Canvass Committee presided the opening of Sealed Canvass of 580th ACWW of Philippine Air Force projects. The members of Canvass Committee meticulously checked the RFQ's submitted by the suppliers; and evaluate the eligibility requirements to identify the winning responsive supplier



MAJ JESSIE S LOPEZ (QMS) PA, Chairman of Canvass Committee with the members of Canvass Committee of 580th ACWW conducted the opening of Sealed Canvass of their programmed projects for 3rd quarter CY 2024 at 301st Contracting Office, NSEO, Poro Point, City of San Fernando, La Union on 09 August 2024.

## 302nd CO Solidifies Key Enabler Role

by LCDR ERIC S IGLESIA PN

The 302nd Contracting Office held various activities and initiatives which solidified its role as a key enabler of the AFPPS operational and strategic objectives. Through its unwavering dedication to excellence across doctrine, organization, training, materiel, personnel, leadership and facilities (DOTMPLF), the office has contributed to the efficient procurement of goods and services essential to its stakeholders' readiness and success.

**On Doctrine**, the earlier innovated procurement checklist by the Office was recently translated as part of a PN policy – currently being sought for approval, wherein said checklist shall serve as part of the attendant documents necessary to start procurement process. The procurement checklist will serve as a quick-look monitoring tool relevant to achieving a seamless procurement and contract implementation.



The success of any Organization depends significantly on the competencies and synergy of its team. Recognizing this, the office has taken the progressive step of hiring Mr Casto Ignacio, a professional instructor of Asian Institute of Management, who conducted a Team Competency Development Seminar last 09 December 2024 at 302nd Contracting Office, NSPL, Cavite City. This initiative aimed at fostering skill enhancement, collaboration, and overall productivity within the workforce, ensuring that our organization remains agile and effective in achieving its goals.

**Leadership and Training** are cornerstones of any organization's success, and 302nd has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to these areas by investing in the professional growth of its personnel and its leadership. Throughout the year, the leadership of the Office completed the online Procurement Specialist Course Levels 1 and 2 in University of the Philippines and Central Luzon State University, respectively. Likewise, 302nd personnel also attended various logistics and procurement-related seminars equipping them with essential skills relevant to their competencies as procurement specialists.

**On Materiel** – in response to the demands for improved storage and workspace, our office with the support of Naval Ammunitions and Explosives Center, acquired a 20-footer container van to serve as a stockroom and additional office space. This initiative addresses critical logistical and operational needs while maximizing efficiency and resource utilization. Said container van will be further enhanced to serve as 302nd contracting office extended workspace.

A well-equipped and functional **Facility** is essential for any organization to effectively achieve its mission. Among the facility enhancements made at 302nd are road rehabilitation, installation of CCTVs and ACUs, placing of plants and plant boxes, and other office painting and repair works.

Moving forward, your 302nd Contracting Office remains well-positioned to continue driving innovation and progress, ensuring the AFPPS is equipped to address future challenges.



## AFPPS Leadership Visits 303rd Contracting Office

by: CDR GERMAN R ACIDO JR PN

On 22 August 2024, the leadership of the AFP Procurement Service visited the 303rd Contracting Office (CO) located at Naval Station Julhasan Arasain in Rawis, Legazpi City, to enhance the morale and welfare of its personnel.

Prior proceeding to 303rd CO, the AFPPS delegation, led by BGEN FERMIN M CARANGAN PAF, seized the opportunity to make a courtesy visit to CAPT EDWIN M NERA PN (MNSA), the Acting Commander of Naval Forces Southern Luzon, which is one of the primary units supported by the 303rd CO. This courtesy visit proved to be highly productive, as it facilitated discussions regarding various plans and updates related to the procurement process, particularly in light of the recent approval and publication of the New Government Procurement Act, Republic Act Number 12009.

In the 303rd CO, BGEN CARANGAN PAF addressed the troops, highlighting the significance of collaboration in achieving daily objectives. He underscored the necessity of fostering positive working relationships not only among the personnel within the Office but also with the corresponding Offices of the supported units. The leadership of AFPPS further stressed the importance of maintaining the mental well-being of personnel and firmly prohibited involvement in illegal activities, including the use of illicit drugs, gambling, and excessive alcohol consumption. Additionally, BGEN CARANGAN PAF urged all personnel to adhere strictly to the established Chain of Command.

BGEN FERMIN M CARANGAN PAF, former Commander, AFPPS and party warmly welcomed by Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NFSL) headed by CAPT EDWIN M NERA PN (MNSA), Acting Commander, Naval Forces Southern Luzon during the visit to 303rd CO on 22 August 2024



Commander, AFPPS addresses issues/concerns on the spot during the talk to personnel of 303rd CO on 22 August 2024

## Regular Meetings at 304th Contracting Office

by CDR NUMER D CABALLERO PN

### Stakeholders and End-users Engagement Meeting

The 304th Contracting Office headed by CDR NUMER D CABALLERO PN and LTC JOHN DARWIN G VALLEJERA PA as the Executive Officer, conducted the regular Stakeholders Engagement Meeting on 13 August 2024 at 304th CO Conference Room located at Naval Education Training and Doctrine Command (NETDC). LTC VALLEJERA PA presided the meeting attended by LCDR BRENTFORD P PAPA PN, IF4, LCDR MICHELLE D TABUGAN PN, IF10, LT EDRELL D TORRENTE PN, T4, LT JINKY R ROARING PN, T10, Ms. Jara Arconado, Accounting Office Rep for NETDC, and Ms. Jenelou Rillorta, Accounting Office Rep for NIF-Zambales.

While on 06 August 2024, the First Engagement Meeting of 304th Contracting Office NOB-Subic held at the Conference Room. The meeting was also presided by LTC VALLEJERA PA and it was attended by F4 and F10 Representatives, SAF4, SAF10, OCF4, and OCF10.



LTC JOHN DARWIN G VALLEJERA PA (on the right) presiding the stakeholders meeting with the other attendees at 304th Contracting Office conference room located at NETDC.



LTC JOHN DARWIN G VALLEJERA PA (at the center) presiding the stakeholders meeting with the other attendees at 304th Contracting Office conference room located at NOB-Subic.



## 305th Contracting Office in Action

by CDR ALEX D GARSO PN

The 305th Contracting Office played a vital role in facilitating the Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) for the deliveries of PAF Aircraft Spare Parts from the Suppliers/Proponents on various scheduled dates intended for different aircraft. Technical Inspection Team together with aircraft maintenance crew is thoroughly implemented to ensure the safety of Pilots, Crew Members, and passengers aboard the aircraft. The successful completion of numerous inspections and acceptance of the delivered spare parts convey a significant step in ensuring



the readiness and safety of the Philippine Air Force's Aircraft Fleet.

*CDR ALEX DR GARSO PN, CO, 305th Contracting Office facilitated the TIAC Inspection and helped the Chairman accept the Aircraft Spare Parts for use of C-295 & C-130 Aircraft assigned at 220th AW*

The local TIAC Team of BGBNEAB headed by the Chairman, COLONEL REYNALDO JOSE A MONTOYA PAF(MNSA), meticulously conducts inspection and acceptance for use of PAF Aircraft assigned at 220 Airlift Wing and 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing. These aircrafts have played a crucial role in support to the accomplishments of AFP mission. After completing its maintenance activities, these aircrafts are expected to be in full mission capable status and ready to perform its mandated tasks.

The COA Management Audit CY-2024 Entrance Briefing on 06 November 2024 conducted by the Commission on Audit VII spearheaded by Team Leader, Mrs Melianita S Quirante, State Auditor IV at Headquarters Air Mobility Command Conference Room, BGBNEAB, Lapu-Lapu City. The said COA Management Audit was attended by Commander, Air Mobility Command and his Staff, BGBNEAB Unit Commanders, CO, Finance, CO, 305th Contracting Office, BGBNEAB DFMs and Unit SAOs. Likewise, same activity was also conducted in the afternoon of same day at Panay Hall, NFC, with the Commander, NFC and NIFC and their Staffs, Accountant and SAO. The Audit briefing aimed to outline the objectives, procedures, and expectations



for the annual audit and emphasized the importance of transparency, accountability, and adherence to established guidelines in financial reporting.

## PACTS – Governing Principles on Government Procurement

by Ms Kristine Joy A Gadiano Civ HR

Down the years, the Philippine Government has introduced reforms to deal with the shortcomings of its procurement systems. These reforms include combating corruption, proper utilization of funds, reliable procedures, fostering competition, improvement in transparency, enforcing competitiveness among prospective bidders through PhilGEPS, and strengthening accountability.

Mandated with its mission to provide quality service, LTC ALBERT N SOTELO (SC) PA, Commanding Officer, 306th Contracting Office, used the opportunity during the series of activities; 10th Infantry Division, Philippine Army (10ID,PA) 2nd Quarter Logistics Forum, Enhanced Defense Resource Management System (DRMS) Workshop CY 2024 for Eastern Mindanao Command, Internal Control System Advocacy Drive, and 10ID Budget Execution Process Seminar (BEPS) from July 2024 up to date, and regular stakeholder engagement and forums with the Accounting, Supply Accountable Officers (SAO) and Commission on Audit (COA) Representative about the Article 1, Sec. 3, of RA 9184 or the Governing Principles on Government Procurement and to reiterate the procurement process.

LTC SOTELO emphasized the significance of the PACTS framework, which stands for Public Monitoring, Accountability, Competitiveness, Transparency, and Streamlined procurement processes. The first component, Public Monitoring, ensures that awarded contracts and specifications adhere strictly to Republic Act 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). This allows eligible and qualified public institutions to observe and monitor both the procurement process and the implementation of contracts.



*A Certificate of Appreciation was given to LTC ALBERT N SOTELO (SC) PA, Commanding Officer, 306th Contracting Office from LTC VANISSA B ALMORATO GSC (QMS) PA, AC of S for Logistics, G4, 10ID during the 10ID 2nd Consultative Procurement Forum.*



*LTC ALBERT N SOTELO (SC) PA, Commanding Officer, 306th Contracting Office discussing the RA 9184 during the 10ID 2nd Consultative Procurement Forum.*

## Strengthening Skills and Collaboration: 401st Contracting Office's Commitment to Excellence

by LCDR MARVIN C MANEJA PN

The 401st Contracting Office, headed by its Commanding Officer, LCDR MARVIN C MANEJA PN, participated in a two-day marksmanship training and stakeholder engagement activity at the MTS TRADOC facility and Camp Aquino Firing Range. This initiative aimed to enhance marksmanship skills and foster collaboration with stakeholders.

The training began on 29 July 2024 with a lecture by Sgt Jay N. Amita (CE) PA, who covered gun safety, the Marksmanship Triad, and firearm handling principles. Following the lecture, personnel engaged in practical exercises, applying their knowledge by using M16 rifles and 9mm pistols under the supervision of MTS TRADOC instructors.



On 30 July 2024, LCDR MANEJA PN led a stakeholder engagement activity at Camp Aquino Firing Range. This activity strengthened professional relationships through shared firearms training, promoting teamwork and collaboration. The event demonstrated the office's dedication to skill development and stakeholder synergy, ensuring readiness for future challenges.



From 11 to 13 November 2024, the 401st Contracting Office attended the Enhanced Defense Resource Management System (DRMS) Workshop CY 2024 at Northern Luzon Command. The workshop focused on improving resource management efficiency and aligning efforts with national defense objectives.

During the workshop, on 13 November 2024, LCDR MANEJA PN delivered a lecture on RA 9184, the Government Procurement Reform Act. He emphasized the importance of transparency, efficiency, and compliance in government procurement processes. LCDR MANEJA continues to lead the office in ensuring efficient procurement operations for units such as NOLCOM, AFPHSC, 2CEISG, 1CRG, and AFP PKOC. The office remains committed to DRMS training, addressing policy updates, resolving process challenges, and fostering consultation efforts.



These initiatives reaffirm the 401st Contracting Office's commitment to operational excellence and its critical role in supporting the Armed Forces' readiness and modernization goals.



## Change Of Command Of 402nd Contracting Office

by MAJ ARIEL A ESPEJO (INF) PA

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” -JEREMIAH 29:11**

The Change of Command Ceremony for the 402nd Contracting Office took place on October 11, 2024, at Camp Gen. Guillermo Nakar in Lucena City, with COL CRISANTO G PRADO PA (MNSA) serving as the Guest of Honor and Presiding Officer. The event commenced with a prayer led by Rev. Fr. MAJ JOSEPH JIM M CAMARGO CHS, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Notable attendees included COL OMAR V OROZCO PA and COL NERIO C ZABALA MC, among other key officers and dignitaries. During the ceremony, MAJ RONALD ALLAN V OLE (CE) PA, the outgoing Commanding Officer, was awarded the Military Merit Medal and a Command Plaque, recognizing his significant contributions from March 16, 2022 to October 11, 2024.

His leadership was praised for enhancing procurement operations and fostering strong relationships between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and various stakeholders. MAJ OLE expressed gratitude to God, the Guest of Honor, and all attendees, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and leadership in achieving the objectives of the AFP Procurement Service. Following his remarks, he formally relinquished command, which was succeeded by MAJ ARIEL A ESPEJO (INF) PA, who also delivered a speech acknowledging the support of those present. COL PRADO recognized MAJ OLE's successful tenure and outlined the challenges ahead for MAJ ESPEJO, encouraging him to elevate the procurement operations of the 402nd Contracting Office.

COL PRADO conveyed a message, commending the accomplishments of the outgoing officer and expressing confidence in the incoming officer's capabilities. The ceremony concluded with a call for continued dedication and support for the new leadership within the 402nd Contracting Office and the AFP Procurement Service.



## Worth to Share: Optimizing Procurement in VISCOM

by MAJ MELVIN CHRISTOPHER M CATINDIG (SC) PA

On 16 July 2024, the former Commanding Officer of 403rd Contracting Office, MAJ MELVIN CHRISTOPHER M CATINDIG (SC) PA, conducted a lecture on Procurement Process during the Defense Resource Management System (DRMS) Seminar CY 2024 facilitated by the Visayas Command at the De Goma Hall, Headquarters, VISCOM, AFP, Lapulapu, Apas, Cebu City. MAJ CATINDIG shared the common errors that caused delays in the procurement process and its recommendations.

He emphasized that procurement is prone to errors which may have significant consequences including increased costs, delays, and legal issues. It is important to establish clear and concise specifications since acquiring goods and services is crucial to an organization's success. Further, MAJ CATINDIG encouraged the participants to implement strategies such as fostering collaboration between the end-users and suppliers to improve communication, efficiency, and innovation. Adopting best practices, the AFP can navigate high wire successfully. Financial Managers, Budget Officers, and Procurement NCOs under Visayas Command actively participated in this valuable lecture.



## Milestones and Engagements Within 404th Contracting

by LTC SHERWIN FRANCIS D JAVIER PAF

In tribute to MSg Eric N. Saludo 809076 PAF, First Sergeant of the 404th Contracting Office, who dedicated twenty-five (25) years, seven (7) months, and three (3) days to the Philippine Air Force, a modest Retirement Ceremony was conducted by the 404th Contracting Office, under the leadership of LTC SHERWIN FRANCIS D. JAVIER PAF, on 01 August 2024. This event was attended by personnel from the 114th, 115th, and 101st Contracting Offices and included the presentation of Framed Medals, a Certificate of Appreciation, and a Plaque of Honorable Service to Mrs. Saludo, the spouse of the retiree, at the 404th Contracting Office, located at Camp Don Basilio Navarro, Upper Calarian, Zamboanga City.

Additionally, LTC JAVIER, in collaboration with the Navy Installation Facility Western Mindanao (NIF-WM) Local Technical Inspection Acceptance Committee (TIAC) Team, conducted an inspection of the NSRE Ten-Door Apartment Number-8-NIFWM at Naval Station Romulo Espaldon, Bagong Calarian, Zamboanga City on 17 October 2024.

To enhance communication and ensure that the procurement system operates in a responsive, effective, and efficient manner the 404th Contracting Office, organized a coordinating meeting on 05 September 2024. This meeting involved relevant end-users from various units and aimed to identify and address issues causing delays in procurement services.



*LTC SHERWIN FRANCIS D JAVIER PAF presented the Plaque of Honorable Service to MSg Eric N. Saludo 809076 PAF, the First Sergeant of 404th Contracting Office*



*Actual Inspection of NSRE Ten-Door Apartment Number-8- NIFWM located at Naval Station Romulo Espaldon, Bagong Calarian, Zamboanga City on 17 October 2024*



## Ensuring Standard Quality of Naval Facility at WPS and Surrounding Areas

by: MAJ RUEL R SAYANG PN(M)

The Bases and Support Systems Development (BSSD) is a material solution and one of the five (5) pillar under AFP Modernization Program particularly for Horizon 2 & 3, the support systems focuses on upgrading and constructing critical military infrastructure specifically in the development at Naval Station Carlito Cunanan (NSCC) and Naval Detachment Oyster Bay (NDOB), Palawan which aligns with enhancing the Philippine Navy's capabilities to secure maritime sovereignty, especially in the West Philippine Sea and surrounding areas. The locations serve as a critical staging point for naval operations near the West Philippine Sea. Its proximity to disputed maritime zones makes it an ideal location for logistics, surveillance, and quick response operations. Also, it is positioned to host larger naval assets like frigates and submarines. Acts as a forward-operating base to support patrols in the Kalayaan Island Group and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The goals of BSSD in Horizon 2 & 3 are to Modernize Naval Infrastructure and Enhance Operational Readiness such as develop support systems like command centers, storage depots, and training facilities. Further, improve living quarters and amenities for personnel to ensure sustained deployments.

Related to this, the 405th Contracting Office under AFP Procurement Service (AFPPS) facilitated the ongoing project implementation of ten (10) infrastructure project at NSCC and NDOB. To ensure the quality standard of construction of the two (2) facilities that undergone progress billing with its respective contractors - last 04 December 2024, the Navy Chief of Engineer's Office led by CDR JULIUS A MAGNO JR PN(GSC) conducted Constructors Performance Evaluations Systems (CPES) based on the guidelines from National Economics and Development Authority (NEDA) and as prescribed in Section 12, Annex E of the Revised IRR of RA 9184. The respective contractors prepare all the necessary documents such as but not limited to material testing results, constructions logbooks, approved plans, manpower and equipment schedule, and approved variations/ extension orders as required. This in line with the system to assess and monitor the performance of contractors involve in infrastructure projects.



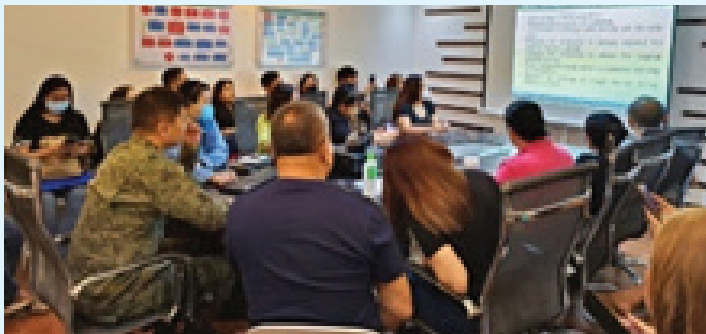


## 406th CO in Steady Progress

by MAJ CHRISTIAN S CORNELIO (CE) PA

The second half of 2024 marked another period of steady and consistent work for the 406th Contracting Office in facilitating procurement activities to support its catered units. The Office remains critical in ensuring the smooth operation and readiness of the units served. Here's an overview of the key activities conducted from July to December 2024:

**Meeting Needs with Consistency-** The 406th Contracting Office processed over 13 Notices of Award (NOA) amounting to PhP27,644,954.10 and 23 Notices to Execute Framework Agreement (NEFA) amounting to PhP15,342,968.40 for Competitive Bidding; and around 456 Purchase Orders/Work Orders amounting to PhP59,397,636.10, during the semester. This ensured that supplies, equipment, and services were delivered promptly to support ongoing operations. From securing basic office supplies to coordinating the procurement of specialized tools and equipment, the team maintained a commitment to efficiency and responsiveness.



**Supporting Operational Readiness-** A significant portion of the office's efforts went toward meeting the specific requirements of the catered units. Critical activities included the procurement of drugs, medicines, medical and food supplies to maintain the



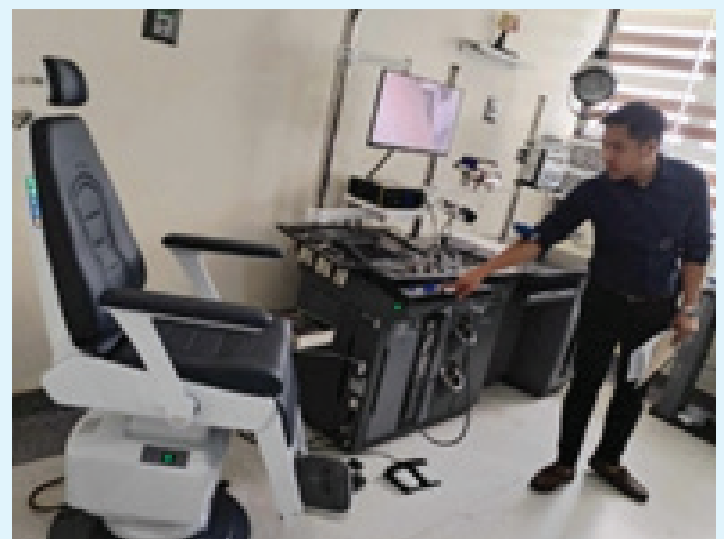
health, readiness, and well-being of military personnel and their families, which ensured uninterrupted operations. These vital tasks underscore the office's role as a reliable partner in fulfilling day-to-day needs.

**Collaboration with Vendors-** Continuing to work closely with its network of vendors to maintain a steady supply chain, 406th CO regular communications and engagements with suppliers allowed the team to address challenges and ensure that quality and cost expectations were met. This collaborative approach reinforced the office's ability to deliver on its commitments consistently.

**Enhancing Process Efficiency -** During the semester, 406th CO reviewed and updated internal processes to streamline workflows. Although no major overhauls were introduced, small adjustments, such as improved documentation practices and enhanced communication channels, contributed to a smoother procurement process. These efforts ensure that the office remains prepared to handle both routine and urgent requirements efficiently.

**Acknowledging the Team's Dedication -** The accomplishments of the semester would not have been possible without the dedication of the procurement team. Their steady efforts, attention to detail, and professionalism ensured that all activities were carried out effectively. The office recognizes and appreciates their work in maintaining high standards and supporting the units it serves.

**Looking Forward -** While the majority of the second semester's activities may not always be headline-grabbing, but they are foundational to the success of the organization. Looking ahead to 2025, the 406th Contracting Office aims to continue refining processes, fostering stronger vendor relationships, and ensuring that procurement activities align with the evolving needs of the organization. The second semester of 2024 may not have been marked by groundbreaking achievements, but the steady, reliable performance of the 406th Contracting Office ensure that every project—big or small—has a meaningful impact, enabling continued success for the units it serves.



## Celebrating a Successful Military Career

by LTC JENNIS S AZUCENA (INF) PA

Borrowing a famous quotation from Heraclitus, an ancient Greek pre-Socratic philosopher from the city of Ephesus who says, "There is no permanent in this world except change." The 407th Contracting Office is on mixed emotions upon the retirement of MSg Philbert C Jacinto 829937 PAF, the Office's First Sergeant, who served from 18 October 2020 to 01 December 2024.

His remarkable accomplishments include, among others, the realization of two (2) major morale and welfare activities of the Office, specifically the team building in El Nido, Palawan, and Boracay on 03 to 06 June 2023 and 05 to 08 April 2024, respectively. His coordination skills and tremendous foresight brought the realization of the activities.

He optionally retired from the service after almost twenty-five years of meritorious service to the different units and offices of the Philippine Air Force and GHQ in various capacities. Moreover, he also served as a member of the peace-keeping force in the United

Nations, particularly in Monrovia, Liberia, from 17 August 2012 to 04 December 2013. His remarkable service was filled with selfless dedication in the fulfillment of tasks as a Philippine Air Force Psychological Operations Supervisor and Security Specialist, which he was able to replicate in the procurement operations in the later part of his career in safeguarding critical documents. His designation was supported by related trainings and seminars where all his efforts were transcribed by his subordinates, peers, and even superiors. His laudable achievements are a testament to the various awards and recognition he received from the AFP and its stakeholders.

In tribute to his retirement, LTC JENNIS S AZUCENA (INF) PA, Commanding Officer of the 407th CO, initiated a simple gathering to celebrate his successful departure from the service. He was given a token of appreciation in recognition of his faithful military service.

## 408th CO: Building Strong Professional Connection Matters

by LTC NORMAN P DEL ROSARIO PAF

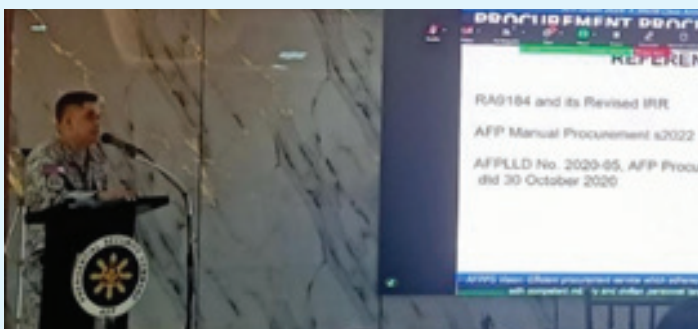
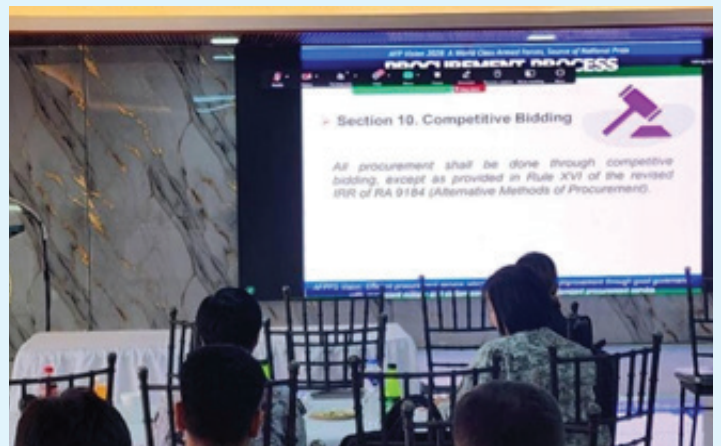
### WORKING CLOSELY WITH STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH CONSISTENT AND MEANINGFUL INTERACTION

The importance of stakeholders' engagement in procurement is critical for ensuring the success of procurement activities, as it aligns organizational goals and end-user needs, help clarify requirements, specification and priorities, and avoid misunderstanding that could lead to delays and cancellations of projects.

On 19 November 2024, The Commanding Officer, 408th Contracting Office, LTC NORMAN P DEL ROSARIO PAF, conducted lecture on procurement process and timeline. Challenges, Issues and concern related to the procurement process and timeline applicable to the Presidential Security Command's Regular and OpCon/Attached Units were also discussed.

The said activity was held at the Presidential Security Command (PSC) Club House attended by logistic officers, administrators, and other stakeholders. The session aimed to shed light on the

complexities of the procurement process and propose actionable solutions for common challenges.





## Building Connections: Luncheon with Commander, PSC and Other Officers and Personnel of PSC

by LTC NORMAN P DEL ROSARIO PAF

In a display of genuine leadership and dedication to the well-being of personnel and as part of the community of Presidential Security Command (PSC) as tenant Unit, the Commander, PSC, recently hosted a luncheon and invited the 408th Contracting Office personnel, aimed at strengthening relationships and reinforcing the Command's commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment.

The luncheon held at Troopers Café was attended by a diverse group of troops from various ranks and Civilian Human Resource. The event provided an informal yet impactful platform for open dialogue, mutual understanding, and the reinforcement of the Command's goals.

This luncheon is part of a series of initiatives led by Commander, PSC to ensure that every member of the Unit feels connected, supported, and empowered.

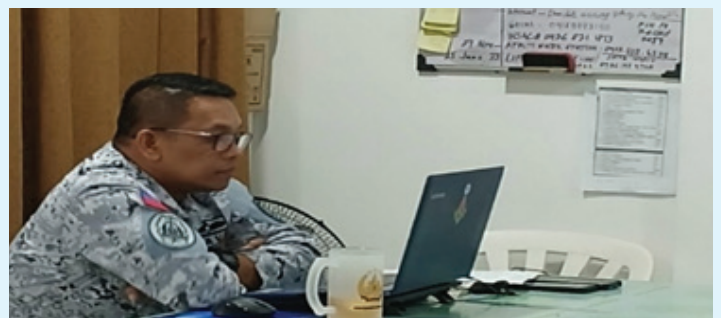


## 409th CO: Hoisting and Setting Sails

by LCDR AMADOR RAGAY PN

The 409th Contracting Office held its Inaugural Management Meeting on 26 September 2024, presided over by LCDR AMADOR G RAGAY JR PN, the Commanding Officer. During this meeting, he extended a warm welcome to the ten suppliers who regularly engage with the Office. The discussions focused on various concerns related to the procurement process, including the necessary documentation for acquiring goods and services for the GHQ, HSC, and the AFP Sergeant Major Office. LCDR RAGAY JR PN emphasized the importance of suppliers updating their eligibility requirements and adhering to the timely submission of Notices of Award (NOA), Notices to Proceed (NTP), and Official Receipts to prevent delays in the procurement documentation process. This meeting also served as an excellent opportunity to foster camaraderie among the suppliers and the new personnel within the Office.

RAGAY JR PN also outlined the required procurement timelines in accordance with Republic Act 9184, ensuring that attendees were well-informed of the legal frameworks governing procurement practices.



On the same day, LCDR RAGAY JR PN was assigned to deliver a lecture at the Procurement Management Seminar for the NCR Area, which was facilitated by OPS3. In his presentation, he addressed the common challenges faced during the procurement process, drawing from his extensive experience as the Commanding Officer of the 409th Contracting Office. He provided insights on effective strategies to rectify and resolve these issues, supported by real-life examples from his tenure. Additionally, the lecture included samples of essential documents and checklists necessary for the successful execution of procurement activities. LCDR



## GHQ BAC 1 Leaves a Legacy and Establishes New Leadership

by LTC JONIEFER G DELA TORRE (CE) PA

The GHQ BAC 1 presided by COL PAUL ANTHONY R GUERRERO (MNSA) PA the Vice-Chairperson, catered 17 units of Program 4 and deliberated Seventeen (17) Annual Procurement Plan (APP) for CY 2025; conducted the procurement activities attended by numerous bidders from different parts of the country for the Early Procurement Activities (EPA) of catered units particularly the AFP Medical Center with APP Approved for CY 2025 of PhP1,120,636,945.64. The total ABC undertaken is PhP601,831,421.85 with a Bid Price of PhP198,846,527.81 and generating a residual of PhP93,388,838.53 in favor of government with the EPA Percentage of 53.70%.

The Office also supervised the procurement process for the acquisition of 88 units of Medium Troop Carrier/Cargo Trucks



for the Philippine Army for CY 2024, with a total budget of PhP603,998,000.00.

For his exceptional service as the Head Secretariat of GHQBAC, LTC RONNIE M MADRIÑAN (ARM) PA received a Plaque of Recognition on 29 October 2024. He held the position from 16 May 2024 to 01 November 2024. The award was presented by COL PAUL ANTHONY R GUERRERO (MNSA) PA, the Vice Chairperson, during a ceremony at the 3rd Floor of Bulwagang Syquio, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

On the same day, LTC JONIEFER G DELA TORRE (CE) PA, the newly appointed Head Secretariat of GHQBAC 1, paid a courtesy visit to all members of GHQBAC 1 and the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the AFP Medical Center at the 3rd Floor of Bulwagang Syquio, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.



## Early Procurement Activities and Deliberation of APP/PPMP FY 2025

by MAJ GEORGE V SANTOS JR PAF

The GHQ BAC 2 Secretariat conducted the Early Procurement Activities (EPA) of five (5) Project from GHQ & HSC AFP and PMA which conducted the Pre-Procurement Conference on 08 November 2024 for the Procurement of Animal/Zoological Supplies Expenses of GHQ & HSC for FY 2025 (EPA); Procurement of Janitorial Services of GHQ & HSC for FY 2025 (EPA); Procurement of Initial Clothing and Individual Equipment for PMA Class 2029 (EPA); followed by Pre-Bidding Conference on 21 November 2024 and Submission, Opening and Bids Evaluation (SOBE) on 04 December 2024. Likewise, Procurement of Utility Van for FY 2025 of PMA (EPA), scheduled the Pre-Procurement Conference on 21 November 2024, followed by Pre-bidding Conference on 04 December 2024 and Submission, Opening and Bids Evaluation (SOBE) on 16 December 2024 Procurement of Dental Chair with Complete Accessories and Digital Cephalometric X-Ray Machine for CY 2025 of PMA (EPA) scheduled last 28 November 2024 and Pre-bidding Conference schedules on 06 December 2024 and Submission, Opening and Bids Evaluation (SOBE) on 19 December 2024 at GHQBAC2 Conference Room, 3rd Floor Bulwagang Syquio, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo. The GHQBAC2 Secretariat and TWG members combined the effort to push through and no limit

of time to conduct all these projects to be deliberated before the end of CY 2024.

In addition, since April 2024, GHQ BAC 2 Secretariat held the deliberation of Annual Procurement Plan (APP) and Project Procurement Management Plan (PPMP) for Fiscal Year 2025 on all its sixteen (16) catered units. The GHQBAC2 completed the deliberation of APP/PPMP for Fiscal FY 2025 on 19 June 2024 where proceedings and deliberations were held via video teleconferencing (VTC) or in person, with all members and end-users present.



PAFBAC VTC via Zoom on 29 March 2023



## GHQ BAC 3 Conducts Post-Qualification Inspection for PMA project

by LCDR ROGER V COLLADO PA

The Post-Qualification Inspection (PQI) Team of the GHQ BAC 3, led by LTC IAN ANDRES R FABELLON PA, conducted the PQI on October 4, 2024. The team assessed the eligibility, technical and financial proposals, as well as the post-qualification documents submitted by the Single Calculated Bidder (SCB) at their office in Baguio City. Following a meticulous examination of the submitted details and documents, the team concluded that the successful bidder for the Procurement of Medical, Dental, and Laboratory Supplies for Fort Del Pilar Station Hospital (FDPSH), PMA, and 1302nd GHQ DD CY 2024 (1st Rebidding) was deemed "responsive" to the project requirements.



## GHQ BAC 4: Towards Greater Heights

by COL GREG P DIESTO PA (GSC)

The GHQ BAC 4 Post-Qualification Inspection (PQI) Team headed by CDR VINCENT R VENZON PN conducted the PQI on 08 November 2024. The PQI Team validated the eligibility, technical, financial proposal, and post-qualification documents/requirements submitted by the single calculated bidder at its office address in Baguio City. After a thorough and keen inspection of the details and documents, the team found that the winning bidder for the procurement of materials for the refurbishment of Tower '66 was declared "responsive" to the requirements of the project.

In adherence to the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) Guidelines on the Implementation of Early Procurement Activities (EPA), BGEN FERDINAND GEMINIC P RAMIREZ PA (MNSA), Vice Chairperson of GHQ BAC 4 facilitated the deliberations for five (5) Philippine Military Academy (PMA) projects as the Fourth Quarter of Calendar Year 2024 comes to a close.



The GHQ BAC 4 Post Qualification Inspection Team: Mr Joed DL Reyes Civ HR – Admin Assistant II ; LTC GILBERT S FORTIN – MA4 , PMA; Ms Jacqueline B Allana Civ HR – Project Analyst; CDR VINCENT VENZON PN – PQI Team Leader; MAJ SHERYL P PERALTA PA- TWG Financial Analyst; LTC ARIEL P PERALTA JAGS- TWG Legal Officer , with the representatives of the Winning Bidder.



The GHQ BAC 4 Post Qualification Inspection Team inspects the Tower 66 inside PMA, Baguio City headed by CDR VINCENT R VENZON PN – PQI Team Leader; MAJ SHERYL P PERALTA PA- TWG Financial Analyst; Ms Jacqueline B Allana Civ HR – Project Analyst; LTC GILBERT S FORTIN – MA4, PMA; and Mr Joed DL Reyes Civ HR – Admin Assistant II.

# Leadership Change and the Role of PABAC 1 in the Philippine Army Procurement

by LTC DANIEL R DUMALAG (QMS) PA

In a ceremony presided over by Commanding General of the Philippine Army, LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROY M GALIDO PA, MAJOR GENERAL LEONEL M NICOLAS PA officially transferred the chairmanship of the Philippine Army Bids and Awards Committee 1 (PABAC1) to BRIGADIER GENERAL JESUS JEFFREY F GRAPA PA. BRIGADIER GENERAL GRAPA PA took the oath as the newly appointed Chairperson of PABAC1, succeeding MAJOR GENERAL NICOLAS PA, who is preparing to embark on a new phase of retirement after nearly 37 years, 8 months, and 18 days of dedicated service. Prior to his appointment to PABAC1, BRIGADIER GENERAL GRAPA PA held the position of Deputy Army Support Command within the Philippine Army. The ceremony was attended by members of PABAC1 and its Secretariat.

With the objective and process of verifying and validating that the bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid for Goods and Infrastructure Projects, or the Highest Rated Bid for Consulting Services, meets all the requirements and conditions outlined in the Bidding Documents the Post Qualification Inspection (PQI) Team of the Philippine Army Bids and Awards Committee 1 (PABAC1), led by COLONEL RICHARD T RUFFY QMS(GSC) PA, conducted an inspection of all documents submitted by Neala Enterprises Joint Venture in collaboration with Sure SW System Inc. and Hancom Lifecare Inc. This inspection was for the procurement of 137,000 sets of Philippine Army Pattern (PHILARPAT) Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) 2 with Ball Cap, under QM PABAC1 082-24, on 13 November 2024 at the Sure SW System Building, Block 42 Elizalde Avenue, Parañaque City, and Lot 2-B-3 Phase 1, First Philippine Industrial Park-SEZ, Brgy Pantay, Bata Tanauan Batangas. Additionally, CK Diaz Worldwide Ent. OPC Joint Venture with CK Diaz General Merchandise is involved in the procurement of 345,000 units of Philippine Army Tactical Shirts made of Polyester and Spandex, as well as 209,036 pairs of black socks for boots, located at Block 20 Lot 6 Milan St, San Francisco Village, Muzon, Taytay, Rizal.





## Philippine Army Management Meeting and Supplier Information Drive

by MAJ JOSHUA JAMES T IGNACIO (OS) PA

The Philippine Army Bids and Award Committee 2 (PABAC2) Secretariat under the leadership of MAJ ALJOLEX E ABAO (CE) PA, PABAC 2 Head Secretariat, in coordination with the Procurement Management Office, PA, under the supervision the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, OG4, PA successfully facilitated the conduct of the Annual Philippine Army Management Meeting and Supplier Information Drive at the Ricarte Hall, Philippine Army Officers Clubhouse, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City last 05 August 2024. The aim of the activity is to have an open discussion with the suppliers on matters pertaining to the "New Government Procurement Act" or Republic Act (RA) 12009, the commonly encountered problems on procurement during project and contract implementation, and to promote and foster patriotism amongst the supplier by supporting the PA's acquisition projects.

The activity formally started with an opening remark delivered by COLONEL DEXTER A MACASAET MNSA (QMS) PA, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, G4, PA. It was followed by the discussion of the "New Government Procurement Act" or RA 12009 by COLONEL IMELDA L NADALA GSC (QMS) PA, Chief of Procurement Management Office, PA

After which, the commonly encountered problems on procurement during project and contract implementation was discussed by COLONEL CLARENCE C GARRIDO (QMS) MNSA PA, Commanding Officer, PA Procurement Center, AFP Procurement Service. After the presentations, an open forum was started so as to provide avenue for the suppliers to raise concerns and questions. It was moderated by the Chairperson, PABAC 2, BRIGADIER GENERAL BENJAMIN L HAO PA.

Finally, before ending the activity, MAJOR GENERAL POTENCIANO C CAMBA PA, Chief of Staff, PA delivered his closing remarks wherein he reminded the suppliers of the huge impact of any delays or interruptions on the implementation of the procurement projects to the Philippine Army.



## PABAC 3: Thoughts as the Year Ends

by MAJ ALJOLEX A ABAO (CE) PA

As the year 2024 draws to a close, organizations across industries reflect on the achievements and challenges of their procurement functions. This year-end procurement assessment serves as an opportunity to evaluate procurement strategies, identify key trends, and plan for a more effective, efficient, and sustainable future in procurement.

The members of the Philippine Army Bids and Awards Committee 3 (PABAC 3), headed by BGEN EMILIO R PAJARILLO JR PA, conducted a Year-End assessment on 02 December 2024 at the PABAC3 Conference Room.

The 2024 year-end procurement assessment highlights the sector's resilience and adaptability in the face of ongoing challenges. By leveraging new technologies, enhancing supplier relationships, and focusing on sustainability and risk management, procurement teams are well-positioned for continued success in the coming years. The Philippine Army's procurement function has made significant strides in these areas, ensuring that it is ready for the demands of the future while remaining agile in a rapidly changing landscape.

After a busy and demanding workday, it is essential to unwind and recharge. Relaxation after work not only helps in reducing stress and physical tension but also improves mental well-being and overall productivity. Recognizing the importance of work-life

balance, the PABAC 3 team made time for a well-deserved break to refresh and strengthen team camaraderie.

Following the year-end assessment, the PABAC3 held a get-together dinner with all the members of the Committee, TWG's, BAC Secretariats, and the Chief PMO at the Alley Vikings, BGC, Taguig City. The dinner provided an opportunity for the team to unwind, celebrate their collective accomplishments, and reflect on the year's achievements in a relaxed and informal setting.

The PABAC 3 remains committed to improving the procurement processes, ensuring transparency, and upholding integrity in every transaction. With a strong foundation and a collaborative spirit, the team is poised for continued success and growth in 2025 and beyond.



## Building Trust: The Role of Transparency in Procurement

by LTC EURES MELODY M MONTEJO PAF

The foundational principles governing government procurement in the Philippines are encapsulated in Republic Act No. 9184. A significant aspect of these principles is the emphasis on transparency throughout the procurement process and the execution of procurement contracts, as outlined in RA 9184. The PAFBAC Secretariat diligently upholds transparency during the submission and opening of bid evaluations. Bid boxes are securely sealed and duly signed by the proponents. Members of the Bids and Awards Committee adhere to ethical standards when interacting with potential bidders and managing bid-related information and documentation.

Furthermore, prospective bidders are granted equal access to information, with the procurement entity implementing internal controls regarding the distribution of bidding documents. This approach aims to foster goodwill among stakeholders and enhance public trust, leading to tangible benefits in the logistics sector, such as heightened competition and improved value for goods and services. PAFBAC also seeks to strengthen relationships with foreign bidders to facilitate more effective and cost-efficient procurement of goods and services. In anticipation of transitioning to a Performance-Based Logistics (PBL) model, PAFBAC encourages stakeholder participation in the bidding process to embrace innovative ideas that contribute to a more effective and favorable procurement environment.

Additionally, PAFBAC is committed to long-term affordability and performance, aligning its activities with the objectives of end-users. A crucial element of the PBL framework is its dependence

on a multi-year relationship. This extended partnership allows the supplier network to assess whether certain reliability challenges can be addressed through redesign efforts rather than through the ongoing procurement of support resources and services, such as spare parts and repairs.



## PAFSBAC Conducts Early Procurement Activities

by TSg Maria Jovita P Advento PAF

The PAF Special Bids and Awards Committee (PAFSBAC) headed by its Chairperson, BGEN LEO A FONTANILLA PAF has successfully conducted Submission/Opening of Bids Evaluation (SOBE) of Early Procurement Activities (EPA) on various Infrastructure Projects of the Philippine Air Force. This significant year marked the first conduct of EPA since its creation.





## Fair Winds, Clearer Skies, and Following Seas sets for New Leadership of PNBAC2

By LCDR ROMELL M CARRASCO PN

On 16 August 2024 the Philippine Navy Bids and Awards Committee (PNBAC) participated in the retirement ceremony of PNBAC2 Chairperson, BGEN ROMEO T RACADIO PN(M) and the oath-taking of the newly appointed Chairperson, BGEN VICENTE MARK ANTHONY P BLANCO PN(M) at the Headquarters Philippine Navy, Naval Station Jose Andrada, 2335 Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The ceremony was administered by the VADM TORIBIO D ADACI JR PN, Flag-Officer-In-Command, Philippine Navy.

Moreover, as of 20 November 2024, the Philippine Navy Bids and Awards Committee 1 (PNBAC1) has successfully completed One Hundred Thirty (130) projects with an approved Notice of Award (NOA), Seventeen (17) projects pending NOA approval, and Thirteen (13) projects undergoing Post-Qualification for the PN project CY-2024. The total value of these projects amounts to Five Billion Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Million Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Fifty-Eight Pesos and 67/100 (PhP5,258,818,058.67) of the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC). The Philippine Navy has achieved savings of



PhP477,773,332.44 through the procurement activities conducted by the members of PNBAC1, the Technical Working Group (TWG), and the PNBAC Secretariats.

Similarly, the Philippine Navy Bids and Awards Committee 2 (PNBAC2) has completed One Hundred Sixteen (116) projects with an approved Notice of Award (NOA), Four (4) projects awaiting NOA approval, and Two (2) projects in the Post-Qualification stage for the PN project CY-2024. The total value of these projects is Two Billion Six Hundred Seventy-Five Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Pesos and 55/100 (PhP2,675,207,616.55) of the ABC. The Philippine Navy has also realized savings of PhP223,934,577.24 from the procurement activities carried out by the members of PNBAC2, the TWG, and the PNBAC Secretariats.



## A Leadership Transition and its Lasting Impact on PMCBAC

by CPT JAYSON A AGUIRRE PN(M)

BGEN BOB R APOSTOL PN(M), serving as the Chairperson of the PMCBAC, led all BAC activities from the pre-procurement conference through to the opening and evaluation of bids. His exceptional skills and professionalism ensured that all procurement processes were conducted smoothly and efficiently. Additionally, BGEN APOSTOL administered the oath of office to the newly appointed member of the PMCBAC, MAJ RODEL V PASCUA PN(M), who succeeded LTCOL FRANCIEL M MENDOZA PN(M).

BGEN APOSTOL PN(M) held the position of Chairperson of the PMCBAC from 05 March 2024 to 29 October 2024.



Under his exemplary leadership, the implementation and execution of PMC projects were carried out seamlessly, making a significant contribution to the successful achievement of the Corps mission. In recognition to his unwavering dedication and commitment to his duties, despite the numerous challenges faced the PMCBAC host a farewell dinner in honor of BGEN APOSTOL.





# Christmas Message

*We have all been waiting for this time of the year to be able to greet one another and say our well wishes. And so, allow me to say that I, along with my family, extend my sincerest holiday cheers to our AFP Procurement Service family.*

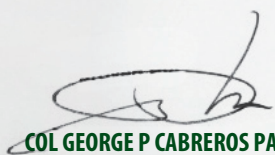
*As your newly installed Commander, I am honored to be able to learn, witness, discover, serve and now spend this Christmas with you, despite the challenges and some concerns which we may face, still, we have managed to exceed expectations, efficiently and effectively performed our mandate and accomplish targets. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and your individual and collective accomplishments which have contributed immensely in meeting the demands of our Command's mission.*

*I would say, like the lights and the Christmas star, let us not just shine because there is a basic reason to. Let us be the light for each other. Let us bear the gifts for everyone. Let us illuminate with one another especially this time, as one AFPPS family.*

*Before I end, I would like to enjoin each one of you to be very vigilant and safe during the celebration of this holiday season. While we are all entitled to enjoy the spirit of Christmas, let us also keep in mind all the safety reminders that we have been hearing all this year. Let us all maximize this period respite what this season brings, remain focused on the mission and guiding principles of "G-P-C", which emphasizes being Grounded in Law, Professionalism and Credibility. Let us be ready to face the challenges of the coming year.*

*Muli, to the Officers, Enlisted Personnel and Civilian Human Resource of the AFP Procurement Service, stay safe this Holidays.*

*Merry Christmas and have a  
Prosperous New Year!*



**COL GEORGE P CABREROS PA (GSC)**  
Commander, AFPPS

