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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. 58 s. , 2002

**OBSERVANCE OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN and  
PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK**

**Undersecretaries**  
**Assistant Secretaries**  
**Bureau Directors**  
**Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units**  
**Regional Directors**  
**Schools Division/City Superintendents**  
**District Supervisors**  
**Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals**

1. Pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 52 entitled constituting a National Executive Committee on the 2002 OBSERVANCE OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN and PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK on April 5-11, 2002, this office joins the other government offices in the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration of the said event in Philippine History with the theme: KAGITINGAN: PANATA NG BAYAN, SIGLA NG SAMBAYANAN.

2. As member of the National Executive Committee, the Undersecretary of Legal Affairs encourages all DepEd Regional and Division officials and school principals to hold simple but fitting programs with the participation of pupils and students in public and private schools to commemorate the event.

3. Likewise, it is requested that the significance of the ARAW ng KAGITINGAN and the PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK be taken up in the classroom discussions among our pupils and students to memorialize the deeds, principles and ideals of the Filipino people as a means of enhancing patriotism and love of country, love for freedom and democracy specially among our youth and also to deepen one's understanding and awareness in promoting the heroic deeds of our Filipino veterans.

4. In support of the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the ARAW NG KAGITINGAN, DepEd will join and participate in the programs initiated by the National Executive Committee (NEC). (Please see attachment A).

*"Bawat Graduate, Bayani at Marangal"*

5. The National Executive Committee in coordination with this department (DepEd) will conduct a nationwide Essay Writing contest on the theme; KAGITINGAN: PANATA NG BAYAN, SIGLA NG SAMBAYANAN. This will be participated in by the high school students and elementary pupils both public and private schools. It will be in two (2) phases: regional and national .

5.1. The regional contest shall be managed by the Regional Special Events Coordinator under the auspices of the Regional offices headed by the Regional Director with members from the Department of Local Government (DILG) and VFP Sons and Daughters, Inc. or Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (DBC). (Attachment B- General Guidelines)

5.2. The 15 Regional Offices will submit their entries on or before April 3, 2002.

6. The National Committee will announce the winners on April 9, 2002 at Mt. Samat Shrine during the Araw Ng Kagitingan program with President Gloria Macapagal - Arroyo as the Guest of Honor.

7. For further details, please contact the Special Events Unit :

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8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



**JAIME D. JACOB**  
Undersecretary  
Representative, National  
Executive Committee

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 33, s. 2002

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS  
SCHOOLS

**(Attachment A)**

**ARAW NG KAGITINGAN and PHILIPPINE  
VETERANS WEEK  
April 5 – 11, 2002**

- APRIL 5 ( FRIDAY )**----- SUNRISE CEREMONY at  
The Libingan Ng Mga  
Bayani, Fort Bonifacio  
Makati City  
6:00 AM
- Wreath-Laying Ceremony  
at the LNMB, Fort  
Bonifacio, Makati City  
7:30 AM
- Parade and Review in Honor  
of the Veterans at PA Parade  
Grounds, Fort Bonifacio,  
Makati City  
9:00 AM
- 100 students/teachers from  
nearby schools of NCR  
(to serve snacks)
- APRIL 6 ( SATURDAY )** ----- VFP Sons and Daughters  
Annual Activity (Oratorical  
Contest) participated in by  
the High School and  
College students in  
15 Regions
- APRIL 7 ( SUNDAY )** ----- Paggunita Sa Capas ----- 100 students /teachers  
at Capas Shrine, Capas Tarlac from Region III- Div. of  
9:00 AM Tarlac, District of Capas
- APRIL 8 ( MONDAY )** ---- Symposium at DepEd ----- 100 students with  
Bulwagan ng Karunungan Social Studies Teachers  
DepEd Complex, Pasig City NCR / Region IV

**APRIL 9 ( TUESDAY )** ---- Araw Ng Kagitingan  
Mt. Samat Shrine,  
Pilar, Bataan → 100 students/teachers from  
Region III, Division of  
Bataan, District of Pilar

Patriotic Tour → All the participants in  
the Symposium  
\* Mt. Samat Shrine  
\* Capas Shrine  
\* Veterans Museum (Taguig)  
\* Camp Aguinaldo Museum --

**APRIL 10 (WEDNESDAY)** ---- Tribute to the Filipino  
Filipino Heroes of Cotregidor  
and Corregidor Island


**APRIL 11 ( THURSDAY )** ---- Sunset Ceremony  
at the Libingan Ng  
Mga Bayani  
5:00 p.m.

**Note :**

1. Region III, Division of Tatalac, District of Capas and Division of Bataan, District of Pilar will send Students in the Capas Shrine and Mt. Samat Shrine during the program.
2. Nationwide ESSAY WRITING CONTEST. The 16 Regional Winners will sent their entries to DepEd – Special Events Unit. National judges are from the following agencies :

Department of Education / Veterans Federation of the Phil. Inc./  
Department of National Defense

Submitted by:

  
**LUZVIMINDA F. DELA ROSA**  
Officer In-Charge, SEU

(Attachment B)

**General Guidelines  
Rules and Regulations**

**ESSAY WRITING CONTEST**

1. The Essay Writing Contest shall be open to public and private schools students nationwide.
2. The contestant should express his/her ideas and feelings on the theme;  
KAGITINGAN: PANATA NG BAYAN, SIGLA NG SAMBAYANAN.
  - A. it should be typewritten, double-spaced in a 6 pages short bond paper (8 1/2" X 11" sheet)
3. The Division Special Events Coordinator should coordinate with the Regional Special Events Coordinator for the Regional Contest. Likewise, the Regional Special Events Coordinator through the Regional Director should coordinate with the DepEd Special Events Unit. You may give/send your entries addressed to:

**JAIME D. JACOB**  
Undersecretary  
Representative, National Executive Committee  
ARAW NG KAGITINGAN and Philippine Veterans Week

Attention: **Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa**  
Officer In-charge  
DepEd, Special Events Unit

4. The deadline for the submission of entries will be on or before April 3, 2002.
5. The criteria for judging include :

Theme	--	40 %
Style and Language	--	40 %
Organization	--	20 %

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100 %

6. All entries must be accompanied by the following documents.
- a. Bio-data./ current photo
  - b. Authentication by the contestant that his/her entry has not been awarded in the other previous contest.
  - c. Endorsement of the contestant by the Head of the School, Regional/Division Special Events Coordinator and the Regional Director.
  - d. All entries must be original and have never been published.
  - e. All entries must be written in Filipino (for Elementary) and English (for High School).

7. Prizes are :  
( to be awarded by the National Executive Committee)

High School Category (English)	Elementary Category (Filipino)
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National Winners

Ist prize ----- P 5,000.00	Ist prize ----- P 5,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize ----- P 4,000.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize ----- P 4,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize ----- P 3,000.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> prize ----- P 3,000.00

8. The decision of the National Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.