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BOUT THE COVER

he 2nd Quarter Cover of Kampilan Journal highlighted the Change of Command that was presided over by Philippine Army Commanding General, Lieutenant General Romeo S Brawner PA wherein outgoing Commander MGen. Juvymax R Uy relinquished his post to Brigadier General Eduardo B Gubat PA, as an Acting Commander of 6ID. The picture shows the handing of Kampilan Sword to BGen Gubat as a sign of forwarding of responsibility that is set as head of 6ID. The Kampilan sword represents the division, which symbolizes the strength of force of the Command to destroy the enemies of the people who may wish to take away the much-love freedom that everybody cherishes. Also, the camp was named after Brigadier General Gonzalo H Siongco, the first forerunner of the 6th ID, in recognition of his heroism, gallantry and supreme sacrifice. He was responsible for decisively defeating the secessionist forces at the height of conflict in Central Mindanao and pave the way for the restoration of the civilian government authority. Today, 6ID continues to serve the people even though its leadership has changed several times but its mandated tasked in upholding peace still remain because KAMPILAN Troopers are steadfast to its unwavering commitment in serving the people and securing the land.

KAMPILAN JOURNAI

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s we enter the new era of public service, the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division continues to work on its mandate while painstakingly consistent of its

mission to serve and secure the people of South and South–Central Mindanao.

While security is our utmost concern, we also need the help of our countrymen and other stakeholders to be a part of this advocacy. Thus, peace is a people's empowerment; addressing security challenges in our area of responsibility.

Consequently, we have defeated many of the threats to peace. The waves of surrenderees of these Local Terrorist Groups (LTG's) / Former Rebels (FR's) could be the result of the Community Support Program (CSP) and local peace engagement that were initiated by the Joint Task Force Central, local government units, and communities in the area and those who surfaced could have been encouraged because they saw that a lot of other supporters have surrendered. Moreover, they are already awakened and have realized that the enemies' ideologies are only based on deception and are used only to further their own vested interests.

Meanwhile, the recent National and Local Elections have been generally peaceful and orderly in which our troops have played a major role in maintaining the orderliness of our elections until the end of the counting. I would also like to thank the government forces and partners who have been monitoring these momentous historic events in our country.

On the other hand, Kampilan Troopers were not confined only to their roles as peacekeepers and protectors of communities but also in our important role as rescuers and disaster responders in every calamity and catastrophe that the communities may face. In collaboration with other government agencies, our troops were also tapped to respond to the victims of the disasters and were esteemed for having saved a number of lives.

Moreover, the 6th ID continues to help our health front liners in overcoming a public health crisis that the country has been grappling with up to this day — the coronavirus 2019 (Covid 19). With its refined and disciplined military personnel, this Command has tapped into the forefront to support public health efforts, especially during the height of the pandemic.

The aforesaid accomplishments are only among the several achievements and triumphs that Kampilan Division gained through the years. It is the strong partnership with our stakeholders that played a big factor in the accomplishment of our mission.

As your Acting Division Commander, I urge everyone to join me as we march together in attaining our goals to be a world-class Army that is a source of national pride.

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SERGEANT MAJOR'S SMS Lyfrey H Bascar (Inf) PA Corner L

he Command Sergeant Major continues to empower and enhance the role of Non-Commissioned Officers to become vital in raising the morale of all Enlisted Personnel as they carry out their assigned duties.

Supervised one (1) Senior NCO from this Command who was a candidate for the Sergeant Major Course (SMC) 2nd Cycle 2022 scheduled for a Board Deliberation Screening Interview through VTC conducted by the Sergeants Major Deliberation Board headed by Chief Master Sergeant Rogelio P. Caacbay (Inf) PA, Philippine Army Sergeant Major.

On April 26-28, 2022, Command Sergeant Major SMS Lyfrey H Bascar attended Senior Enlisted Leaders at Hotel Kimberly in Tagaytay City, which was attended by selected Sergeants Major/Chief NCOs from various AFP Units. The activity's goals were to address any significant difficulties or concerns that affected the mission's balance, as well as the morale, welfare, and discipline of AFP Enlisted Personnel, and to assess the possibility of amending associated regulations and directives.

Their best practices particularly on what is embedded on the Sgt Major seal the kagalingan (competence), kasiglahan (vivacity), at disiplina (discipline) bilang tagapag-ugnay and the role of NCOs in the development of our society and reminds all of us that there will be no armed forces of the Philippines if without the enlisted personnel as the backbone of the organization.

The Command Sergeant Major conducted a two-day Senior NCO Leaders Forum with the theme: Proactive, Mentor & Passionate Kampilan Troopers for the 2nd Quarter of CY 2022 on June 9–10, 2022 at the NCO Clubhouse, attended and participated by the JTFC Sergeants Major and Chief Clerks (G-Staff) of this Command. In this perspective, the activity's aim is

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NCOs in the development of our society and reminding that Enlisted Personnel is the backbone of the organization. Further, we must do our best to enhance the quality and valuable performance of our subordinates. Soldiers career development and the relationship between the leaders and his subordinates that there must be a teamwork and good working atmosphere. As our organization evolves and the direct involvement of our NCOs through empowerment, we soldiers must be versatile it means, a discipline warrior, responsible parents, mentors, peacekeepers, nation builders and will support the government on the war on drugs.

Command Sergeant Major and unit Sergeants Major from Organic and OpCon units of this Command conducted a Team Building Activity at Don Juan, Glan, Sarangani Province on 120800 to 131800 June 2022. The objective of said activity is to boost and uplift the morale and welfare of the Sergeants Major and to promote esprit de corps, unity, and camaraderie among the Senior NCO/Sergeants Major and their dependents.

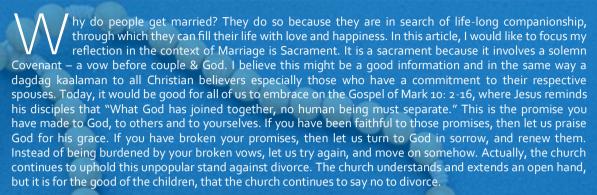
CSM visited the line units of this command from June 20-23, 2022, purposely to disseminate some updates from Higher Headquarters and command guidance. This is in line with the intent of the Commander to personally inspect and monitor the state of morale and welfare of the troops. Likewise, CSM conducted Troops' Information and Education (TI & E) and all soldiers were reminded of our basic soldiery (Proper Courtesy and Discipline); we soldiers must adhere to the command policy and directive both from the unit and higher headquarters; Sergeant Majors must align with the NCOs empowered program; Sergeant Majors to maintain the relationship between the Officer and Enlisted Personnel; Sergeant Majors and Senior NCOs to motivate, our soldiers to support the Philippine Army's vision by 2028; All soldiers must be equipped with the necessary functional abilities and expertise. Soldiers must always think about their career progression by following their individual career path for the future NCO's higher positions; Protect your career by becoming more competent in your duties and tasks. Secure your future-do not engage with anomalous activity to the destruction of your service; Do not engage in gambling; Avoid drug related activity. No mercy for the violator, as instructed by the CGPA; Do not engage in illicit affairs; Protect your family, who is our inspiration, by doing our mandates. Follow your individual scorecards; know your unit's mission and essential tasks; Promote moral value and relationships with civilians and

officers; and Learn more about financial management.

Let us be active in every success we achieve so that all efforts are heard and eventually raise the level of awareness of the Enlisted Corps to what it is to be a Professional Armed Forces worthy of national pride.

REFLECTION: MARRIAGE IS A SACRAMENT - A GIFT BY GOD BY REV FR (MAJ) JECILETO CORTEZ VADILLES (CHS) PA

"What God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:2-16)



Last 29th day of May 2022, I officiated the wedding of one of the troops from 6FAB under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Leo Catipay, at Sto Nino De Cebu Chapel, 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army, Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao. After completion of all requirements for marriage, the Groom and Bride was so happy that their desire in getting married comes true by the help of 6FAB family.

In my homily, I emphasized to them: Sana, maisasabuhay ninyong dalawa ang mga turo ayon sa utos ng ating Panginoong Hesukristo. Be faithful to one another as husband & wife. Like God, who is always faithful to his people. You, Mr Jef and Mrs Jean, today you give your word to each other to take each other, "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, all the days of your lives." These words you are giving to each other is not just any words, but a SOLEMN PROMISE – a vow before God. Your fidelity to each other symbolizes and reflects the faithfulness of God to us his people. This is a huge step to take into the unknown future. Life is reality without an eraser. What lies behind you, and what lies before you are tiny matters compared to what lies within you. The reason you take this step with confidence after much careful consideration is because it is not just any words you are giving each other, but as I said, a SOLEMN VOW before GOD, in other words, it is a COVENANT between two of you, yourselves and GOD. Yes, we believe that our life cannot always be full of happiness...hindi lahat nang araw ay umuulan...but it can be always be full of LOVE. True indeed, happy and successful marriages are not made in heaven. You have to work for it. This is my advice to you, go back, and keep going to your original love and commitment when problems and trials comes in. Hold on, persevere through it all. Love one another always, love your family, love not other woman or man. Love not money or power, LOVE is all that REALLY MATTERS in the end.

In addition to that: laging niyong tandaan ang sinasabi nyo sa akin, noong may IC (Canonical Interview), Pre Cana, at Marriage Encounter Seminar ninyo, kung bakit kayo magpakasal. Sabi niyo nagmamahalan kayo, kaya, gusto niyo na magkaroon kayo ng bagong pamilya. Ito na po ang starting point sa inyong paglalakbay bilang couple. Remember this always, Jesus' love never fails. And that's what Jesus proved to us, He died on the Cross because of love to His Father and to us. Kaya, gawin nyo si Hesukristo ang foundation ng inyong pagmamahalan sa pamilya. Mga kapanalig, ang ugnayan natin sa Diyos ay naging mas malalim at matatag kung tayo ay hindi nakalilimot sa Diyos, na Siya ay lagi nating naaalala sa lahat ng panahon ng ating buhay. May mga relasyong hindi tumatagal sapagkat nakalimutan nilang ilagay ang pagmamahal ng Diyos sa kanilang pagsasama bilang pamilya. Hindi naging sentro sa buhay nila ang Diyos. At ako'y naniniwala sa sinasabi ng mga dalubhasa; na kung wala ang Diyos sa anumang relasyon o ugnayan, hindi kailanman mararanasan ng tao ang ganap na kaligayahan. My dear couple, as you continue to change with age, there is one thing that will never change and that is true love. Wish ko lang po sa inyong dalawa, na SANA MAGMAHALAN kayo palagi, para may FOREVER – SANA ALL.

Mga kapanaliq, I thank GOD, the most Holy ONE for His loving union to the couples here at the Kampilan troopers, which HE has blessed until today. To end my reflection, let me say that family is a gift by God. Family life may not be perfect, but we need families. They help us to learn about life and about who we are. We need people around us who give us time to grow and time to make mistakes. There has to be some place where we feel we belong and are at home. Most importantly, there have to be people who will accept us, love us, and forgive us no matter what, simply because we are theirs and they are ours. Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers – not one of them is ours by choice. Rather, they are given to us by God. I suggest, keep strong, you must LOVE in each other and let nothing come between you to dim your LOVE. Always remember the love from our CREATOR. "Ad multos Annos," may you be blessed all the years of your life.

Acting Com 6ID joined cheers for relatively peaceful conduct of NLE 2022

he leadership of the Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division is pleased with the peaceful result of the recently concluded National and Local Elections 2022 on May 9, 2022 in the areas under its jurisdiction.

In a statement, Brigadier General Eduardo Gubat, Acting Division Commander of JTF Central and 6ID, thanked the army, police, teachers, and force multipliers who assisted in providing security at the polling places, the candidates, and the voters who complied on the COMELEC voting rules.

Meanwhile, Philippine Army Commanding General, Lieutenant General Romeo Brawner Jr also gave his message of gratitude to participants who served in the election.

"On behalf of the 110,000 men and women of the Philippine Army, I would like to thank all the organizations and individuals, for your unceasing support to your Army as we carried out our task of ensuring a secure, accurate, and free National and Local Elections 2022", Lt. Gen. Brawner Jr. said.

"You can be assured of our continued and dedicated service to our nation as we ensure the smooth and peaceful transition of the new administration as it takes over the helm of our beloved country. God bless us all", he added.



New Batch of Kampilan Troopers Conclude Military Training

22 new army privates successfully concluded their seven-month training under the Candidate Soldier Course on April 26, 2022 at 6th Division Training School, Barangay Semba, Datu Odin Sinsuat Maguindanao.

Of the said number, 156 belong to MASUPOG Class 673. Private Judenesha P Maygay from Banisilan, North Cotabato topped the class with general average of 94.07%, followed by Private Reymart P Gulmayo from Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat with general average of 94.03% while Private Donabel V Leuterio from Parang, Maguindanao landed top 3 with general average of 93.73%. The Physical Fitness Proficiency Award or known as the Tarzan Award was given to Private Alberto P Zapanta Junior while Private Daniel Abogado got the top gun award.

Private Joseph U Torres from Pagadian City topped the 74 privates from DILAAB Class 674 with 93.70%, followed by Pvt Ravein Dale E Baling from Pigcawayan, North Cotabato got 93.63% while Jenniffer B Sequiña got 92.07% who landed as top 3 of the class. Private Marlon Cuarez was the recipient of the Physical Fitness Proficiency (Tarzan) Award while Pvt Joshua Al Cariaso topped the marksmanship in DILAAB Class.

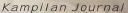
Meanwhile, pursuant to Education and Training Policy of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Certificates of Merit were given to Private Jeane C Dalucanog, Private Keneth P Dela Torre, and Private Larry I Guillermo for graduating number 1, 2, and 3 with a general average of 94.50%, 93.80%, and 93.30%, respectively in a Class of 192 Candidate Soldier Course Class KAMGIS 694 – 2021.

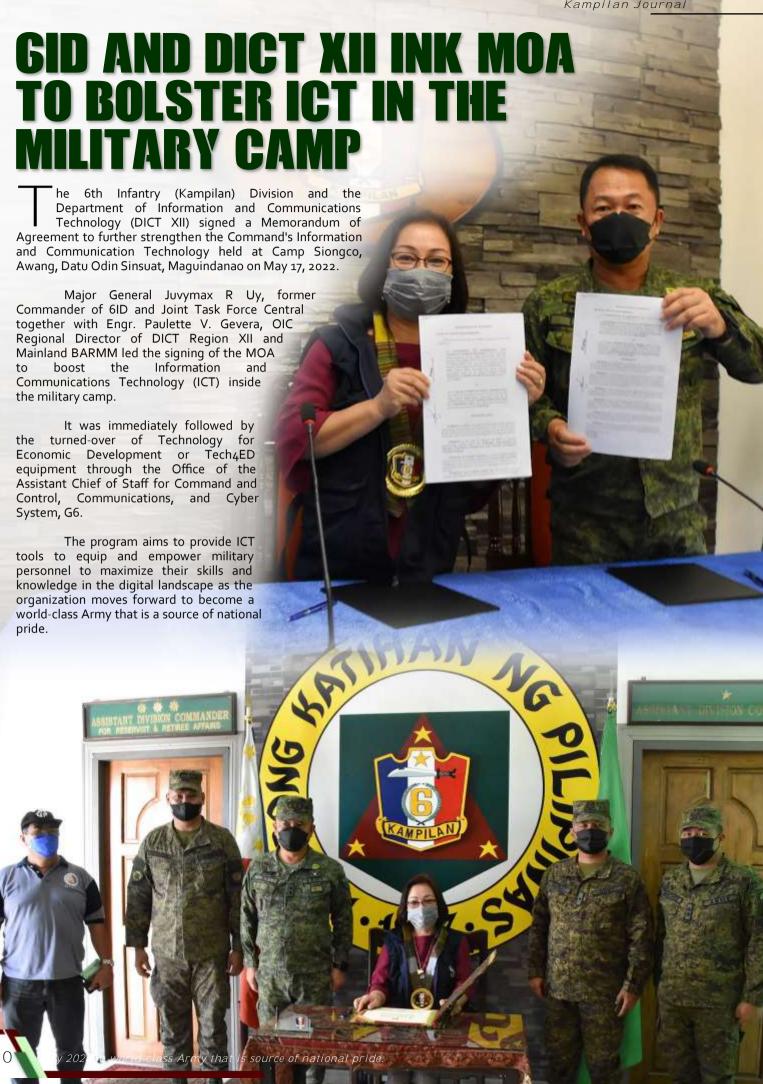
The new breed of soldiers underwent a tedious process of becoming trained and disciplined soldiers of the 6th Infantry Division under the watch of the Officers and Enlisted Personnel of 6DTS who served as the training models that contributed a big impact to their successful transition from civilian to uniformed personnel.

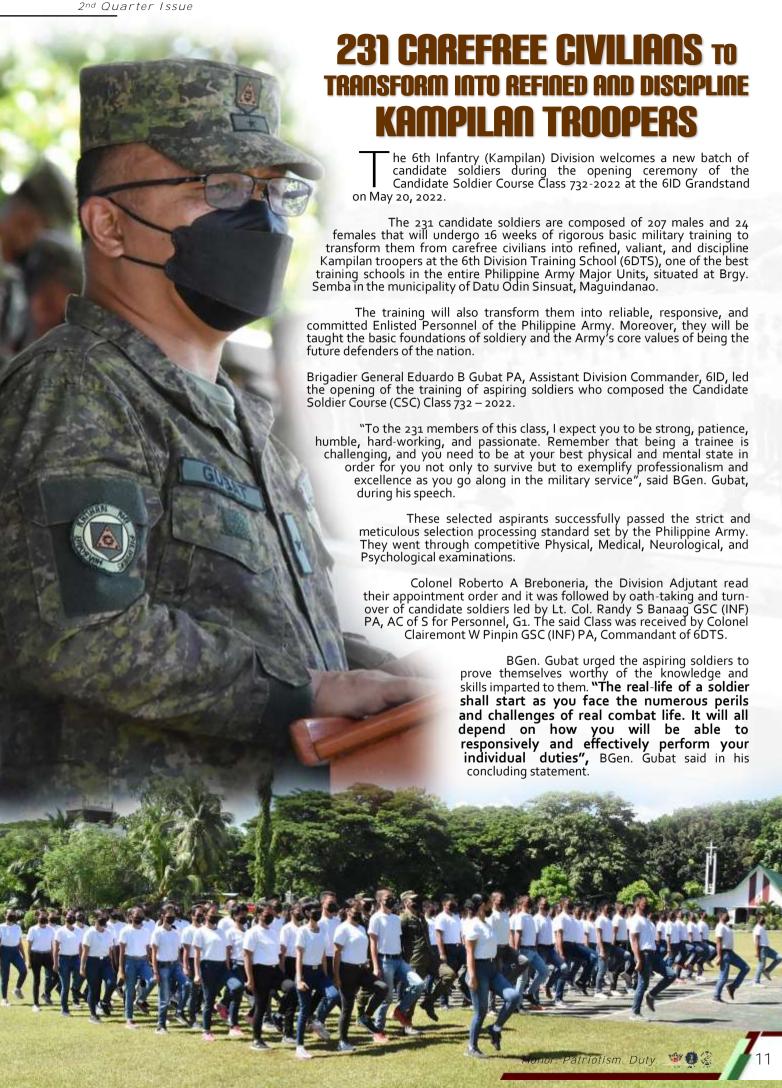
Major General Juvymax Uy, the former Division Commander emphasized his expectations and congratulations to the CSC graduates. "I expect you to be sturdy, hardworking, and passionate. Remember that we are banking on your capacity to deliver results that will impact on the mission of this command and of the Philippine Army" Maj. Gen. Uy said.

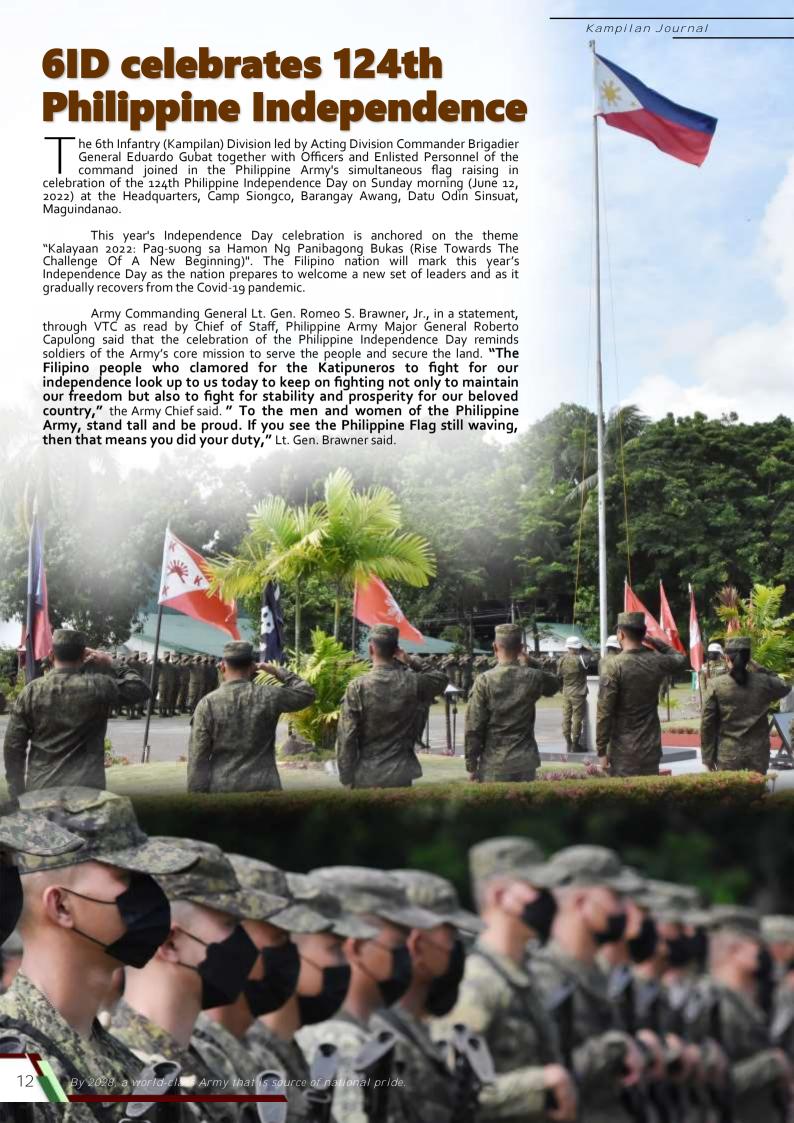
"Prove yourself worthy of the knowledge and skills imparted to you. Practice what you have learned. Learn to also love your profession and always give your utmost best" Maj. Gen. Uy added.











Kampilan Division Conducts 30th MSAB Meeting

he 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division conducted the 3oth Multi-Sector Advisory Board (MSAB) Meeting with the theme "Sustaining Transformation Beyond Challenging Situations" on April 20, 2022 at the Kampilan Clubhouse, Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

The meeting was attended by the MSAB members; Commander, 6ID; ADC, 6ID; ADC-RRA, 6ID; 6ID ATR TWG; and the Brigade and Battalion Commanders of JTF "Central". The 6ID Personal, Special, and Technical Staffs were also invited to the meeting thru Video Tele-Conferencing (VTC).

Highlights of the activity were the Oath Taking of the new MSAB member, Ms. Sittie Aisha V. Tawan; and the Awarding of Army Governance Pathway (AGP) Compliant Status to 38th Infantry (We Clear) Battalion, and the AGP Proficient Status with Gold Trailblazer Award to 34th Infantry (Reliable) Battalion.

A Plaque of Commendation was awarded by the MSAB headed by Dr. Susana S. Anayatin, Chairperson, to MAJOR GENERAL JUVYMAX R UY PA, Commander, 6ID, for his vision on economic development thru tourism attraction by developing a Golf Course within the Military Reservation at Camp Paulino Santos, Brgy, Dado, Alamada, North Cotabato as an income generating project of 6ID.

Plaques of Recognition were also awarded by MAJOR GENERAL JUVYMAX R UY PA, to the MSAB members for their invaluable services rendered as members of the "Team Kampilan" MSAB which provided clear direction in promoting continuity, sustainability, and shared responsibility in pursuing the Kampilan Transformation Roadmap.

The MSAB meeting is regularly convened to promote active





Reconciliation of the dominant clans of Sangki, Ampatuan, Mamasapano and Masukat in Maguindanao

olonel Joel Mamon, the Deputy Brigade Commander of 601st Infantry Brigade and at the same time the Head of the Combined Secretariat of the GPH-CCCH attended the successful reconciliation of the dominant clans in Maguindanao; clans of Sangki, Ampatuan, Mamasapano, and Masukat that was held in Barangay Dimampao, Ampatuan, Maguindanao.

The rido of the involved families was a result of the heavy clashes in different places that claimed the loss of many lives among their members and followers. Moreover, many affected innocent families were evacuated to different places and abandoned their farms due to the clashes of said families.

Col. Mamon said, "let us save lives by ending the clan feud in a peaceful solution for the sake of our next generation and many affected innocent people who become victims and suffered in the area.

The clan feud (rido) was successfully settled and the involved families agreed and signed the resolution of the settlement with the presence of the Local Government Executives: Honorable Samsudin A Sangki, Mayor of the Datu Abdullah Sangki, Honorable Baileah G Sangki, Mayor of the Ampatuan; Honorable Akmad A Ampatuan Jr, Mayor of the Mamasapano; Honorable Yacob L Ampatuan, Mayor of Rajah Buayan all of Maquindanao together with the GPH-CCCH, MILGOO, AFP, PNP and the MILF representatives.





"REDSKIN BATTALION SECURES NLE 2022 IN SPMS BOX"

he 6th Infantry (Redskin) Battalion generally performed its mandate to secure the National and Local Elections last May 9, 2022 within its municipalities covered by SPMS Box in Maguindanao that were considered "red areas" under COMELEC Control.

Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Banaag, Commanding Officer of 6IB said that the full force of Redskin Troopers together with CAA as its force multipliers and the PNP were deployed at different voting centers in Datu Piang, Datu Salibo, Mamasapano and Shariff Saydona Mustapha, all of Maguindanao Province to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of the elections.

The unit initiates the conduct of Municipal Joint Security Committee Council (MJSCC), presentation of briefing for the preparation, and deployment plan of troops spearheaded by Lt. Col. Banaag. While Election Officers delivered lectures to the troops together with the Board of Electorals (BEs), DepEd Supervisor Officer (DESO), and PNP Personnel. They also inspected the polling precincts along with Loudspeaker Operations a week before the election day to provide awareness on voter's responsibility and rights.



"Rido Settlement:

Conflict Resolution Towards Lasting Peace and Development"



lan disputes are among the drivers of armed violence and the loss of lives in Central Mindanao in the past decades. The inadequate government interventions in the clan dispute had led to the emergence of hot spots for armed hostilities involving their family's supporters like the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. As blood ties matter in times of bloody confrontations, peace-inclined groups like normally joined the fray to protect the interest of their respective family members.

One example of a clan dispute is between Ibrahim Dagandal, Brigade Commander, 5th Bde, 106th BC; and Datu Noran Utto, S3, 3rd Bn 3rd Bde. Internal Base BIAF who are both members of the MILF. The conflict started when Guiamalodin Abdurhaman, a former member of 106th BC and a relative of Ibrahim Dagandal left their group to join the group of Noran Utto. Afterwhich, on 17 February 2015 the group of Guiamalodin Abdurhaman was ambushed at Barangay Bakat, Shariff Saydona Mustapha, Maguindanao suspecting the group of Abdillah Lido, a member of 106th BC. The said incident sparked the rivalry between the two groups and their armed confrontations led to the destruction of several houses, mass evacuation of nearby residents, and disturbed the peace and security in the community

From January to March 2022, several coordination and dialogues had been made with the parties involved together with the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), 33rd Infantry (MAKABAYAN) Battalion, MILF-CCCH, and the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Post (JCMP).

Finally, on 19 March 2022, the bloody rivalry between Ibrahim Dagandal and Datu Noran Utto and so did their members has successfully ended in a "Rido Settlement" which was held at barangay Old Maganoy, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Maguindanao.

The "Rido Settlement" between the two MILF Groups was made possible through collaborative efforts and initiatives by the following agencies and personalities: Mastor Ampatuan, Base Commander, 106th BC-SMF-BIAF; Mr. Rahamuda U Dading, Community Affairs Officer MPOS-BARMM; LTC BENJAMIN D CADIENTE JR, Commanding Officer, 33rd Infantry Battalion; Salahudin Angeles, CRO, 106th BC, MILF; Ustadz Abie Lipoles, JCMP, MILF; and Shiek Sinawilan Batcom 5th Bde, 106th BC

Both sides pledged to refrain from committing any violence against each other in order to preserve peace, safety, and peaceful life, based on the provisions of the signed agreement. The agreement also stipulates that the two parties will forgive and cooperate.













and care, that will make you great.

-Amit Ray

he Troops of 2nd Mechanized Infantry (Makasag) Battalion spearheaded by Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Nadala Jr., the Battalion Commander participated in Tree Planting Activity last 01 May 2022.

The Makasag troops together with 100 students of Cotabato State University and in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources planted a total of 1,500 seedlings of non-fruit bearing trees at Brgy Damapatoy, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

This effort becomes a venue for the unit to show its active support to the Government's National Greening Program that aims to promote reforestation, reduces poverty, creates alternative livelihoods, and enhances climate change mitigation and adaptation.







leven underground members of the Communist Terrorist Group – Affiliated Mass Organizations (CAMOs) under the umbrella of Bayan Muna, Gabriela and United Small Farmers Association of Midpapan II, Pigcawayan, Cotabato laid their arms to 602nd Infantry (Liberator) Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Edgardo Vilchez Jr., Commanding Officer of 34th Infantry Battalion, 6th Infantry Division presented the said personalities to Pigcawayan Municipal Mayor Jane Dino Roquero, Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) Sarah Alamada and Municipal Social Worker Department Office (MSWDO) Head Mariam Joy Quilban during a formal ceremony to show the LGU and the provincial government's full support to the said undertaking held at Pigcawayan Municipal Hall which was graced by Col. Jovencio Gonzales, Commander of 602Bde.

"Ang ginawang pagbalik-loob ng ating mga kapatid na naligaw ng ibang landas ay isa lamang pahiwatig na ang mamamayan ng Pigcawayan ay kaakibat sa pagkamit ng kapayapaan at kaayusan ng ating lungsod. Ang lahat ng ito ay malaking tulong tungo sa katiwasayan at kaunlaran ng bawat pamayanan. Sana maging ehemplo kayo upang mang hikayat pa sa iba", Col. Gonzales said.

Mayor Roquero conveyed his appreciation to the Brigade Commander particularly the 34th IB and the Pigcawayan PNP for keeping the peace and order of the community through their extreme campaign against the communist groups attempting to operate in their area.

Maj. Gen. Juvymax Uy, Commander of 6th ID and JTF Central lauded the troops for successfully bringing the CTG to the folds of the law. "This successful endeavor bespeaks of our improved capability in our fight against terrorism without firing a single shot in promoting a stable and peaceful environment as envisioned in our transformation roadmap," he added.

The returnees were enrolled in to the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) and given the chance to live in peace and harmony with their families.

The Army's 602Bde, and its subordinate units, together with other agencies push for peace and reconciliation in their Area of Operations (AO). It is a mandate and a mission that the brigade proudly bears.



15 BIFF MEMBERS WITH FIREARMS RETURN TO THE FOLDS OF THE LAW



ifteen Former Violent Extremist (FVEs) laid down their arms during the BALIK-LOOB program [wherein seven (7) from Pikit, North Cotabato and eight (8) in Pagalungan, Maguindanao] that was facilitated by 602nd Infantry (Liberator) Brigade together with the Local Government Unit of Pikit and Pagalungan held last May 20, 2022.

It was hosted by goth Infantry (Bigkis-Lahi) Battalion led by Lt. Col. Rommel Mundala with the supervision of Col. Jovencio Gonzales, Commander of 602nd Bde and according to him "Your change of hearts will change your lives with the support of the security sectors and the government."

Hon. Sultan and Hon. Mamasabulod lauded the initiatives of the brigade as they warmly welcomed and accepted the Former Violent Extremists. They provided initial cash assistance to every personality and a sack of rice.

Maj. Gen. Juvymax Uy, Commander of the 6ID and JJTF Central commended the units involved, and the Local Government Units for their continued efforts to attain peace in Central Mindanao.











hree (3) Tribal Leaders of Dulangan Manobo tribe identified as members of the Communist Terrorist Group have decided to return to the folds of the law through the efforts of the security forces from the 37th Infantry (Conqueror) Battalion, 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division on May 29, 2022, at Headquarters 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Camp Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao.

This was realized through an Antang-Antang" (a Manobo term, meaning negotiation) between Datu Gawa Gantangan alias Tumalao/Patikan, EXECOM Member of SRC Daguma and Ltc John Paul Baldomar, Commanding Officer of the 37th Infantry Battalion on May 19, 2022 at Sitio Lower Tinagdanan, Barangay Hinalaan, Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat. The success of the negotiation resulted to the yielding of Datu Gawa Gantangan days after together with two (2) other Dulangan Manobo leaders identified as Tirco Gantangan alias Sultan known Bolitical identified as Tirso Gantangan alias Sultan, known Political Instructor of KRM3, and Ume Digan alias Bangadan of Platoon Yakal along with the withdrawal of support of Underground Mass Organization Members and CTG supporters from the Dulangan Manobo Tribe of Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat on May 23, 2022.

Relatively, a serbisyo caravan and a grand dialogue was held at Sitio Lower Tinagdanan which was also participated by 37IB, along with the different government agencies and the Local Government Unit of Kalamansig led by Vice Mayor Joaquin Concha and Municipal TF ELCAC Chairwoman, Ms. Maria Socorro Lanto, which catered to the basic services needs of almost 400 tribal members.

Further, JTF Central extended extensive medical check-up to the tribal leaders and their selected family and tribal members at Camp Siongco Station Hospital. The series of activities reflected the sincerity of the government through 37IB and Kalamansig MTF-ELCAC which enlightened the tribal leaders to cooperate with the government for the betterment of their tribe.

"The strengthened Community Support Program (CSP), intensive Focused Military Operation, and Intelligence efforts of 37IB with the help of local officials through the backchanneling interventions in the area have encouraged the CTGs to surrender. This event will certainly have an adverse effect against the CTG influence towards the Dulangan Manobo Tribe ", Lt. Col. Baldomar said.

"The withdrawal of support of the most respected tribal leaders of the Dulangan Manobo tribe in Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat is a clear manifestation that the local IPs have already realized that they had been used and manipulated by the communist terrorists for their own interests that greatly affected the lives of the IPs. This is a clear indication of the dismantling of the CTG West and East Daguma Front and the continuous downfall of the SRC DAGUMA, FSMR," Colonel Michael Santos, Commander of 603rd Brigade further disclosed.

Brigadier General Eduardo Gubat, Acting Division Commander of 6ID, stressed that during the first five months of the year, a total of 55 CTGs have surrendered to the 37th Infantry Battalion along with the withdrawal of support of hundreds of CTG UGMO members and supporters. "This signals the downfall of CTGs in Lebak, Kalamansig, and Palimbang municipalities.

The former rebels each received various assistance and livelihood packages from different line agencies, LGU Kalamansig, and the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat. They will be reintegrated into mainstream society with the help of the LGU through the NTF-ELCAC program of the government.



5 Members of the Terrorist NPA, Surrendered in Sultan Kudarat

ive (5) members of the terrorist NPA have surrendered to the troops of the 57th Infantry (MASIKAP) Battalion at Edwards Camp, Brgy Mirab, Upi, Maguindanao on May 18, 2022.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Pondanera, Commander of the 57th Infantry (Masikap) Battalion, presented the surrenderers to Maj. Gen. Juvymax Uy, former commander of the 6th Infantry Division (6ID) and Joint Task Force Central. The former rebels, whose identities were withheld, were members of the East Daguma Front, Sub-Regional Command Daguma, Far South Mindanao Region of the NPA and are residents of Lebak, Sultan Kudarat.

"Your surrender to the government will bring joy to your families and peace in Lebak. Rest assured that the 6ID will continue to support you in partnership with the LGU (local government unit) of Lebak," Uy said in a simple rite ceremony.

They turned-over their firearms comprising a 5.56mm Rifle, a Caliber 30 M1 Garand and three 12-gauge shotguns. The former rebels also led the 57IB in recovering other arms cache including a 7.62 mm M60 general-purpose machine gun, two 5.56 mm M16 rifles and a variety of bullets.

and yield to the government so they can be united with their families and live peaceful lives.

"The number of communist rebels operating in Sultan Kudarat is now dwindling and nearing its end as more of their leaders and members realized that they are only being manipulated by their leaders," said BGen. Gubat, concurrent head of 6ID.

Meanwhile, the said program was attended by Colonel Michael Santos, Brigade Commander, 603rd Infantry Brigade, Hon Frederick Celestial, Lebak town mayor and chairman of MTF - ELCAC. Mayor Celestial immediately extended assistance to the former rebels and assured that they would provide additional support for the return of former members of the communist terrorist group to the government.

BGen. Gubat said that the surrender of the five (5) former rebels was the result of the relentless offensive by the valiant soldiers of the 57IB and the intensified Community Support Program of the armies in partnership with the relentless support of the Lebak Local government and Sultan Kudarat province.





ighteen (18) former rebels from the different municipalities of Sultan Kudarat received their Livelihood Settlement Grants under EO70 – Conflict – Affected and Vulnerable Areas amounting to Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) each at Headquarters 7th Infantry (TAPAT) Battalion in Barangay Kapaya, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat on April 26, 2022.

The said activity is under the program of DSWD Region XII in partnership with the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat attended by Restituto B. Macuto, Regional Director of DSWD XII; Datu Yahiya Senenggayan, PTF-ELCAC Focal Person; Ms. Elenita L. Saavedra, Rsw, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer of Sultan Kudarat Province; and heads of law enforcement counterparts in the area.

"Ang Gobyerno naa man, dili tah hadlok og dili ta magduha-duha. Ang Gobyerno pra sa tao. Gikan sa tao, pra sa tao, mao nga gimugna and EO70 para tabangan kamo, para tabangan tanang lumulupyo pra sa hapsay nga komunidad. Peru kinahanglan nga kung may Makita kamo nga mali inyo kining isulti kay kamo may kahibalo sa kahimtang sa inyong kumunidad og kamo may kahibalo sa kinahanglan sa inyong komunidad para kini mulambo, walay kagubot og hapsay ang pagpanginabuhi", said DSWD Regional Director Macuto said.

7IB will continuously support the government's mandate to end local communist armed conflict in collaboration with the different government agencies utilizing the whole of nation approach in the unit's area of operation.





ive (5) members of notorious Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) have surrendered to 1st Mechanized Infantry (Lakan) Battalion on June 07, 2022 at the Brigade Headquarters in Leono, Barangay Kalandagan, Tacurong City.

The Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) turned to the local government of Paglat, Maguindanao and signified their intention to return to the fold of law with the help and support of its Mayor Abdulkarim Talusan Langkuno bringing along with them their high-powered firearms composed of One (1) US 57mm Recoilless Rifle; One (1) M16 Rifle; One (1) Cal. 50 Barrett (homemade) and One (1) RPG with Ammunition.

In his statement, Mayor Langkuno lauded the efforts of security forces as they convinced the FVEs to surrender to the government. "Kayo ay susuporta na sa ating gobyerno. Huwag na ninyong kalabanin ang ating kasundaluhan at ang ating kapulisan. Mamuhay kayo ng mahusay; nandito kami na tutulong sa inyo dahil napakagandang desisyon na kayo ay bumalik sa ating pamahalaan." Mayor Langkuno said.

Meanwhile, Atty. Cyrus Torreña, Provincial Administrator of Maguindanao emphasized the

benefits of AGILA-HAVEN Program. "Huwag kayong mag atubili sa ngayon, hinding-hindi kayo iiwanan ng ating gobyerno, andito ang AGILA-HAVEN, ang Provincial Government ng Maguindanao at ang ating inang si Hon. Bai Mariam S Mangudadatu. Siya ay patuloy na sumusuporta at hindi kayo pababayaan." Atty. Torreña said.

Likewise, Brig. Gen. Balisi Jr. lauded the efforts of 1Mech Bn and LGU of Paglat, Maguindanao for their support and efforts. "Sana ay ipagkalat niyo sa inyong dating kasamahan na napakaganda ang mamuhay ng tahimik sa panig ng ating pamahalaan. Ang ating mga kapatid na nagbalik loob ay nabuksan ang kanilang isipan para mamuhay ng tahimik para sa kapakanan ng bayan ng Paglat", Brig. Gen. Balisi Jr. added.

Each FVEs received two sacks of rice and cash assistance from Mayor Langkuno and AGILA-HAVEN program as initial support for their continued transformation. They are now undergoing custodial debriefing prior to enrolment under AGILA-HAVEN Program of Maguindanao Province. Aside from livelihood training assistance, they shall also be receiving either a tricycle (payong-payong) or a mini tractor (kuliqliq).





he 6th Civil Military Operations (Kasangga) Battalion along with the entire Joint Task Force Central Forces continue its effort to confront the different threat groups in South and Central Mindanao. With an equally important endeavor, the Kasangga Troopers strengthens the capacity building of its personnel on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response/Relief (HADR) and Civil-Military Coordination for the continuous support to the Organic and Operationally Controlled Units of the Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division.

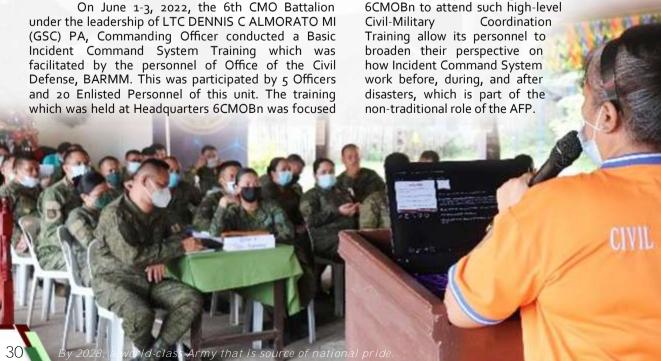
The significance of capacity building on HADR is emphasized as one of the 4 Mission Areas of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Its importance is stipulated under Republic Act Number 10121 otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Reduction and Management Act and on the National Disaster Preparedness Plan wherein the AFP is mandated to lead the Search, Rescue and Retrieval (SRR) Cluster and assist other Disaster Response Clusters by providing manpower, transportation, logistics, and security. With this, the 6CMOBn initiated various capacity building activities focusing on HADR operations in collaboration with different stakeholders on the ambit of disaster risk reduction and management.

On June 1-3, 2022, the 6th CMO Battalion

to enable the personnel of this unit to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the ICS concept and structure. The training was graced by Ms Gecile C. Gonzales, CDO IV, Operations Section Chief, OCD, BARMM representing Dir. Raylindo Aniñon, the Regional Director. Kasangga Troopers who took part on the said training are now among the short-listed ICS trained individuals globally who are qualified to function under the ICS.

In addition, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (UN-OCHA), Cotabato spearheaded the conduct of a Civil-Military Coordination Course (CMCoord) to the personnel of 6CMOBn on June 4, 2022 which was also held at the Battalion Headquarters. The activity was done face to face with Ms. Melindi Malang, Head of UN-OCHA Cotabato, Mr Ramil Manuel Maquilan, Humanitarian Affairs Associate and Ms Toral Pattni, Gender Advisor as the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with the observers from different UN Affiliated Organizations such as TRIPOD, Plan International, Non-Violent Peace Force and OXFAM. Such training is only being offered by UN-OCHA to selected participants coming from different countries and organizations.

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nother seven members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters under the Karialan and Bungos Faction surrendered with their weapons in Maguindanao Province on June 13, 2022 a day after the country commemorated the 124th Philippines Independence.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Balintong, Battalion Commander of 92IB, the surrendered members of BIFF-Karialan Faction and BIFF-Bungos Faction were presented by the 1st Brigade Combat Team (1BCT) and formally received by local officials in a program held at the Multipurpose Hall of 1BCT, Barangay Pigcalagan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

"One of the surrenderers said that he realized the futility of their cause and were encouraged by the unit's purposive stakeholder's engagement and observance of human rights and rule of law", LTC Balintong said.

They were warmly welcomed to the said program by Sultan Mastura Municipal Mayor Rauf Mastura Jr.; Sultan Kudarat Municipal Mayor Datu Ahmad Tucao Ong Mastura; Sultan Mastura Admin Officer Armando Mastura Sr.; Executive Secretary in the town of Datu Salibo Unson Demaguil; and witnessed by Atty. Cyrus Torrenas, Provincial Administrator of Maguindanao Province and Mr. Roger Dionisio, Focal Person of AGILA-HAVEN (Anak na may Glnintuang LAyunin upang Hintuan Ang Violent Extremism Ngayon) Program.

They yield seven firearms including four (4) M1 Garand Rifles, two (2) Mauser Rifles, Cal. 30 and a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG). LGU Officials also provided financial assistance and three sacks of rice each for the surrenderees.

Colonel Leodevic Guinid, Commander of 1BCT said "they saw the sincerity of the unit in dealing with the former rebels citing the unit's effort in its previous area of operations with the hopes to return to the mainstream of the society with the necessary assistance and livelihood from the government", he said.

This year, a total of 133 former members of the BIFF – Karialan and Bungos Faction have turned-in themselves to the government and denounced their affiliations to the said terror group.

6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Acting Commander Brigadier General Eduardo Gubat said that they were subjected to an initial process and validation from the concerned units to receive further assistance from the AGILA-HAVEN program and to clarify their names that they are no longer supporting the said terrorist group BIFF.

"The JTFC will continue to strengthen our relationship with all security forces and Local Government Units to effectively address the threats by these terrorists to our nation", he added.





n ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This timeless phrase was coined by the late Benjamin Franklin in 1736 to remind the citizens of Philadelphia to remain vigilant about fire awareness and prevention. This also holds true with great relevance in today's continuing fight against COVID-19 and other health related problems. For the past two years, we battled against an unseen enemy, changing our lives drastically without ever revealing itself physically. Currently, the scientist continues to search for cure for the infection caused by the COVID-19 virus, however, various preventive measures like vaccinations and strict observance of minimum health protocols are recommended to limit its transmission.

Amidst pandemic that the country is facing, other endemic vector-borne diseases like dengue (caused by vectors like mosquitoes) and zoonotic disease like rabies (diseases passed from animals to humans) are of utmost concern. Dengue is the fastest spreading vector-borne disease in the world. It is most common in sub-tropical and tropical countries like the Philippines where it is considered endemic across all its regions. According to the Department of Health, dengue, is now considered a year-round disease which affects mostly young children and infants. The risk of spreading the virus is highest during and following the rainy season due to stagnant water from flooding which are known to be a good habitat for denguecausing mosquitoes. On the other hand, rabies is a human infection that occurs after a bite or scratch by an infected animal, like dogs and cats. According to the Department of Health, it is a neglected disease, which is 100% fatal despite being a 100% preventable. It is considered as a significant public health problem because it causes acute fatal infection and is responsible for the death of 200-300 Filipinos annually.

Recently, Camp Siongco Station Hospital has recorded a rise in Dengue cases among the personnel of 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division. To further limit the spread of this disease, CSSH initiated a lateral coordination to the Office of the Ministry of Health, thru its Dengue Program Coordinator, Ron Aray, RN to

conduct Dengue awareness and facilitate the spraying in hotspot areas within the camp and at 6th Division Training School. The Ministry of Health advocated the implementation of the Enhanced 4S Strategy by the Department of Health. They also freely distributed the chemical solutions for spraying, larvicides and treated nets for use of all the units inside the camp.

Camp Siongco Station Hospital spearheaded the Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive facilitated by its Preventive Medicine Officer, 1LT Angelo Galit VC (PA). Prevention through vaccination of pets like dogs and cats is vital, especially for pet owners. In coordination with the Bureau of Animal Industry, Veterinary Quarantine Services, Region XII who donated the Anti-Rabies Vaccines, the vaccination drive was conducted on April 30 2022 at Camp Siongco Station Hospital and on May 14 2022 within the vicinity of RSBS Apartment which benefited 77 pet dogs and cats.

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