

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 85

**CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE 2000
OBSERVANCE OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE
VETERANS WEEK**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 203, s. of 1987, declared April 9 of every year as a regular holiday for the celebration of Araw ng Kagitingan;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 446, s. of 1989, designated the period April 5 to 11 of every year as Philippine Veterans Week in order to promote, preserve, and memorialize the principles, ideals, and deeds of our War Veterans and as a means to enhance patriotism and love of country, especially among the youth of the land;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a body that shall spearhead the commemoration of the said events with fitting activities to ensure their success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted a National Executive Committee on the observance of Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week, which shall be headed by the Undersecretary for Veterans and Reserve Affairs, Department of National Defense, as Chairman, with the following members:

Undersecretary of Tourism
Undersecretary of Education, Culture and Sports
Undersecretary of Public Works and Highways
Undersecretary of Interior and Local Government
Undersecretary of Budget and Management
Undersecretary of Transportation and Communications
Head, Philippine Information Agency
Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines
Director General, Philippine National Police



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Governor, Province of Bataan
Governor, Province of Tarlac
Governor, Province of Cavite
Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office
Executive Director, National Historical Institute
President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP)
National Commander, Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (DBC)
President, VFP Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Inc. (VFP-SDAI)
National President, Boy Scouts of the Philippines
National President, Girl Scouts of the Philippines, and
Chief, Military Shrines Service

SEC. 2. The Committee is hereby empowered to call any agency or instrumentality of the Government including government-owned and controlled corporations and to invite any private individual, or Non-Government Organizations, for such financial and other kinds of assistance as it may need in the discharge of its functions but only for the duration of the celebration.

SEC. 3. The release of TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) chargeable against the 2000 President's Contingency Fund is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this Memorandum Order. Any deficiency shall be charged against the regular budget of the participating agencies.

SEC. 4. This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of January in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand.

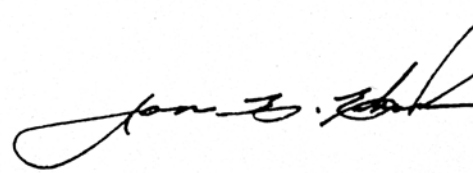
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