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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. **138**, s. 2008

66th COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN
AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK

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

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987, declaring April 9 of every year as the **Araw ng Kagitingan** and Presidential Proclamation No. 466, s. 1989 declaring the period of April 5-11 of every year as the **Philippine Veterans Week**, all government agencies including government-owned and controlled corporations, non-government organizations, private associations and institutions, and individuals are enjoined to assist, cooperate, and participate in this historic commemoration. The theme of this year's celebration is "**Beteranong Pilipino: Gabay Tungo sa Pagkakaisa, Kapayapaan at Kaunlaran**".
2. The commemoration aims to promote, preserve and memorialize the principles, ideals and deeds of the war veterans as a means to enhance patriotism and love of country, especially among the youth.
3. This Department, being a member of the National Inter-Agency Task Force (NAITF) encourages all DepED regional, division and school officials to hold a Panayam and Talakayan and other meaningful and fitting activities with the participation of students in both public and private schools.
4. The School Heads with the Social Studies Department Heads are requested to send report/documentation on the activities undertaken by the school in relation with the abovementioned activity. Please send your report to the address below on or before April 30, 2008. Copy furnished the Regional Director and Schools Division/City Superintendent:

Hon. Jonathan E. Malaya
Assistant Secretary
Special Projects and Legislative Liaison
DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

Attn: Luzviminda F. DeLa Rosa
Head, Special Events Unit

5. The Veterans Federation of the Philippines – Sons and Daughters Association, Inc. (VFP-SDAI) is sponsoring the 16th National Oratorical Contest focusing on the theme “Beterano at Salinlahi: Tapat na Lingkod ng Inang Bayan”. The regional contest shall be managed by the DepED Special Events Coordinators and or the Regional Secondary Social Studies Supervisor in coordination with the VFP-SDAI Regional Vice Presidents. The contest will be participated in by the regions and divisions stated in Enclosure No. 2. Expenses incurred during the national finals (i.e. board and lodging of the participants, honoraria of the judges, and prizes for the winners) shall be charged to VFP-SDAI funds while the expenses incurred in the conduct of the contest in the respective divisions/regions shall be charged to local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. The DepED-Special Events Unit will conduct a Creative Painting Competition among the 14 divisions of the National Capital Region (NCR) to be sponsored by the Department of National Defense (DND), the lead agency of the Araw Ng Kagitingan Celebration. Enclosed is the General Guidelines/Rules and Regulations for the competition.
7. Travel expenses (transportation and per diem) of the student participants, and coaches during the division, regional and national competitions shall be charged to local funds (such as but not limited to PTA/PTCA, local school board funds, regional/division funds) or may be sourced from the municipal/city, provincial funds or from civic spirited associations, clubs and organizations while the travel expenses (transportation and per diem) of the Regional/Division Special Events Coordinators, Education Supervisors in Social Studies (Secondary) during the division/regional competitions shall be charged to local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Travel expenses (transportation and per diem), extra-duty allowance of the DepED Central Office Committee members and other miscellaneous and operational expenses during the scheduled programs and activities on April 5-11, 2008 shall be charged to OSEC funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
9. Enclosed with this Memorandum are the following:
 - a. Enclosure No. 1 - Program of Activities (April 5-11, 2008);
 - b. Enclosure No. 2 - Regions/Divisions who will participate in the Oratorical Contest;
 - c. Enclosure No. 3 - Concept Paper and Rules for the Oratorical Contest; and
 - d. Enclosure No. 4 - General Guidelines/Contest Rules and Regulations for the Creative Painting Competition.

10. For more details, please contact the DepED-Special Events Unit (DepED-SEU) located at 505 Bonifacio Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City with tel. nos. (02) 637-5832/(02) 637-5834 and mobile nos. (0919) 516-4759, (0927) 2204-951, and (0928) 607-5533.

11. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

R. C. Bacani
RAMON C. BACANI
Undersecretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 118, s. 2007

Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

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**THE 65TH COMMEMORATION OF THE
ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK
PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

Schedule of Activities	DepED Participation	Output
April 1-4, 2008 Panayam at Talakayan Regional, Division, Schools may conduct a one-day "Panayam at Talakayan" on the said event.	Regional, Division, and school based	To promote, preserve, & memorialize the deeds, principles and ideals of the Filipino People as a means of enhancing patriotism and love of country, freedom, & democracy especially among the youth of the land
Wednesday, April 02, 2008 Creative Painting Competition 14 Divisions of NCR	14 Divisions of NCR (1 representative each Division)	To increase awareness on the significance of Commemorating the Araw Ng Kagitingan, the shining moment of courage & commitment to freedom by our World War II Veterans
Saturday, April 05, 2008 Sunrise Ceremony , 6:00 am at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani, Taguig City. Host - VFP Wreath Laying Ceremony 7:00 am, LNMB, Taguig City	Div of Taguig City 150 teachers & students from Western Bicutan, Signal Village, & Pateros NHS, will grace the occasion with DepED officials and NAITF Members	To memorialize the deeds, principles and ideals of the Filipino People as a means of enhancing patriotism and love of country, freedom, and democracy especially among the youth of the land.
Saturday, April 05, 2008 Review in the Honor of the Veterans 9:00 am at the GHQ Grandstand, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, QC Host - NAITF	NAITF Members will attend the ceremonies	
Sunday, April 06, 2008 SK Caravan - from Mariveles Bataan to Capas. Re-tracing of Death March Route Host: DILG	NAITF Members will join the caravan with selected students and teachers.	To re-trace the footsteps of our war veterans (WWII) who sacrificed their lives for the love of country during the darkest years in the Philippine History
Monday, April 07, 2008 Tribute to all Filipino Heroes , 9:00 am at Corregidor Is., Cavite; Host: NAITF	50 pax NAITF and other guests will attend the ceremonies	Deepens one's understanding and awareness in promoting the heroic deeds of our Filipino Veterans
Tuesday, April 08, 2008 16th National Oratorical Contest Pamantasang Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM), Intramuros, Manila, 8am-5pm Sponsored by VFP-SDAI.	100 teachers & students will grace the occasion from the Division of Manila (50 pax) and Division of Mandaluyong (50 pax)	To develop & instill in the minds of the youth the heroism of Filipino Veterans and to realize the importance of the role they played during the war, in order to achieve our democratic freedom.
Wednesday, April 09, 2008 Araw Ng Kagitingan , 9:00 am at Mt. Samat Shrine, Pilar, Bataan; Host: NAITF, Provincial government of Bataan, & LGU's. Simultaneous replication in other cities/municipalities.	50 participants of the DepED Patriotic Tour and 10 IATF Members. 100 students and teachers from DepED Division of Bataan	Enrich and instill the values of patriotism, nationalism, love of country and freedom.
Thursday, April 10, 2008 Paggunita sa Capas , 9:00AM at Capas National Shrine, Capas, Tarlac Host: NAITF and Provincial Gov't of Tarlac	50 participants of the DepED Patriotic Tour and 10 IATF Members. 200 students & teachers from Capas NHS & Aranguren ES, DepED Div. of Tarlac will grace the occasion.	Enrich and instill the values of patriotism, nationalism, love of country and freedom.
Friday, April 11, 2008 Sunset Ceremony , 4:00 pm at the Libingan Bayani, Taguig City. Host: NAITF	Division of Taguig City will send 100 teachers and students from Taguig NHS and Taguig Science High School.	Enrich and instill the values of patriotism, nationalism, love of country and freedom.

* Note: Students and teachers must wear their school uniforms for distinction except during oratorical

16th NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

The 16th National Oratorical Contest shall be participated in by the following:

1. CAR – Division of Benguet;
2. Region I – Division of Dagupan;
3. Region II – Division of Nueva Viscaya;
4. Region III – Division of Tarlac;
5. Region IV-Calabarzon – Division of Laguna;
6. Region V – Division Legaspi City;
7. Region VI – Division of Iloilo City
8. Region VII – Division of Cebu City;
9. Region VIII – Division of Tacloban City;
10. Region IX – Division of Zamboanga City;
11. Region X – Division of Cagayan De Oro City;
12. Region XI – Division of Davao City;
13. Region XII – Division of Cotabato City;
14. Caraga Admin. Region – Division of Agusan del Norte; and
15. National Capital Region – 14 Divisions.

16th NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST
conducted by the
VFP-SONS AND DAUGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (VFP-SDAI)
in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED)

CONCEPT PAPER

- I. Project : Annual National Oratorical Contest
- The contest is conducted in Filipino for High School Level.
- Eliminations for the requested division of each region will be conducted by Regional Special Events Coordinators and or Secondary Social Studies Supervisor in coordination with the VFP-SDAI Regional Vice Presidents to select the best contestants for the annual national contest.
- II. Objective : To enhance patriotism especially among the youth through knowledge and emulation of the veterans' sacrifices and heroism during the World War II in preparation to their future undertakings.
- III. Contest Rules :
1. The contest is open to all high school students presently enrolled. The veterans' descendants are encouraged to participate in the division and regional eliminations in the selection of contestants to the national oratorical contest.
 2. The contest piece must be authored by the contestant. It must not have been published and the delivery must not be less than seven (7) minutes and not to exceed ten (10) minutes.
 3. The contest theme is changed every year and the theme is based on the present political, social and economic conditions.
 4. The theme for this year's oratorical contest is "Beterano at Salinlahi, Tapat na Lingkod ng Inang Bayan!"
 5. The contests of the oration must not be against the principle of democracy, against religious freedom, against the laws of environment, honor, dignity and the moral standard of every Filipino.
 6. The VFP-Sons and Daughters Association, Inc. has the right to publish the selected contest pieces and the right to determine those that are included under these contest rules.
 7. The winners (first, second, and the third) in previous contest are disqualified to participate again in any elimination and national contest.
 8. The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable.
- III. Criteria for Judging:
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| 1. Sincerity, contest, originality and Relevance to the contest theme | 50% |
| 2. Stage presence | 15% |
| 3. Voice, diction, consistency of thought with the action | 35% |

Araw Ng Kagitingan And Philippine Veterans Week

Creative Painting Contest

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Rules and Regulations

1. The Creative Painting Competition shall be open to high school students in the fourteen (14) Divisions of the National Capital Region (NCR).
2. The theme of the competition is: "Beteranong Pilipino: Gabay Tungo sa Pagkakaisa, Kapayapaan, at Kaunlaran!"
 - a. It should be in a poster type and should have a poetic caption in two, three, or four lines, free verse or with rhyme and meter, typewritten at the back of the painting (Filipino or English);
 - b. The painting should be done on a 24" x 29" illustration board; and
 - c. The contestant can use any medium or coloring materials.
3. The criteria for judging include:

a. Originality	40%
b. Visual Impact	30%
c. Message	30%
Total	100%
4. The competition aims to increase awareness of the significance of the Araw Ng Kagitingan, as a shining moment of courage and commitment to freedom by our World War II Veterans.
5. The contest shall be managed by DepED-Special Events Unit and sponsored by the Department of National Defense (DND), the lead agency of the celebration. Expenses incurred during the conduct of the contest such as food, prizes, honoraria of the judges, and facilitators shall be charged to the DND Araw Ng Kagitingan funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. The contestants with their advisers will bring their painting paraphernalia at DepED Rizal I Lobby, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City on April 2, 2008, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
7. The DND and DepED have the right to publish the entries and has the right to own the paintings.
8. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.