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DepED MEMORANDUM
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THE 62nd COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN
AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Memorandum Order No. 131 dated January 20, 2004 issued by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo directs the Department of National Defense to spearhead the 62nd Commemoration of the ***Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week*** on April 5-11, 2004 with the theme "**Beterano: Kalayaan at Ginhawa Natin Ngayon, Bunga ng Katapatan at Kagitingan Mo Noon**". This will be in coordination with all the government agencies and non-government organizations and associations for the duration of the celebration.
2. The objective of the celebration is to memorialize the heroic deeds of the Filipino Veterans and to uphold the democratic principles and nationalistic ideals of the Filipino people especially the youth.
3. As a member of the National Inter-Agency Task Force (NIATF), the Secretary encourages all DepED regional, division and school officials to hold meaningful and fitting activities with the participation of students in both public and private schools. Teachers in MAKABAYAN are also encouraged to conduct a lesson-centered activity on: *The Filipino-American War: Heroism of Filipinos*.
4. There will be a National Oratorical Contest on the theme "**Katarungan para sa Beterano, Kailan Pa?**" sponsored by the VFP-SDAI. The division/regional contest shall be managed by the division/regional offices headed by the Schools Superintendent/Regional Director with their Special Events Coordinators in cooperation with the VFP-SDAI Regional Vice-President and or the Post and District Presidents. Expenses incurred during the conduct of the contest (Division/Regional levels) shall be charged to local school board funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. All pupils and students are encouraged to watch a program showing footages/historical facts and events on World War II every Saturday, 9:00 am to 10:00 am from February 7 to April 24, 2004.

6. For more details, please contact the following in the Special Events Unit, DepED Central Office, Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa, (02) 637-58-32; Cecilia R. Mendiola, (02) 637-58-34; and Roy G. Manuel, (02) 6321361 local 2074.

7. Attached herewith are the following:

Enclosure No. 1	Schedule of Activities <i>Mga Alituntunin para sa Pambansang Talumpatian</i> (National Oratorical Contest)
Enclosure No. 3	Chronology of Events for Filipino Honor and American Injustice
Enclosure No. 4	List of Partner Cable TV Stations

8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

Encls.:
As stated

Reference:
DepED Memorandum: No. 104, s. 2003

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

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Maricar/dm-62nd Araw ng Kagitingan
02-05-04

The 62nd Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week

Schedule of Activities:

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| April 5 (Monday) | - | SUNRISE AND WREATH OFFERING CEREMONIES at the LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI , Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila. |
| April 6 (Tuesday) | - | PAGGUNITA SA CAPAS at Capas National Shrine, Capas, Tarlac |
| | - | UNVEILING of the Czech Marker |
| April 7 (Wednesday) | - | ARAW NG KAGITINGAN at Mt. Samat Shrine, Pilar Bataan |
| April 8 (Thursday) | - | WREATH OFFERING at the CABANATUAN POW CAMP LIBERATION MEMORIAL MARKER at Pangatian, Cabanatuan City. |
| | - | Conduct of the NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST with the theme: "KATARUNGAN PARA SA BETERANO, KAILAN PA?" at the Veterans Theater and Museum, Veterans Center, Taguig, Metro Manila. |
| April 10 (Saturday) | - | TRIBUTE TO THE FILIPINO HEROES OF CORREGIDOR at Corregidor Islands |
| April 11 (Sunday) | - | SUNSET CEREMONY AT THE LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI , Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila |

NIATF 2004

VFP - SONS AND DAUGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (VFP - SDAI)

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| I. PROYEKTO | : | Ika-labingdalawang Patimpalak ng Pananalumpati Para sa Mataas na Paaralan (High School Level) |
| II. PAKSA | : | "KATARUNGAN PARA SA BETERANO, KAILAN PA?" |
| III. PETS/LUGAR | : | Ika - 6 ng Abril, 2004 sa Veterans Theater and Museum, Veterans Center, Taguig, Metro Manila. |
| IV. LAYUNIN | : | Upang mapagyan ang kaalaman ng mga kabataan tungkol sa kabayanihang gawa ng mga beterano noong Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig at iugnay ito sa paghahanda ng mga kabataan para sa kinabukasan. |
| V. MGA ALITUNTUNIN: | | |
| 1. | | Ang patimpalak ay bukas sa kahit na sinong mag-aaral na nasa mataas na paaralan. Ang mga kaanak ng mga Beterano ay hinihikayat na sumali. |
| 2. | | Ang mga talumpating bibigkasin ay kailangang sariling katha na ginawa ng mananalumpati, di pa nalalathala at kailangang tumagal ng pitong (7) minuto at hindi lalampas ng sampung (10) minutong pagsasalaysay. Sa bawat tatlung (30) segundo na labis o kulang ay babawasan ng isang (1) punto. |
| 3. | | Ang nilalaman ng talumpati ay hindi nararapat tumalakay sa taliwas na prinsipyo ng demokrasya, makasakit na paniniwala ng bawat relihiyon, at higit sa lahat ay hindi lalabag sa batas ng kalikasan, kapurihan, karangalan, at tamang kaugalian ng kapwa mamayang Pilipino. |

4. Ang tagapangasiwa (VFP-SDAI) ng paligsahan ay may angking karapatang ilathala ang mga napiling talumpati. Sila rin ay may kapangyarihang magpasya sa mga hindi sakop ng alituntuning ito.
5. Ang timpalak na ito ay lalahukan ng mga kinatawan mula sa labing-pitong (17) rehiyon upang piliin ang Pambansang Kampeon.
6. Ang mga nagwagi (pang-una, pangalawa at pangatlo) sa mga nagdaang paligsahan ay hindi na maaring lumahok pa. Ang mga gantimpala ay ibibigay sa Abril 6, 2004 bago magtapos ang palatuntunan.
7. Ang mga kalahok at akda ng talumpati ay pipiliin ayon sa batayan at bilang. Walang pangalan ng kalahok, paaralan, probinsiya, rehiyon, lungsod, kasarian at antas sa buhay.
8. Ang hatol ng inampalan ay pangwakas at hindi na mahahabol pa.
9. Para sa ibang detalye, makipag ugnayan sa mga sumusunod:
 - a. **G. Armand Santos**
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VI. BATAYAN SA PAGPAPASYA NG MGA NAGWAGI

A.	Katapatan, nilalaman, pagka orihinal, Kaangkupan sa paksa	50%
B.	Hikayat at pang-akit sa madla, Tindig, kilos	15%
C.	Tinig at pagbigkas, kalinawan Kaangkupan ng diwa at damdamin	35%

**VFP - SDAI
National Oratorical Committee 2004**

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR FILIPINO HONOR AND AMERICAN INJUSTICE

DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
Oct. 6, 1945	Recruitment of Special Philippine Scout called "New Scouts" under the U.S. Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945 or United States Public Law 79-190	To perform occupational duty in the Pacific entitling them to same veterans benefits granted to members of the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines but it never equalled the pay scale of the U.S. Army soldiers.
Feb. 18, 1946	79th U.S. Congress passed the First Supplemental Surplus Appropriation Rescission Act, United States P.L. 79-301 embodying a "legislative rider" that provides: "that service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, while such forces were in the service of the armed forces of the United States pursuant to the military order of the President of the United States dated July 26, 1941, shall not be deemed to be or to have been service in the military or naval forces of the United States or any component thereof for purposes of any law of the United States conferring rights, privileges and benefits upon any person by reason of the service of such person or the service of any other person in the military or naval forces of the United States or any component thereof, except benefits under"	<p>The Rescission Act of 1946 declared the service performed by Filipino veterans as not "active service" for purposes of rights to privileges and benefits.</p> <p>Exempted are those with service connected disability or those who died in action and whose survivors are granted benefits, but these are paid 50 cents to a dollar</p> <p>The funds were part of the \$200 million that was allocated as economic and political assistance to the Philippines.</p> <p>The appropriation was embodied in a "legislative rider" provision that was railroaded and did not pass through a committee hearing as required by parliamentary rules.</p>
May 27, 1946	U.S. Congress passed the Second Supplemental Surplus Appropriation Rescission Act, US Public Law 79-391	Benefits to the New Philippines Scouts, who were taken by the War Department as members of the regular army were denied and treated like Commonwealth Army veterans under the veterans benefits programs.
Oct. 1946	Resumption of the processing for naturalization of Filipino veterans.	Processing for naturalization of Filipino veterans was resumed and allowed to continue until its expiration date on Dec. 31, 1946, but was limited only to the Old Philippine Scout.
Nov. 29, 1990	President Bush signed the US Immigration Act of 1990	The law provided for the Filipino veterans a three-year period during which to apply for U.S. citizenship.
May 1, 1996	Introduction of SCR 64 and HCR 191 in the U.S. Congress	The concurrent resolution urges President Clinton to make a proclamation that would recognize and honor the Filipino veterans for their service in World War II.
July 17, 1996	Approved by U.S. Senate	Unanimously approved.
July 29, 1996	Approved by U. S. House of Reps.	Unanimously approved.

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Oct. 17, 1996	Signing of the Proclamation by President Bill Clinton as urged by the U.S. Congress	The proclamation recognizes and honors the Filipino World War II veterans for their services in defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II. President Clinton urged all Americans to recall the courage, sacrifice and loyalty of the Filipino veterans of World War II and to honor them for contributing to Americans' freedom.
Feb. 1997	Filipino Veterans Equity Act filed as SB 623 and HR 836	Filed in the 105th United States Congress
June 14, 1997	Demonstration was held in Los Angeles	Veterans chained themselves to the statue of Gen. MacArthur and followed by hunger strike by two veterans, gaining precedent-setting attention nationwide through the mainstream media.
Jul 26-31, 1997	Following the Los Angeles demonstration, a chain-in demonstration was held in front of the White House, a protest in front of the US Vet Affairs and vigil at "Equity Village"	Rep. Bob Filner, together with twelve veterans and two grandsons of deceased veterans were arrested drawing wide television coverage.
Aug 22-24, 1997	"The Second Death March" rally	A demonstration in front of White House for the passage of Filipino Veterans Equity Act. The proposed law lacked the necessary votes in the 105th Congress.
July 27, 2000	Memorandum signed by President Bill Clinton for the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, State and Defense to study the compensation and benefits for Filipino Veterans	The study prompted the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Principi to work on a package that will include (1) Filipino veterans living in the US will be able to avail of the same access to medical and health services as American veterans have (2) A budget will be worked out for the benefit of their widows when the veterans pass away. (3) To support the Veterans' Memorial Hospital and support medical missions in the provinces for Filipino veterans living in the Philippines.
July 26, 2001	Message issued by US President George W. Bush commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Military Order of then U.S. President Roosevelt	Recognizing the important contributions of Filipino soldiers in turning back aggression and preserving democracy, as thousands of them gave their lives in the enemy's plan for conquest in the Pacific and for fighting valiantly with an indomitable spirit and steadfast loyalty to USA
2003	HR 2357 pending in the US House of Rep. SB 68 pending in the US Senate	NO BENEFIT FOR FIL. VETS. IN THE PHIL. SUPPORTED BY FILIPINO VETS.

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DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
Dec. 10, 1898	Signing of Treaty of Paris	The Philippine Island was ceded by Spain to the United States.
Mar. 24, 1934	U.S. Congress passed the Philippine Independence Act. P.L. 73-127	A law creating the Philippine Commonwealth government and authorizing US President Franklin D. Roosevelt to call into service of the United States Armed Forces, the organized army of the Philippines
Nov. 15, 1935	Philippine Islands were granted Commonwealth status	Transition period to complete political independence on July 4, 1946
July 26, 1941	President Roosevelt issued a Military Order calling members of the Philippines Commonwealth Army into the service of the US Army Forces in the Far East	Over 100,000 organized Filipino forces were to fight later with U.S. soldiers against the Japanese Military Force in Corregidor and Bataan; survivors were tortured as prisoners and walked in the Bataan Death March.
July 27, 1941	General George C. Marshall, US Army Chief of Staff constituted the United States Army Forces in the Far East	USAFFE Headquarters was established in Manila and Gen. Douglas MacArthur was designated Commanding General of USAFFE
July 27, 1941	Commanding General Douglas MacArthur of USAFFE issued General Order No. 1	The command includes the Philippine Department forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines called under the Military Order of U.S. President Roosevelt.
July 27, 1941		When the Filipinos were inducted into the Armed Forces of the US, they were governed by the Articles of War foremost of which were Articles 58 and 61 governing Desertion and Absence Without Leave, both punishable by death, yet were paid 25% to 50% only of what their equivalents in the US Army were receiving.
Dec. 8, 1941	World War II broke out in the Pacific; Japan attacked Clark Airfield to the delight of the Japanese Pilots who saw the planes of the Far East Air Force beautifully parked	Other airfields were attacked and a small contingent of Japanese forces landed in Batan Island, Batanes Group of Islands. Only a few days after the Japanese landed in the Philippines, resistance through guerilla units already started in some areas.
Dec. 18, 1941	By Command of Lt. Gen. Douglas MacArthur signed by R. K. Sutherland, Brig. Gen., GSC, Chief of Staff, USAFFE, General Order No. 46 was issued	Setting the date of effectivity of acceptance into the service of the armed forces of the United States in the Philippines, all the personnel of the Philippine Army on active duty and all active Philippine Army units

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Mar. 20, 1942	U.S. Senate passed SB 2387	To equalize pay rates for all U.S. military personnel, including the Philippine Commonwealth Army and the Philippine Scouts.
Mar. 27, 1942	U.S. Congress amended the Nationality Act of 1940	To allow Filipino veterans to become naturalized US citizens as reward for their service. The law expired on Dec. 31, 1946.
Apr. 7, 1942	U.S. House of Representatives approved S. 2387 earlier passed by the US Senate.	Withdrawn later for economic reasons
Apr. 9, 1942	Fall of Bataan	BATAAN DEATH MARCH BEGAN
May 6, 1942	Corregidor fell to the Japanese	Gen. Wainwright drew Instrument of Surrender to end all organized military defense of the Philippines but many continued to fight.
May 10, 1942	MacArthur ordered through radiogram authorizing troop dispersal and guerrilla operations	Gen. Sharp, upon order of Gen. Wainwright agreed to surrender but MacArthur ordered Sharp not to surrender and to disperse Force and to continue with guerrilla operations
1942 - 1945	Lie-low order issued by the USAFFE High Command through Gen. MacArthur upon knowing of the continued resistance movement of USAFFE and guerrillas.	To maintain the guerrilla organizations in securing maximum amount of information with less undesirable combat operations until the lie-low order is lifted. but many guerrilla units ignored the "lie-low" order.
Jan. 16, 1943	MacArthur, by radio, authorized Peralta to issue reasonable amounts of "script money" for military purposes only	In the absence of cash payments, the troops under Peralta were to be issued certificates that will be honored in due time, showing that the United States government owes them pay, as accrued.
June 22, 1944	U.S. Congress passed GI Bill of Rights	Providing full benefits to all who serve, irrespective of race, color or nationality. Under this law, aliens from 66 countries were given full benefits, but not the Filipino veteran
Aug. 26, 1945	Implementation of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended	Allowing Filipino veterans to apply for U.S. citizenship only to be withdrawn a month later on Sept. 26, 1945, preventing many Filipino veterans from being able to apply.
Sep. 2, 1945	Signing of unconditional surrender of Japan to the U.S. and Allied forces.	Japan through Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, surrendered in formal ceremonies aboard the American battleship, Missouri

PARTNER CABLE TV STATIONS

(As of January, 2004)

CATV STATIONS	AREA COVERAGE	CHANNEL
NCR		
The GLOBAL CABLE, INC.	Pasay, Makati, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Manila	30
Destiny Cable	Valenzuela, Caloocan, Las Piñas, Makati, Malabon, Mandaluyong, Manila, Marikina, Muntinlupa, Navotas, Parañaque, Pasay, Pasig, Pateros, Quezon City, San Juan, Taguig, and Cainta	30
CAR		
A. B. Bejerano	Municipality of Tuba & Itogon, Benguet	35
Buguias Cable	Buguias, Benguet	14
Viacomm	Baguio City	61
Your Cable	Itogon, Benguet	6
Ilocos Region		
Delmendo CATV Network	Asigan, Pangasinan	19
Eagle Vision	Vigan, Bantay, Catalina, San Vicente, Cagayan, San Idefonso, Ilocos Sur	45
Pangasinan Education CATV	Alaminos City, Pangasinan	22
Cagayan Valley		
Mamuric CATV	Solano, Bayumbong, Quezon & Villanueva, Nueva Ecija	14
New City Cable	Santiago City	2
TVL Cable Systems	The Municipality of Sanchez Mira, Cagayan	19
RBC Cable Master System	Tuguegarao City, Solana, Peñablanca, Cagayan	50
North Star Cable Vision	Angadangan and Cauayan, Isabela	41, 14
Polaris Cable Vision Inc.	Iligan Isabela	41
Cable TV Network, Inc	Bayobong & Solano, Nueva Viscaya	14
Central Luzon		
Talavera Cable Systems	Talavera & Sto. Domingo, Nueva Ecija	29
CATV Fiber Link	Pulilan, Plaridel & Baliuag, Bulacan	52
Broadcable Communications	Arayat & Sta. Ana, Pampanga	14
Brancomm CATV Network Co.	Florida, Pampanga	14
Brancomm CATV Network Co.	San Fernando, Pampanga	24
Interlink Cable TV, Inc.	Baler, San Luis, and Maria, Aurora	11
Pro Sat TV Network, Inc.	Mabalacat, Pampanga	37
Saint Joseph Cable	Bagac, Bataan	30
LPRO Cable TV Network	San Matias, Pampanga	27
Satelite Cable Network	San Fernando, Pampanga	28
Southern Luzon		
Calauag CATV System	Calauag & Lopez, Quezon	31
Celebrity Cable Network	Tayabas, Quezon	16
Community Cable	Los Baños, Calauan, & Baey, Laguna	61
Laguna Cable	Sta. Maria, Pangil, Pakil, & Paete, Laguna	24
Telmarc Cable	Alaminos & San Pablo, Laguna	57
Telmarc Cable	Taytay & Angono, Rizal	14
Tamaraw Vision Network, Inc	Calapan City, Baco & Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro	50
Calamianes Cable TV Inc.	Coron, Palawan	18
Treasure Cable TV, Inc.	Cuyo, Palwan	5
Bicol Region		
AMS Paracale CATV	Patanas, Paracale, Camarine Norte	14
Bulusan Cable TV Network	Bulusan, Sorsogon	14
Turtle Cable	Baao, Camarines Sur	36
Naga CATV, Inc.	Naga City	14
Iriga City Cable TV Network	Iriga City	53

CATV STATIONS	AREA COVERAGE	CHANNEL
Bicol Region (cont)		
Hernandez Cable TV	Ocampo Camarines Sur	9
ESTV Cable	Legaspi City, Daraga, Guinobatan, Ligao City, Oas, Polangui, Libon, Tobacco City, Malinao & Malipot, Albay and Sorsogon City, Sorsogon	14
Western Visayas		
Cable Star Inc.	Iloilo City	54
Buenavista Cable TV Inc.	San Jose, Patnugon, Bilison, Sibalom & Hamtic Antique	46
Paradise CATV Network Inc	Boracay Island, Aklan	45
Akdan CATV Co., Inc	Kalibo, Aklan	49
Akdan CATV Co., Inc	Ibajay, Aklan	23
Central Visayas		
Toledo Cable TV Inc.	Toledo City	Temporary Channel 9
Eastern Visayas		
Aquarius Cable TV Services	Veriato, Alegria & San Isidro, Northern Samar	14
D'Leopards Cable TV Services	Catbalogan, Samar & Neighboring Barangays	38
Calbayog CATV Entertainment	Calbayog City & Neighboring Barangays	27
Deonel Cable TV Services	Pagsanghan, Northern Samar	11
Reliance CATV Services	Borongan, Eastern Samar	32
RM CATV Services	Mondragon, Northern Samar	16
Allen Cable System	Allen, Northern Samar	22
Western Mindanao		
Labason CATV System	Labason, Zamboanga del Norte	4
Liloy Cable TV System	Liloy & Salug, Zamboanga del Norte	11
Northern Mindanao		
DEARBC Cable Network	Manolo Fortich & Libona, Bukidnon	28
DEARBC Cable Network	Bugo, Cagayan de Oro City	29
Zenergy Cable	Medina, Misamis Oriental	27
Zenergy Cable	Salay, Misamis Oriental	14
Zenergy Cable	Talisayan, Misamis Oriental	19
Southern Mindanao		
Surialah CATV Network	Surialah, South Cotabato	14
Glan Cable TV	Sarangani Province	14
Kiamba Development Coop.	Kiamba, Sarangani Province	14
Sugni Cable	Tampakan, South Cotabato	2
Central Mindanao		
Pikit Cable Network	Pikit, North Cotabato	20
Isulan Cable TV Inc	Isulan, Sultan Kudarat	16
CARAGA		
News MPC CATV	San Jose Municipality, Surigao del Norte	25
Zenergy Cable	Butuan, City	14
Prime Star	Cabadbanran & Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	46
Morning Star	Madrid, Surigao del Sur	14
Zenergy Cable	Alegria, Surigao del Norte & Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte	19
Zenergy Cable	Placer, Surigao Norte	23
ARMM		
Maguindanao Sky Cable	Cotabato City	39
Marawi Cable Antenna TV	Province of Lanao del Norte & Marawi City	20
Lupah Sug Cable TV	Jolo, Sulu	12MN-12NN Channel 2
		12NN-12MN Channel 32

TOTAL CATV OPERATORS : 78

Total Locations : 151

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