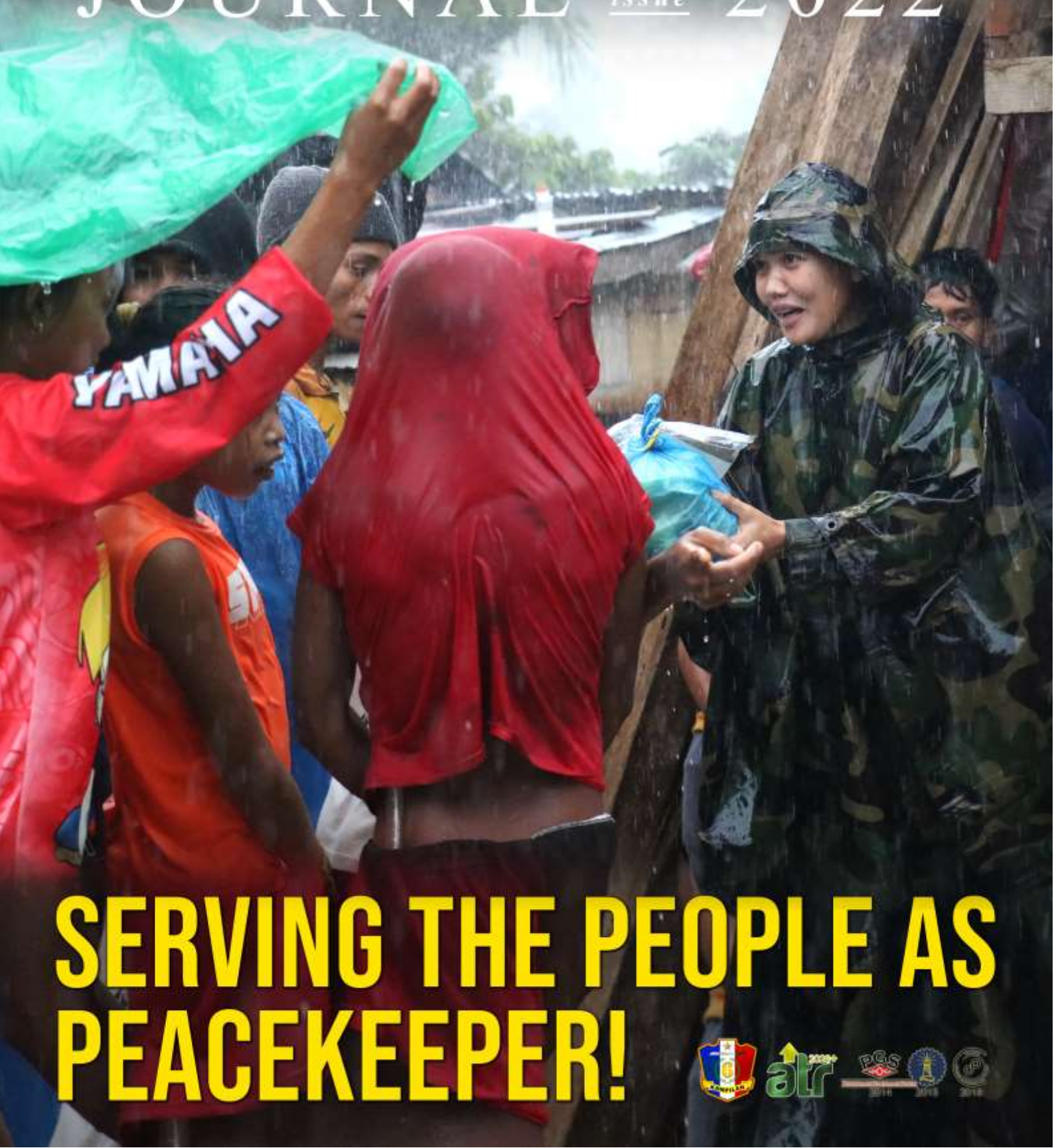


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**SERVING THE PEOPLE AS  
PEACEKEEPER!**



# Editor's Note



## Serving the People as a Peacekeeper!

**A**nchored on the theme "Call to Serve" while having the Philippine Army Core Purpose "Serving the People, Securing the Land" as its roots, the 3rd Quarter Kampilan Journal is composed of various triumphant stories of the 6th Infantry Division in its efforts towards achieving long-lasting peace and development in Central and South-Central Mindanao.

This issue aims to highlight the Kampilan Troopers in three key roles: public servants, peacekeepers, and partners in promoting tourism, as presented in a diverse selection of stimulating articles from different units under 6ID, as well as the major activities of the Command.

**The success stories featured wouldn't be as remarkable as they are without the congruous relationship between the Command and different stakeholders such as government and non-government organizations and private sectors.**

The execution of civil-military partnership has been absolutely essential in preventing and combating terrorism in our area of operations, which has led to tremendous results of surrenders and neutralizations from the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), Dawlah Islamiya (DI), Communist Terrorist Group (CTG), and other lawless elements, as well as their surrendered and recovered firearms.

This actively illustrates that we become more effective in "Serving the People as Peacekeepers."

Furthermore, the Command, under the leadership of Major General Roy M Galido, will continue to strengthen its partnership with these stakeholders to effectively showcase and promote the objectives of 6ID.

Meanwhile, the third quarter issue of our Kampilan Journal introduces our branding for our journal's nameplate. Branding is essential to our identity as member of Kampilan Troopers. In addition, as part of our information dissemination strategy, we will strengthen our social media platforms by utilizing them as a source of news and information on what is going on in the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central.

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The winning photograph entry from the 6ID photo contest for the 16th anniversary of the Western Mindanao Command on August 28, 2022 is featured as the cover story of the third quarter Kampilan Journal. In spite of the intense downpour, the soldiers from Conqueror Battalion can be seen cheerfully providing aid as part of their joint military-civilian operations in the photo. It is well known that the third quarter issue of Kampilan Journal is focused on the theme "Call to Serve" in which Kampilan troopers perform combat operations against the state's enemy while also performing an equally crucial duty to assist and support our people in their civil military operations.

## ABOUT THE COVER

Honor. Patriotism. Duty.





# COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

**W**e have only three months left until another year comes, and we have already achieved numerous feats. This was **possible through the past commanders' leadership**; especially that of the recent acting commander, my good friend, my "mistah", Major General Roberto S Capulong. "**Sa loob lamang ng ilang buwan bilang ika'y naging kumander, ang layo na ng narating ng 6ID at ang rami nang tagumpay ang natamasa ng bawat Kampilan troopers**". Thank you for everything!

I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the past commanders, retired officers, and men of the division for all their hard work and dedication. Because of this, the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division has consecutively ranked as "Best" among competing Infantry Divisions of the Philippine Army for the past 8 years. This is indeed an outstanding achievement, and now I hold the responsibility to continue this stature.

As the newly appointed Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central, I am greatly humbled by the trust given to me. Rest assured that I will do my very best to repay that trust.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize three important aspects: healthy lifestyle, **discipline, and family. These three should be every Kampilan trooper's cornerstone. Each of us should have a healthy lifestyle so we can perform our mandate and tasks as effectively and efficiently as possible. DISCIPLINE:** Having this means having "self-control". This means we know how to act in accordance with the rules and laws of our country. As soldiers, we must become role models for our fellow Filipino citizens. Lastly, give importance to family, for they give us strength, courage, love and hope. Through them, we can face every obstacle that is in our way.

Recently, we have been facing a lot of challenges, whether they may be natural or man-made, yet we remain steadfast and committed to attaining sustainable peace and development in our AOR. In our continuous fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, terrorists such as Communist Terrorist Groups, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters, Dawlah Islamiya, and other lawless groups still take advantage of the unseen enemy and still continue to disrupt peace and order in our nation.

Consequently, we have effectively prevented atrocities and defeated numerous high-ranking enemies through several government programs such as the Community Support Program, the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), Anak na may Ghintuang LAYunin upang Hintuan Ang Violent Extremism Ngayon (AGILA HAVEN), etc., in which these programs help these terrorists surrender to government forces and start anew in mainstream society.

Indeed, the whole-of-nation approach is paving the way in our campaign to end the local communist armed conflict in this part of our country. Nonetheless, we in the JTFC and 6ID will continuously work with our stakeholders from government and non-government agencies to successfully thwart the remnants of these terror groups.

I urge everyone to work with the government security forces and help us in our fight against these terror groups. By working hand in hand, we can easily achieve our goal of attaining peace and development in our nation.

To all the Kampilan Troopers, continue to work hard and always endeavor to serve the people and defend the sovereignty of our land.

Mabuhay and God bless everyone!

ROY M. GALIDO  
Major General, PA

# SERGEANT MAJOR'S *Corner*



**SMS Lyfrey H Bascar (Inf) PA**

The continuing empowerment and evolving role of the Non-Commissioned Officer will become instrumental in uplifting the morale and well-being of every enlisted person as they fulfill their mandated duties.

Chief Master Sergeant Lyfrey H Bascar (Inf) PA, Command Sergeant Major, conducts Troops' Information and Education (TI&E), lectures, coaching, mentoring, and counseling as best practices and development initiatives on the internal procedure to empower and transform NCOs into more competent, responsive, dedicated, disciplined, and committed soldiers towards the accomplishment of the unit's mission. In addition, the CSM instructed

all unit Sergeant Majors to thoroughly monitor each soldier in relation to the NCO Support Channel of each unit under this Command and to always provide counseling, coaching, and mentoring to their subordinates as preemptive measures in the event of a discipline violation.

The Command Sergeant Major conducted a two-day Sergeant Major Symposium for the 3rd Quarter of CY 2022 on September 22 - 23, 2022 at the NCO Clubhouse, attended and participated in by the JTFC Sergeant Major from respective Organic and Opcon units of this Command. According to this viewpoint, the activity's goal is to review and evaluate problems and topics that might have an impact on the wellbeing, discipline, and morale of the enlisted troops.

To fulfill the unit's mission in line with the commander's intent, activities and rules are formed. The Enlisted Personnel of this Command, who serve as the Army's backbone, will maintain a high level of performance proficiency and develop into a force of distinction for the country.

# Chaplain's *Corner*



In a divided world, connecting and learning from the different cultures, traditions, and faiths will help to strengthen the community. Numerous people are discriminated against and even attacked due to ignorance, misconceptions, and hostility based on their religious differences. Interfaith dialogue is an increasingly popular response to these religious conflicts and religious nationalism. It

concerns the discovery of similarities and differences between diverse religious standpoints as a means of establishing trust and building a community of respect with a common purpose across religious boundaries, enhancing religious tolerance and promoting peaceful coexistence.

Interfaith dialogue is an interaction of the different faiths and beliefs both at the individual and institutional levels, coming to a mutual understanding and respect that allows them to live and cooperate with each other despite their differences. It is an Abrahamic faith relationship: Jewish, Muslim, and Christian traditions. The goal is to share and learn from one another without compromising their faith.

According to Marymount University, "Interfaith cooperation can take many different forms: interfaith dialogue – like when a group of people talks about their beliefs; interfaith-based action – like when a group of people of different beliefs do something together, such as planting a garden for those in need of food.

And interfaith outreach, such as when people of different faiths educate each other about religious beliefs (religious literacy), and teaching others about religion. In the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, PA, Interfaith Dialogue was regularly conducted every last Friday of the month through the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

It is primarily attended by the Kampilan Troopers, led by Maj. Gen. Roy M Galido, PA, Commander, 61D, PA, and three (3) religious leaders from various Abrahamic traditions. It is a form of prayer and a dialogue about life, religious experience, and theological exchange. The diversity of faith is not a hindrance to serving God, the country, and the Filipino people. On the contrary, it gives a sense of oneness in a community living in the love and guidance of One Divine Being. Thus, the Kampilan Troopers are God-centered people with **great respect for each other's beliefs.**



# 6ID TODAY!

## FULL-BLOODED 'KAMPILAN' ARMY OFFICER TAKES OVER 6ID

**M**ajor General Roy M Galido PA has been formally assumed as the new Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, replacing same Major General Roberto S Capulong in a 40th Change of Command Ceremony held on August 11, 2022 at Headquarters 6ID (H6ID), Awang, DOS, Maguindanao.

Maj. Gen. Galido, a versatile Army Officer, served as the Army's Vice Commander, Acting Chief of Staff, and was formerly an Army Inspector General prior to his assumption, and he vowed to build more on the gains of his predecessor.

“**It's nice to be back. It is a great honor to accept this position as a responsibility to lead the 6th Infantry Division.**”

Maj. Gen. Roy M Galido  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division



Meanwhile, during Maj. Gen. Capulong's brief tenure as Acting Commander, 6ID plays an important role in the overall peace, security, and development initiatives in the current operating environment. "Our efforts are geared towards building on the significant achievements to accomplish our mission aligned with the intent of the Higher Headquarters," Maj. Gen. Capulong said.

The change of command was presided over by Lieutenant General Romeo S Brawner Jr., Commanding General of the Philippine Army, as Guest Speaker. The ceremony was also attended by the former Commanders of 6ID, selected guests, visitors, Army Officers, and personnel due to the DOH's minimum health protocols implemented in the midst of the pandemic's onslaught. Hence, a live stream was provided through social media for the stakeholders to witness the said activity.

In his speech, Lt. Gen. Brawner Jr. commended Maj. Gen. Capulong for his achievements and even outlined the accomplishments of the 6th Infantry Division during his short stint as the Acting Commander of Kampilan Division. "He has supervised the conduct of purposive military operations against the Local and Communist Terrorist Groups, which resulted in the neutralization of some enemy personalities, including high-ranking members. Further, he has also facilitated the voluntarily surrender of several Former Rebels to the mainstream society," Lt. Gen. Brawner said.

Both MGEN Galido and MGEN Capulong belonged to the Philippine Military Academy's "Bigkis Lahi" Class of 1990.

Maj. Gen. Galido is no stranger to the area of operations of the 6ID, having been assigned here during the early years of his military career. That is why he is also tagged as a full-blooded Kampilan Army Officer. His previous assignments include Commander of the 601st Infantry Brigade; Commander of the Anti-Kidnapping Joint Task Force Tugis; and Battalion Commander of the 40th and 38th Infantry Battalions, all under the command of the 6ID, among others.

In his message, Maj. Gen. Galido thanked his predecessor, his "mistah," for being his "John the Baptist." He also asserted that he will continue to work with Local Chief Executives and stakeholders to uphold peace, security, and tranquility in the area. He also reiterated his command philosophy: **discipline, healthy lifestyle, and family**. In his concluding remarks, he borrowed an adage from former President FVR, "Kaya natin to."

## DISCIPLINE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND FAMILY



# PBBM to 6ID: "Keep up the good work"

"Keep up the good work." These are the words that were embedded in the speech of President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, **Ferdinand "Bong-Bong" R. Marcos Jr.**, during his visit to Camp Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao on September 15, 2022.

Major General Roy M. Galido, Commander of Joint Task Force Central and 6ID, welcomed the President, along with Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines Lieutenant General Bartolome Vicente O Bacarro; and Commander of Western Mindanao Command, Lt. Gen. Alfredo V. Rosario Jr., at the home of the Kampilan Troopers, where the country's highest official was also accorded with military honors upon his arrival at the 6ID Headquarters.

The President was elated with the accomplishments of the Command in peace efforts within Central and South-Central Mindanao, which paved the way for the bolstering of economic activities in the region.

In his message, the President urged the Officers and Enlisted Personnel of the 6ID to act morally and do the right thing to uphold peace and order in this part of Mindanao. The President made the statement in a brief "talk to the troops" held at the 6ID grandstand in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, MGen. Galido also presented to the President the Confiscated, Captured, surrendered and Recovered (CCSR) firearms seized by the soldiers in their various peace efforts and military operations.

The President also understands that, despite the minor changes, the entire armed forces were doing a good job, and he believes that the army will easily adjust and accept, as they always do.

On the same day, prior to his visit to 6ID, the Chief Executive also graced the inauguration of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) 2022-2025 in a ceremony at the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Complex located within the Bangsamoro Government Center in Cotabato City.

Following Republic Act No. 11593, which extends the transition period in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) until 2025, he had earlier appointed 80 new members of the BTA Parliament in an oath-taking ceremony held in Malacañan Palace on August 12, 2022.





# CSAFP Lt. Gen. Bacarro visited JTF Central

Lieutenant General Bartolome Vicente Bacarro, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, visited the Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division on the morning of September 15, 2022.

Lt. Gen. Bacarro was welcomed by Major General Roy Galido, Commander of JTF Central and 6ID along with other Officers, Enlisted Personnel and staff of the Kampilan Division.

During his "Talk to the Troops", Lt. Gen. Bacarro emphasized his vision for the military organization anchored in President Ferdinand Marcos' call for unity (UNITY) which is the acronym of his priority thrusts as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

These are, Unparalleled Professionalism, Noble Utilization of our Resources, Invigorating Capability Development, Tenacity in Sustaining Gains and Yearning for Service Excellence.

The CSAFP again reminded the soldiers to make the best value and make a difference in the tasks assigned.

Lieutenant General Bartolome Vicente Bacarro was the Commander of the Armed Forces the Philippines – Southern Luzon Command. He assumed his post as the new Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines on August 8, 2022 replacing General Andres Centino.

He graduated in the upper quartile of **Philippine Military Academy "Maringal" Class of 1988** and has earned a great extent of awards and recognitions, one of which was the Medal of Valor which was awarded on December 21, 1991 for his **"conspicuous acts of courage, gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" during a 10-hour encounter with 150 fully-armed New People's Army (NPA) rebels who attacked the town of Maconacon, Isabela on February 26, 1991.**

Lt. Gen. Bacarro also has five (5) Distinguished Service Stars for exemplary service; one Silver Cross Medal; two (2) Bronze Cross Medals for risking life not combat-related; two (2) Silver Wing Medals; **nine (9) Combat Commander's (Kagitingan) Badges**; 36 Military Merit Medals for administrative and combat duties; several Commendations Medals and the Wounded Personnel Medal for wound sustained in combat.



## 6ID Commander welcomes visit of BARMM Chief Minister

Major General Roy Galido, Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division Commander welcomed the Interim Chief Minister of Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Chief Minister Ahod Ebrahim, Al Haj during his visit on August 19, 2022.

In a courtesy call, MGen. Galido received Chief Minister Ebrahim and was enjoined with other Officers and Staffs of the Command. **"I have always considered my visit to 6ID as of great significance and an opportune time to sit beside the Commander and point-out important matters to discuss", Chief Minister Ebrahim said and who always reiterate that the BARMM Government is in all support for JTF Central especially in partnering to provide solution to Rido settlement in Maguindanao area.**

JTFC and BARMM will establish a mechanism to be proactive to prevent Rido (Clan Wars) that will further social displacement that disrupt the peaceful life of ordinary residents of the Bangsamoro Region.

**"Clan war greatly affects the peace and order as well as the progress of the province. I am very satisfied to the actions of 6ID including the local government being our partner in crafting solutions to disputing Moro family", the Chief Minister added.**

Both BARMM Chief and 6ID Commander expressed their mutual commitment in building peace efforts to ensure inclusive solutions for the interest and welfare of all Bangsamoro.

**"There's no point in keeping back to violence like this clan war",** MGen. Galido said and who also emphasize that the JTFC supports the BARMM in its endeavor to end clan war and have a peaceful and progressive region.

**"Rest assured that the 6ID and JTFC will jointly do our part to achieve peace and development in the province."**

Maj. Gen. Roy M Galido  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division



## MNLF Supports JTFC's peace building efforts

The leadership of the Moro National Liberation Front or MNLF asserted their support to the Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division to address local security concerns.

This is what MNLF Vice Chairman for Political Affairs Romeo Sema said during his visit to Kampilan Division. He was warmly welcomed by 6ID and JTFC Commander, Major General Roy M Galido at Camp Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao on September 7, 2022.

Sema who is also a member of the 80-seat Bangsamoro parliament, senior representatives of the front guaranteed MGen. Galido a vote of confidence in sustaining the gains of the 26-year-old peace agreement between them and the government. Meanwhile, Assistant Chief of Staff for CMO, G7, Lieutenant Colonel Edgardo Vilchez Jr also had talked with the MNLF representative and discussed peace initiatives to strengthen it further.

As a result, the MNLF and 6ID have strengthened their agreement for the peacebuilding programs to support the Bangsamoro government's security initiatives. Similarly, the MNLF leader assured the 6ID leadership of their commitment in sustaining the gains of the 26-year-old peace agreement between them and the government. Meanwhile, Assistant Chief of Staff for CMO, G7, Lieutenant Colonel Edgardo Vilchez Jr also had talked with the MNLF representative and discussed peace initiatives to strengthen it further.

MGen Galido expressed his gratitude for the MNLF and MILF's collaboration in advancing the BARMM government's efforts to address poverty and underdevelopment in the autonomous region. **"This is a welcome development for our part as a peacemaker and an agency that ensures security in the AOR to achieve long-term peace and spread socioeconomic progress in the BARMM,"** MGen. Galido stated.



# 6ID joins in the IHL Day Commemorations



With the theme "Upholding IHL as we Recover from the Pandemic: Bayanihan to Reduce the Suffering of Armed Conflict Toward Advancing the Gains of Peace and Reconciliation," the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central participated in the country's commemoration of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) on August 1, 2022, at Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

Brigadier General Eduardo Gubat, Assistant Division Commander delivered the message of the AFP Chief of Staff, while Senior Master Sergeant Lyfrey Bascar led the **AFP Soldier's Pledge of Reaffirmation of Commitment and Support** for the IHL.

Embedded in a message the importance of attitude and change in every individual in regard with the IHL celebration. "There has been a big change in our ranks regarding the military's compliance with human rights and the rules enforced by International Humanitarian Law, something that the Armed Forces of the Philippines achieved high approval and trust ratings among government agencies, scoring 67.4 percent and 53.4 percent, respectively in the 1st Quarter Survey."

**"Here in 6ID, we do not tolerate anyone who commits acts against human rights; we will be very strict and we will always ensure that we will respect the rule of law and the rights of every individual".** The commemoration is 6ID's simple way of showing its support for the International Humanitarian Law month.

The activity was attended by the Officers, Enlisted Personnel, and Civilian Human Resource of the Kampilan Division.



## DND Top Official visits 6ID

Department of National Defense (DND) Officer-in-Charge, Senior Undersecretary Jose Faustino, Jr. met with the officers and enlisted personnel of 6th Infantry Division (6ID) together with the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. and Western Mindanao Command (WESTMINCOM) Commander, Lieutenant General Alfredo Rosario, Jr. on July 22, 2022.

Major General Roberto Capulong, Acting Division Commander of 6ID and JTF Central welcomed the delegates and parties. The officers and enlisted personnel of the command takes time to listen to DND OIC USec. **Faustino, Jr.'s message and command guidance during the "Talk to Troops" program.**

DND OIC USec. Faustino emphasized that the **DND's policies will aligned with the President and Commander-in-Chief Ferdinand R Marcos, Jr.** administration's promise of a stronger and better Philippines through national unity, nation-building, and economic recovery.

Other priority policies laid out by the DND OIC USec. Faustino includes ensuring the welfare of soldiers, veterans and civilians; and advocacy for various timely and necessary legal and legislative agendas that will contribute to peace and security for the country.



# 6ID Commander personally inspects new Philippine Army assets

The Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central, Major General Roy M Galido, personally inspected newly - arrived Philippine Army assets during his visit to the 1st Brigade Combat Team's Camp in Pigcalagan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao on August 24, 2022.

MGen. Galido was warmly welcomed by Colonel Leodevic B Guinid, Commander of 1BCT; Staff; and Commanders of component units under 1BCT.

Among those inspected by MGen. Galido is the newly-deployed one-unit M125A2 Armored Mortar Carrier. The said armored vehicle is the latest additional asset of the 6th Mechanized Infantry (Salaknib) Battalion of the Armor (Pambato) Division, PA. The 6th Mech Inf Bn is one of the attached units to the 1BCT and is currently commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Ferdinand L Dela Cruz. A short on-site briefing was conducted by Cpt. Gerardo Alvarez, 6th Mechanized Battalion's Operations Officer, regarding the AV's capabilities and characteristics.

The new M125A2 with a 120mm Mounted Mortar System will replace the earlier version that is equipped with a smaller 81 mm Mounted Mortar System. With its 120-mm Mounted Mortar System complemented by an Advanced Computerized Target Acquisition System as well as its Forward Observation System, the M125A2 will certainly boost the firepower capabilities (specifically indirect fire support) not only of the 6MechBn but of the 1BCT in the conduct of combined arms operations against local terrorists in the area of JTF Central.

MGen Galido expressed his appreciation and shared his experiences in successfully employing the 81 mm MMS during focused military operations when he was still a Brigade Commander. "With this latest firepower upgrade, I believe that it will certainly enhance the capabilities of the unit, and it will certainly make a difference on the battlefield."

"We have witnessed the development in terms of assets not only for 6ID but also in the entire organization of the Philippine Army into a professional and capable Army for our country. And as the Army's modernization program advances, we are looking at a very bright future for our land force to secure and protect our land of promise against the enemies of the people who may wish to take away the much-loved freedom that everybody cherishes."

Maj. Gen. Roy M Galido  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division

It was recalled that the 1BCT was an augmentation brigade-size troop to **strengthen security forces' presence** in support of the current peacebuilding and development efforts in Central and South-Central Mindanao.



## 6ID's 'TG Bangis' to beef up security versus CTG

The 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central, formerly led by Major General Roberto S Capulong, in an acting capacity has activated a Task Group Bangis that will help beef up security presence against the communist New People's Army (NPA) in Central Mindanao. He said that the activation of the battalion-sized unit was in support to the goal of dismantling NPA Guerilla Front Musa, the only remaining rebel unit in the area.

**"The secret of getting ahead is getting started,"** Maj. General Capulong said, adding that the task force's main strength will be concentrated in the area of responsibility of the Army's 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade. It covers the provinces of Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat, and South Cotabato. Despite the task force's creation as an ad hoc body, Maj. Gen. Capulong said it will fulfill the commitment of the 6ID to the Commander-in-Chief, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., in the campaign against the communist rebel group.

**"This will significantly contribute to our continuous quest for long-lasting peace, and sustainable development in Central Mindanao,"** he said.

Maj. Gen. Capulong installed Lt. Col. Michael Angelo Candole being the Battalion Commander. Despite being constituted as ad hoc, the newly - created Task Group will fulfill the commitment of 6ID to the Commander-in-Chief, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. in the campaign against the communist terrorist group.

Lt. Col. Candole expressed his gratitude for being given the opportunity to lead the probational battalion and pledged to live up to the expectations that come with his position.

**"This will significantly contribute to our continuous quest for long-lasting peace and sustainable development in South and Central Mindanao",** says 6ID Commander.

For the new 6ID soldiers, it will serve as stepping stones in their military careers. **"The beginning may be the hardest part, but with your enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment, I am confident that each one of you will bring glory and victory to Kampilan Division by doing your job well to gain exponential results",** he added.



## MSAB's Members Eyed for Sustaining Transformation

The Kampilan Multi-Sector Advisory Board, or MSAB, was strengthened further during the 31st Quarterly Meeting held on September 1st at the Headquarters of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division in Awang, DOS, Maguindanao.

"Sustaining Transformation in the Face of Adversity" is the meeting's theme.

In this regard, the said meeting was led by Dra. Susana Salvador Anayatin, Chairperson of the MSAB, where it was also attended by Major General Roy M Galido, Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and 6ID, along with other regular members of the MSAB.

The MSAB discussed the updates regarding the normalization and decommissioning processes and the role that the Ministry of Public Order and Security will play while implementing such a process where it is supported by the 6ID.

The MSAB aims to provide guidance to the 6ID in its implementation to achieve the Army Transformation Roadmap.



## 37IB is now institutionalized under ATR

Meanwhile, the 37th Infantry (Conqueror) Battalion, 6ID, received the Army Governance Pathway (AGP) Gold Trailblazer Award for achieving Institutionalized Status.

Major General Roy M Galido awarded the plaque of recognition to 37IB, which was accepted by Lt. Col. John Paul Baldomar, Battalion Commander, whose final AGP rating was 98.18%.

37IB's excellent advancement in governance and strategy management serve as testament to the organization's sincere transformation and reform.

The AGP aims to help institutionalize the Performance Governance System to ensure that the Army Transformation Roadmap (ATR), an army transformation strategy and program that promotes a culture of performance-based good governance, is truly achieved.

It is divided into four stages: Initiated, Compliant, Proficient, and Institutionalized.





## 6ID Civilian Human Resource celebrates Civil Service Anniversary

The Civilian Human Resource (CHR) of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division joined in the celebration of the 122nd Philippine Army-Civil Service Commission Founding Anniversary with the theme: "Transforming Public Service in the Next Decade: Honing Agile and Future-Ready Servant-Heroes" held at Camp Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

The series of activities started on September 1, 2022 with a simultaneous film screening on the Film Development Council of the Philippines Channel through video-teleconferencing (VTC).

Major General Roy M. Galido, 6ID and Joint Task Force Central Commander, spearheaded the Honor Awards Program dubbed as "**Araw ng Parangal at Pasasalamat**" on September 20, 2022 at the Makatao Hall.

MGen. Galido presented a plaque and cash incentive to CHR Tito Carpuente Jr. being chosen as the PA-CSC Best Civilian Human Resource who demonstrated exemplary performance in his duties, contributions, and work innovations that streamlined the work process and displayed exemplary behaviour adhering to Republic Act No. 6713, known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials and Employees.

Likewise, MGen. Galido led the Loyalty Pinning of CHRs with 30 years and above of dedicated service not only in the Command but also in the Philippine Army.

"The award rite is a manifestation of all your hard work. Kudos to the awardees and I hope that you will still continue to work as dedicated and as committed as you are."

Maj. Gen. Roy M Galido  
Commander, 6th Infantry Division



# KAMPILAN

## AS PEACEKEEPERS

### JTF Central neutralized 326 threat groups

The total number of threat groups neutralized by the Philippine Army's Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division since January 1st has reached 326.

This is because of the relentless campaign of JTF Central to weed out the enemies of the state who are a threat to the peace and security of Central and South-Central Mindanao and prevent them from sowing violence.

Among the threat groups in the area of operation of JTF Central are the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), Dawlah Islamiya Turayfe Group (DITG), Armed Lawless Group (ALG) and Communist Terrorist Group (CTG).

Of the aforementioned number, 31 were killed—4 in BIFF, 12 in DITG, 5 in ALG, and 10 in CTG—while 295 surrendered to various troops under the line units of the 6ID where they also turned-in their weapons. Of these, 162 came from BIFF, 18 from DITG, 1 from ALG, and 114 were former NPA rebels who return to the folds of law and fully integrate them into mainstream society.

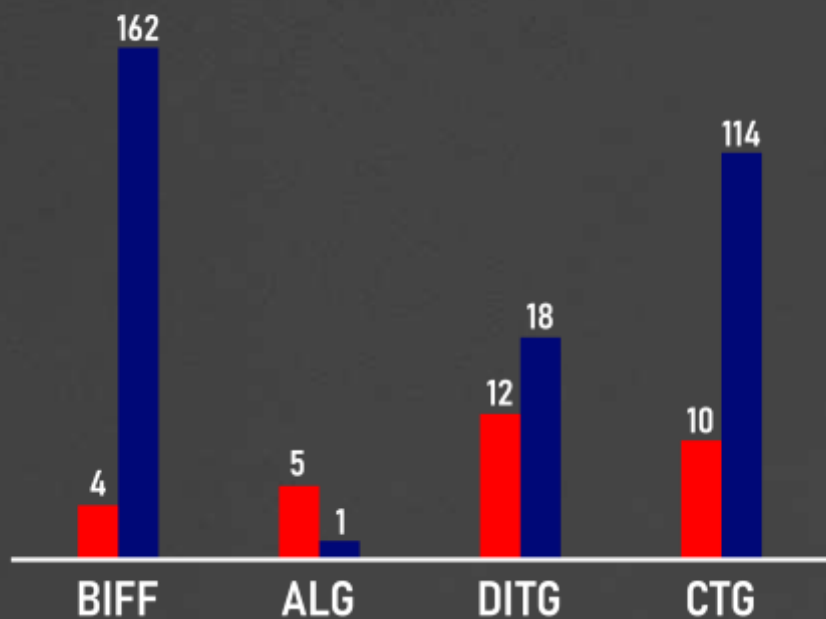
The area of responsibility of the 6ID covers the whole of Maguindanao, including some areas in South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, Cotabato, and Lanao del Sur. JTF Central forces were composed of 601st Infantry Brigade, 602nd Infantry Brigade, 603rd Infantry Brigade, 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 1st Marine Brigade, 6th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Battalion, and Tactical Operation Group-12.

Major General Roy M Galido, Commander of 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central said "while we conduct combat operations, we also strengthen our civil-military cooperation as equally important in our efforts with partner stakeholders. We are sustaining our intensified military operation to destroy the remnants of all threat groups and make the area of responsibility of Joint Task Force Central free from terrorists. At the same time, we offer them a peaceful means of laying down their weapons, returning to the folds of the law, and living a **peaceful life with their families.**"

Legend:

■ Killed  
■ Surrender

SOURCE: 0G3, 6ID, PA





# TROOPERS

## Former Violent Extremists undergo peacebuilding training

**A**t least 53 Former Violent Extremists have participated in a three-day peacebuilding training held in Brgy. Badak, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on August 21-23, 2022.

The activity led by Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, aimed to promote peace and sustainable development as well as to prevent and counter violent extremism.

Getting to Know You, Highs and Lows; Fundamentals of Conflict, Violence, and Peace; The Islamic Concept of Wasatiyyah (Moderation); Building A Culture of Peace and Tools for Making Peace Work; and many more were among the activities.

MPOS Minister Hussein P. Muñoz emphasized that the activity will look into the factors that lead local insurgents to join violent extremist groups. "It will also identify potential areas where the Bangsamoro government can assist in transforming them into agents of long-term peace and development," MPOS Minister Muñoz said.

It was recalled that most of the participants were the returnees who voluntarily surrendered to the 1st Brigade Combat Team (1BCT) led by their Commander, Colonel Leodivic B Guinid, wherein he insisted **that the use of weapons is not a solution to any problem.** "Let's convey the message of peace to our colleagues and our relatives. Patuloy ang gobyerno sa pagtulong sa inyo sapagkat hindi dahas ang sagot sa paglutas sa problema bagkus dagdag pahirap lamang ang patuloy na paggamit ng armas," Col. Guinid said.

In the aforementioned peace initiatives, the FVEs and the soldiers became friends. 'Friends and not enemies'. This is how the former extremist groups now treat the soldiers they have become acquainted with during the three-day peacebuilding training.

"Kung dati ang mga sundalo ay aming kaaway, pero ngayon kaibigan na namin sila. Ang walang humpay na pagtugis ng tropa ng pamahalaan sa amin, pagod, gutom at sobrang kahirapan ang nagtulak para ako at aking mga kasama ay nagbalik loob na sa pamahalaan", said 'alias Vanguard', who had been a member of the BIFF-Bungos faction for four (4) years before he withdrew his allegiance to the said groups.

The Assistant Division Commander, Brigadier General Eduardo Gubat, was the representative of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central Commander, Major General Roy M Galido. BGen. Gubat stated that **"living peacefully with your family is the real victory rather than exerting effort in an armed struggle."**

During the closing program, 53 FVEs received financial assistance of P10,000.00 each from MPOS-BARMM.



## 'Rido' in Pikit, Cotabato due to Land Conflict and not over religion

Major General Roy M. Galido, Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division clarified that the 'rido' or clan war in Pikit, Cotabato was caused by a protracted land dispute and not a religious conflict.

The clashes trace their roots to the 'land conflict' of 1973 in Brgy. Bualan, Pikit, Cotabato between the Christian community in Sitio Valencia of the said barangay and elements of the 105th MILF base command in Sitio Tubak, Bgy. Pagangan, Aleosan, Cotabato.

According to the report of the 90th Infantry (Bigkis-Lahi) Battalion, the Christian residents of Sitio New Valencia, led by Constantino Wakan, and the members of the 105th Base Command, led by Commander Abdul Rasid Ali alias RP, leader of the MILF 105th Base Command, and Wahid "Kidboy" Mangilen, deputy brigade commander of the 105th BC in Sitio Tubak, are among the groups engaged in hostilities.

The conflict between the two sides sporadically erupted from 1973 until 2017, when it was finally resolved through a "rido" initiative led by the 7IB and the local government of Pikit.

In the said settlement, the team of Commander RP requested for the recovered weapons to be returned to them but the Wakan group opposed, causing strife to re-emerge.

Since then, shooting and ambushing incidents from the two warring groups happened one after another. In just three days in August 2018, seven people were immediately killed due to revenge attacks and the clash intensified even further when armed groups attacked the Christian community in Sitio Valencia. Because of this, the 7IB intervened again by deploying **military forces resulting the war to subdue yet it wasn't a long-term solution.**



In the month of August alone, four (4) people died because of the said rido.

Brigadier General Jovencio F Gonzales, the Commander of the 602nd Brigade insisted that a serious response is needed to the expanding effect of rido in the town of Pikit. "Once again, holding weapons and using violence to solve problems is not a solution, we need dialogue. With the help of the CCCH, the local government of Pikit and the Province of Cotabato, we can find a good solution through peace talks and find out who really owns the disputed land", said BGen. Gonzales.

Meanwhile, MGen Galido said that this is not a religious fight but rather a 'clan war' between two warring groups in the area due to land dispute. "Right now, we are laying out the long-term solution and there is a need for the community in the area to see solutions based on the rule of law, said the Division Commander.

**"There is nothing good that the rido can bring to us but the continued struggle of families over racial depletion without obtaining justice,"** said MGen. Galido.

## 5 NPA SURRENDER TO 7IB

On August 26, 2022, five (5) NPA members of SRC DAGUMA surrendered with their firearms to the 7th Infantry (TAPAT) Battalion, 6th Infantry (KAMPILAN) Division at Headquarters 7IB, Brgy Kapaya, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat.

Along with the five (5) Former Rebels are their firearms with ammunition and some explosive paraphernalia. The former rebels were formally presented to Lieutenant Colonel Frederick M. Chicote, Commanding Officer of 7IB; Police Colonel Tom P. Tuzon, Provincial Director, SKPPO; Ms. Michelle P. Peniero, RSW Officer II of DSWD XII; and Mr. John Lebiga, E-CLIP Focal Person of PSWDO-SK.

The FRs were all smiles as they received their initial cash assistance and food packs from the DSWD XII and PSWDO Sultan Kudarat with their Jollibee meal. "Manami man gid ang pamatyagan sa aton nga kaugalingon na kita malayo na sa impluwensya sang NPA" Alyas Shena in her testimony.

"Ang inyo nga pagbalik sa idalom sang aton nga gobyerno amo ang pinaka nami nga pamaagi para aton nga makabot ang aton nga ginahandum nga kahapsay sa aton komunidad. salamat kay nagdesisyon kamo nga magbalik sa aton nga gobyerno kag mag pangabuhì sang matawhay. kami sa department sang social welfare and development office (dswdo) ara lang sige kag andam nga magbulig sa inyo." Michelle P. Peniero, RSW Officer II-DSWDXII, messaged to the FRs.



**“Ang atong gobyerno sama sa usa ka amahan, bisag unsa paman ka daotan ang iyang anak, kong mubalik iya gihapon kining dawaton, dili lamang niya kini dawaton, iya pa kining tabangan, kong nay sakit iyang patambalan, kong naay pakinahanglan iya kining tabangan, kong nay sakit iyang patambalan, kong naay pakinahanglan iya kining hatagan, mao nga ako nagahangyo kaninyo nga kong aduna paman kamoy mga kaila nga nagpadayun pa gihapon sa paglatagaw sa mga kabukiran, palihog awhaga Ninyo sila nga munaig na og mudapig sa atomg balaod arun ato silang matabangan og ila pong mtagamtaman ang hapsay nga panginabuhi.”** Lieutenant Colonel Frederick M Chicote, Commanding Officer of 7IB in message.

The 7IB lauded the Province of Sultan Kudarat under the leadership of Governor Datu Pax Ali S. Mangudadatu and the Department of Social Welfare and Development XII under Restituto B. Macuto for the immediate assistance given to the former rebels. Thus, this serves as proof that the government, through the whole-of-nation approach, is sincere with its mandate to end local Communist armed conflict in the Province of Sultan Kudarat.



## ‘Masikap Troopers’ provides dignified burial for a slain NPA leader

“Life has to end. Love doesn’t.” This adage encapsulates the 57th Infantry (Masikap Battalion Warriors) genuine virtue of love for comrades in arms, including enemies.

The 57IB once again showed its fairness and empathy by facilitating the decent and proper burial in honor of the late Ian Dela Rama, alias Chris, commanding officer of the regional operations command of the rebels’ Far South Mindanao Region (FSMR) who was killed during a legitimate encounter that transpired in Baluan, Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat last July 30th, 2022.

Despite public notice, no one claimed his remains. According to Lt. Col. Guillermo T Mabute, Commanding Officer, 57IB a proper interment of the **CTG’s remains was successfully held at the Baluan Public Cemetery** on August 6, 2022, through the collaborative efforts of the government troops from the 603rd Infantry Brigade, Palimbang LGU, Palimbang MPS, and Baluan BPOC.

Colonel Michael Santos, Commander of the 603rd Infantry (Persuader) Brigade, said the four successive

armed encounters resulted in the killing of Ian Dela Rama alias Cris, a commanding officer of the regional operations command of the Far South Mindanao Region. He was also a former secretary of Front 4A, North Central Mindanao Regional Committee from May 2018 to May 2019. Rama has an existing warrant of arrest with criminal case # 23022 for arson, filed at Branch 3 in Butuan City.

“Also neutralized in the gun fights were Valerio Lacumbo with aliases as Bitoy, Bobit, and Delfin with an existing warrant of arrest with criminal case # 568-2007 for robbery with violence against or intimidation of a person filed in a local court at Kidapawan City and Wilmer Dela Cruz alias Dodong/Grab, a member of Dabu-Dabu Platoon of the South Regional Command of Daguma, Far South Mindanao Region,” Col. Santos said.

Government troops were able to recover two (2) M16A1 Rifles, one (1) Garand Rifle, two (2) Caliber 45 Pistols, one (1) Hand Grenade, one (1) long and one (1) short magazine for the M16, three (3) magazines for the Caliber 45 pistol, ammunition, eleven (11) assorted keypad cell phones, five (5) pieces of flash drives, cash amounting to three thousand and thirty pesos (P3,030.00), assorted sim cards, assorted medicines, two (2) bandoliers, power bank, and other war materials.





## 5 BIFF members yields in Cotabato Province

**F**ive (5) more lawless armed men renounced on Wednesday their membership with the outlawed BIFF-Karialan Faction and pledged allegiance to the government bringing their firearms and high explosives during a simple presentation held at the Headquarters of 602nd Infantry (Liberator) Brigade in Camp Lucero, Barangay Poblacion, Carmen, Cotabato morning of July 20, 2022.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Rommel Mundala, Battalion Commander of 90th Infantry (Bigkis Lahi) Battalion, the said endeavor was a joint effort of the government troops, community, and the local government.

**“The said members of the BIFF – Karialan Faction wanted now to renew their lives by living in a peaceful community”, Lt. Col. Mundala said.**

They turned - over their two Garand Rifles, two M14 Sniper Rifles, and one 60mm Mortar.

Alias Rodin said his group had been tired of fighting the government and running away from air and ground attacks of government forces.

**“Malaki ang tinatanaw naming pag-asa sa kasalukuyang pamahalaan at sa mga pinuno nito,”** Rodin said in the vernacular.

Brigadier General Jovencio Gonzales, Commander of 602Bde said the five BIFF men agreed to return to the folds of law through the efforts of the local government unit and officials of the 90th Infantry Battalion.

**“We ought to thank the LGU for helping convince them to return to mainstream society,”** BGen. Gonzales said.

Major General Roberto Capulong, 6ID and JTF Central Acting Commander is calling to other remaining members of the said terror group to yield and embrace the peaceful living in their community. **“I call on other BIFF out there to consider the reconciliation program of the government,”** Maj. Gen. Capulong pleaded.

The surrenderers will get a livelihood package from the government.

## Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) binigyan ng Livelihood Assistance ng Gobyerno

**T**atlong bigating Periodic Status Report Listed (PSRL) na miyembro ng Local Terrorist Groups (LTGs) mula sa Dawlah Islamiyah-Turaifia Group at Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter-Karialan Faction ang sumuko at nagbalik loob sa gobyerno sa H61B, Brgy. Buayan, Datu Piang, Maguindanao noong Agosto 12, 2022.

Humarap ang mga FVEs sa 601st Infantry (UNIFIER) Brigade Commander na si Colonel Oriel Pangcog; 6th Infantry (REDSKIN) Battalion Commander na si Lieutenant Colonel Michael Glenn Manansala; LGU Datu Salibo na pinangatawanan ni Executive Secretary Mr. Unson Dumaguil at PNP Datu Salibo sa pamumuno ni Police Major Roldan Kuntong.

Kasabay nito ang pagsuko ng kanilang mga armas bilang simbolo ng kanilang buong pusong pagtalikod sa kanilang magulong pamumuhay na binubuo ng tatlong (3) 7.62 M14 Rifle at mga magazine.

**“Kami ay masaya sa inyong pagbabalik-loob sa mapayapa at mabuting daan. Nandito kami upang tulungan kayong makabangon muli at makapagsimula ng magandang buhay para sa inyo at inyong mga pamilya. Nais din namin magpasalamat sa AFP dahil sa inyong walang sawang panghihikayat sa ating mga naligaw na kapatid na magbalik-loob sa gobyerno.”** wika ni Mr. Unson Dumaguil.

**“Hanggan nandito kami, asahan ninyo na patuloy parin ang aming panghihikayat sa ating mga kapatid na naliligaw ng landas na magbalik-loob sa gobyerno. Sa atin namang mga nagbabalik-loob at mga katuwang sa gobyerno at kapulisan, mas lalo nating pag-igihin ang ating pagtutulongan upang matulongan natin ang ating mga kapatid na naliligaw ng landas na sumuko at magbagong buhay.”** sabi ni Col. Pangcog.

Ang tatlong FVEs ay nakatanggap ng paunang ayuda mula sa Munisipyo ng Datu Salibo. Sila rin ay ipapasok sa pograma ng probinsya para sa mga FVEs upang mabigyan ng livelihood program sa mga susunod na araw bilang tulong sa kanilang pagbabagong buhay sa mapayapang landas.



## 5th Special Forces Battalion and LGU T'boli join hand in upholding peace

The 5th Special Forces Battalion (5SFBn) of the 1st Mechanized Infantry (Reliable) Brigade is working hand in hand with the local government of T'boli in the province of South Cotabato about initiatives to help free the town from terrorist control. As a result, many former members of the movement surrendered to the 5SFBn troops and reunited with their families. They also given up their weapons along with their surrender.

On July 24, 2022, a resident of Sitio Desikit, Barangay Laconon, Tboli, South Cotabato surrendered along with his 5.56mm M16A1 rifle and .38 revolver. The weapons surrendered are indeed the property of a specific Communist Terrorist Group, Sub-Region Operation Command, GF MUSA, Far-South Mindanao Region, led by a certain Bambam.

With the established close collaboration, residents of Barangay Laconon in Tboli were instrumental in facilitating the surrender of Ricky Lumbay, alias Jeric, 20 years old, resident of Kiamba, Sarangani, bringing with him his caliber 5.56 M16A1 carbine rifle on January 31.

Furthermore, on August 16, 2022, two members of Milisyang Bayan (MB) under Guerilla Front Musa, FSMR surrendered to the 5th SFBn as a result of the sustained combat operations in South Cotabato in support of the National Task Force Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict's peace, law enforcement, and development support cluster implementation (NTF-ELCAC). The surrenderers, whose real names were withheld for security reasons and who went by the aliases Rondick and Regen, were residents of T'boli's barangays Lamhako and Sinolon. The two surrendered one (1) caliber.30 M1 Springfield Garand rifle with three clips of ammunition, one (1) caliber.45 Colt pistol, and one (1) hand grenade. Specifically, they eagerly want to surrender, "Hindi kami makatulong sa gabi dahil iniisip namin kung ano ang puwedeng masamang mangyari sa amin sa gabi kung hindi pa kami magsusurrender. Pinili naming magsurrender na pati ang mga armas na tinatago namin mabuhay na kasama ang pamilya namin," alias Rondick, said.

Similarly, based on the surrendered individuals' revelations, the recent neutralization of Ariel Lasib, alias Jenrose, the 2nd Deputy Secretary of the CTGs' Guerilla Front Musa by the 5th Special Forces Battalion last April 8, and the sustained focused military operations of the 1st Mechanized Infantry (Maaasahan) Brigade led by its commander, Brigadier General Pedro Balisi, Jr. The declaration of persona non grata by the T'boli Local Government under Mayor Keo Dayle T. Tuan against the Communist NPA Terrorists had a significant impact and pushed them to surrender.

Finally, all of this was made possible by the efforts of Mayor Keo Dayle Tuan, who has consistently stated that his priorities include the promotion of agricultural, ecological, and cultural development in his municipality. Tboli LGU has been providing incentives and immediate cash assistance to CNT surrenderers as part of their enhanced comprehensive local integration program (E-CLIP) since October 2021, and has urged the Tboli tribe to encourage CNTs to surrender in order to put an end to CNT IP exploitation.





## No let-up operation led 8 communist terrorists to surrender

**E**ight (8) members of the communist terrorist group (CTG) yielded to government troops including their weapons which consisted of an automatic rifle, high explosives, and shotgun during a presentation held at the 7th Infantry (TAPAT) Battalion in Barangay Masiag, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat morning of July 20, 2022.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Chicote, Battalion Commander of 7IB “the said personalities were remnants of South Regional Command, Daguma, Far South Mindanao Region (FSMR) who have now had a major setback in their ranks due to the surrender of their members. They withdraw their allegiance to the CPP-NPA terrorist group”, said Lt. Col. Chicote.

“The former communist combatants also want to clear their names to live normal lives in their community”, Lt. Col. Chicote added.

They turned over their firearms consisting of two (2) rifles 5.56mm M16, one (1) rifle Cal. 30 M1 carbine, two (2) KG9 & one Ingram, and one (1) M79 with three (3) 40mm high explosives, one (1) High Explosive, command-detonated explosives (CDX) and one 12-Gauge Shotgun with several magazines and ammunition.

Colonel Michael Santos, 603rd Infantry Brigade Commander said that based on the revelation of surrendered persons, they decided to surrender and return to the folds of the law because of the no let-up focused military operations in the area.

“The relentless operation of the troops resulted in their significant loss not only in terms of manpower but also on their mass base which made them on the run and experienced hunger, tired and discomfort”, Col. Santos added.

One of the surrenderers said that he was happy that they were given the chance to change their lives and correct the mistake they have committed due to the deception of the CPP-NPA.

“Biktima rin kami ng mga kasinungalingan at panlilinlang ng CPP-NPA. Gusto namin ng kapayapaan. Ang CPP-NPA ay naghasasik ng takot at lagim sa komunidad at ito ang isa sa aming mga dahilan para sumuko sa mga awtoridad,” he said.



## Army troops recover CTG's war materials after clashes in Sultan Kudarat

**A**n anti-personnel mine was recovered including several war materiel and ammunition after a brief firefight of government security forces against more or less 15 Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) members in Barangay Baluan, Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat Province Friday afternoon (July 29, 2022).

The government troops overrun the harbor site and recovered one (1) anti-personnel mine, galvanometer, backpack, 30 meters wire, 88 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition, subversive documents, and several personal belongings from the CTG.

Colonel Michael Santos, Brigade Commander of 603rd Infantry Brigade said the soldiers were conducting combat clearing operations at the said place of the incident and were encountered by CTG under alias Rayray, an intel officer of FSMR.

“The firefight lasted for about 20 minutes. After which, the enemy scamped into different directions while the troops immediately conducted pursuit operations to the fleeing enemy”, Col. Santos said.

Major General Roberto Capulong, Acting Commander of the Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division lauded the engaging infantrymen that made another major setback to the remaining CTGs in South-Central Mindanao.

Similarly, Maj. Gen. Capulong reiterated the call to the remaining members of the CTGs who are still hiding in the hinterlands to return to mainstream society and stop wasting their lives on a misguided ideology that will eventually result in their demise.

“You still have time to heed the call of reconciliation, return to the folds of the law and be back to the mainstream of society. The JTF Central and 6ID, together with the local government units through the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), will assist and help you to start anew. Take the chance to start a peaceful and harmonious life with your family and loved ones,” the Division Commander pleaded.

## Communist Terrorist Group Continuously Collapses

Three (3) more communist terrorists who have returned to the folds of the law have admitted that the communist organization under the sub-regional command of Daguma is on the brink of collapse.

The three, who belonged to the Platoon Madrid of the West Daguma Front, SRC Daguma of Far South Mindanao Region, operating in the hinterlands of Sultan Kudarat, surrendered and yielded their high-powered firearms to the 37th Infantry (Conqueror) Battalion in Brgy. Tibpuan, Lebak, Sultan Kudarat on Wednesday morning, August 24, 2022.

Among those who surrendered were a 38-year-old man alias "Dok," a 29-year-old female medic, and a political guide alias "CJ," a 31-year-old with battle orders.

They surrendered two (2) 5.56mm M16A1 rifles.

**"Ang aming mga tinitingalang lider ay dahan-dahan na ring nalipol ng mga sundalo habang tumatagal lalong naghilirap ang aming sitwasyon. Nagkawatak-watak na rin ang aming grupo, kaya naghilirap na kami sa loob ng kilusan gufom at pagod ang naranasan naming sa walang patutunguhang ipinaglalaman,"** statement of former rebels.

Lieutenant Colonel John Paul Baldomar, Commanding Officer of 37IB, said that his battalion has

been relentless in its campaign to weed out enemies of the state wherein another three communist terrorist groups (CTG) have surrendered to his unit.

"Sa ngayon ay iilan na lamang ang natirang NPA sa patuloy nating pagwasak sa regional command ng FSMR. Yung mga matataas na opisyal nila na binabaan na rin ng order of battle ay na neutralize na rin natin sa mas pinaigting na pagtugis ng mga kasundaluhan laban sa mga teroristang grupo", Lt. Col. Baldomar added.

Colonel Michael A Santos, Commander, 603rd Brigade, said, "Your Army, along with the communities and the local government of Kalamansig as well as Sultan Kudarat, is painstakingly trying to build a lasting peace in the area of 603rd Brigade. This is why we thank the people who have complemented our efforts by adding social pressure that paved the way for the rebels to finally surrender."

Major General Roy M Galido, Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central, said, "Our unit is always open to welcome you once you decide to live peacefully. The government will provide you with services, including financial and livelihood assistance, to start your new life."



## 1 BIFF patay sa engkwentro sa Maguindanao

Patay ang isang miyembro ng Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter (BIFF) sa nangyaring engkwentro sa pagitan nila at ng tropa ng pamahalaan sa Brgy Damablac, Talayan, Maguindanao.

Ayon kay Colonel Oriel L Pangcog, Commander ng 601st Brigade na madaling araw kanina ng maka-engkwentro ng tropa ng pamahalaan ang nasa 18 kasapi ng BIFF-Bungos faction sa lugar.

**"Tumagal ng limang minuto ang palitan ng putok sa panig ng ating mga kasundaluhan at ng mga teroristang grupo na pinamumunuan ni Khadaffi Abdulatif alias Abu Mukayam, Chief of Staff BIFF-Bungos Faction at ng pangkat ni Andamel Abdulatif alias Mac-Mac mag-aala-una ng madaling araw kanina", pahayag ni Col. Pangcog.**

Matapos nito ay tumakas ang mga teroristang grupo at humalo sa mga sibilyan.

Sa ginawang pagtugis ng mga magigiting na kawal ng pamahalaan, isang bangkay ng kalaban ang natagpuang inabandona ng kanyang mga kasamahan. Narekober naman ng mga sundalo ang isang improvised explosive device (IED). Isang sibilyan naman ang naiulat na sugatan na kinilalang si Utain Kalantungan, 46-anyos na agad namang isinugod sa Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) Maguindanao, sakay sa military vehicle.

Kaugnay nito, iginiit ni 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division at Joint Task Force Central, Commander, Major General Roy M Galido na hindi mangingiming durugin at tuluyang pulbusin ng Kampilan troopers ang teroristang grupo na banta sa seguridad sa mga lugar na sakop ng 6ID. **"Ang 6ID at JTFC ay umaalok ng kapayapaan sa pamamagitan ng pababalik-loob ninyo sa ating gobyerno. Handa ang pamahalaan na bigyan kayo ng magandang kinabukasan, pero kung patuloy kayo sa paghahasik ng karahasan, pag-aaklas laban sa ating tropa aasahan ninyo ang mas maigting naming pagtugis sa inyo,"** ang matapang na pahayag ni 6ID Commander, MGen. Galido.



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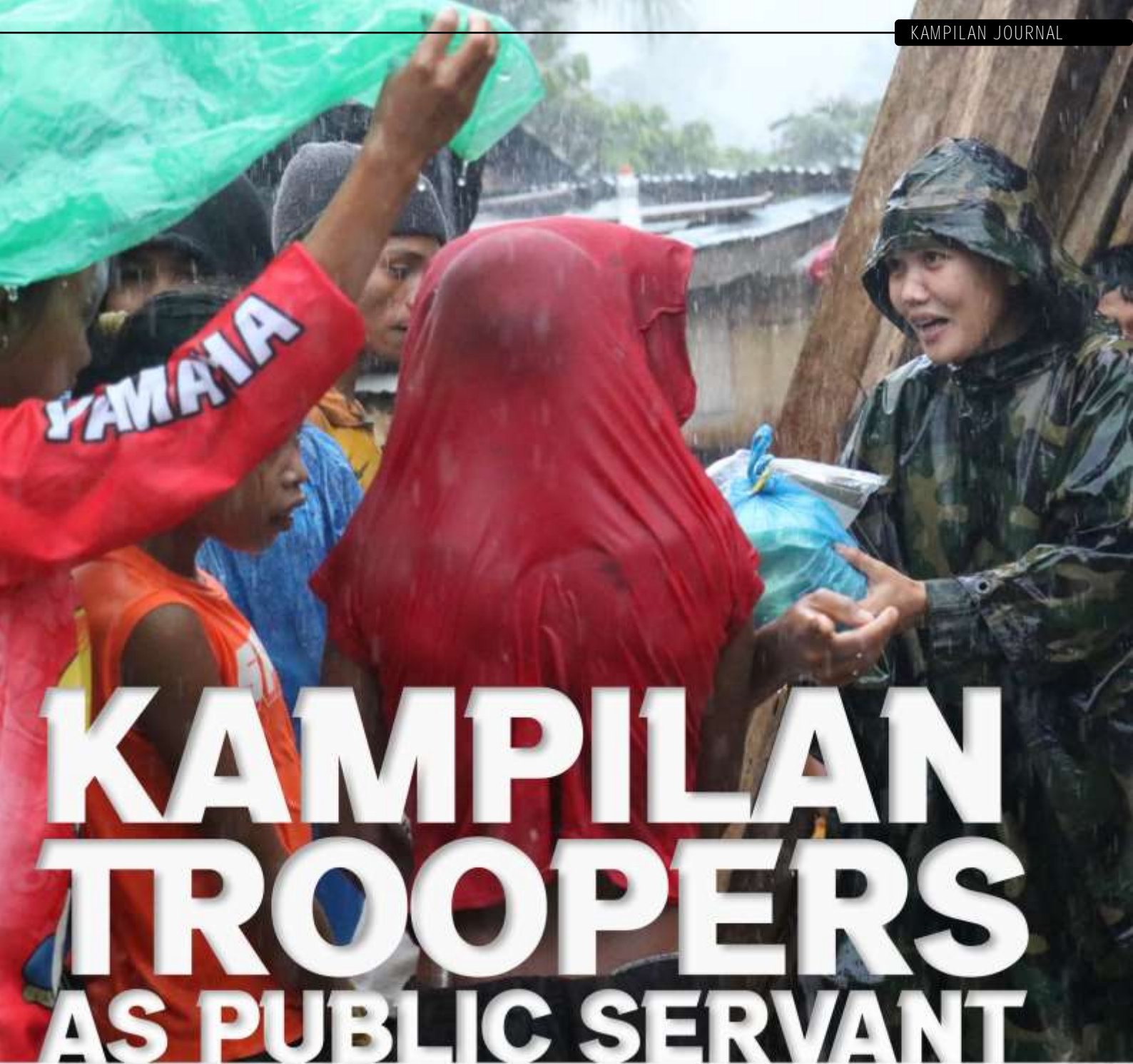
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# KAMPILAN TROOPERS AS PUBLIC SERVANT

## 371B's CMO Snap Wins Photo Contest

The Joint Task Force Central and the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division won the first prize in the photography contest held during the 16th anniversary of the Western Mindanao Command on the 28th of August, 2022.

The said photo was taken by the 37th Infantry (Conqueror) Battalion regarding their medical and dental mission as part of their Civil-Military Operations (CMO) in a remote area of Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat.

As seen in the picture, a female soldier who is a Conqueror trooper cheerfully distributed relief supplies to the villagers of Sitio Pangyin in Barangay Hinalaan in the said province despite the intense rainfall. The local natives waited patiently in line despite the persistent downpour.

According to the report, the said sitio was once infested by communist insurgents but the government

eventually took control because of the presence of the army. Due to outreach efforts made by various government agencies, the rebels' work was ultimately put an end.

Currently, the 371B is led by Lt. Col. John Paul D. Baldomar. His battalion not only pursues enemies, but also works with the people to achieve peace and development in collaboration with each local government.

Major General Roy M. Galido, the Commander of 61D and JTF Central, extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the Kampilan troopers, especially to the members of 371B, regarding this victory. "It is a manifestation that our troops are doing well in their respective units, maybe with camera lights on or even without cameras, you can count on your soldiers at JTF Central to help even during calamities," is part of the Division Commander's statement.

# Lady Soldiers supports peace operations

The Task Group Bangis, the newly - formed Task Group of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, has strengthened the deployment of its female soldiers in support of the peace efforts of the 38th Infantry (We Clear) Battalion in their area of operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Angelo Candole, the Battalion Commander of "TG Bangis" said that the female soldiers will accompany them in their humanitarian endeavors in the far-flung areas.

"These female soldiers are from 2nd Platoon of Task Force Bangis, wherein their main involvement is to provide support to the local government and other agencies, not limited to our outreach program and medical missions," Lt. Col. Candole said.

In this regard, the said platoon, led by 2nd Lt. Angelle Calataro, participated in the various medical and outreach programs that were conducted in Sitio Datal Basak, Brgy. Kablacan, Maasim, in Sarangani Province on July 30, 2022.

Among their activities are medical consultation, operation tuli, distribution of medicines and vitamins, hygiene awareness for **teenagers, kids' recreational activities, feeding program, operation gupit**, minor operations, and relief goods operations. More than a hundred people of the said town, mostly indigent, have benefited from the joint Army, police, local government unit (LGU) and other stakeholders in the said medical and outreach program.

The said activity was organized by the 38th Infantry (We Clear) Battalion led by Lt. Col. Anhouvic Atilano, the Commanding Officer of 38IB, Philippine Air Force Reserve Center/Amaranth Group, LGU Maasim, 1st Mechanized Brigade, 64th Civil-Military Operation Company, Regional Mobile Force Battalion 1204th Platoon, Maasim Municipal Police Station, Provincial DOH South Cotabato, MDRRM Maasim, Siguel Hydropower Corporation and Esperanza Sultan Kudarat Hospital.

"Deploying our female troops in these efforts is not only the right thing to do, but also the smart thing to do because they can win the hearts and minds of our local people, specifically those at grassroot level," Lt. Col. Atilano said.

The Acting Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central, Major General Roberto S. Capulong, received commendations and positive reactions from several local chief executives regarding the efforts made by female soldiers, not only for the Task Group Bangis but also for the entire Kampilan Army troops. MGen. Capulong believes in the ability of each soldier to achieve peace and tranquility in the area of operations of JTF Central.

"As a Kampilan female soldier, I also believe in your capacity to do your job as a peace advocate, as manifested by our local people who cited their positive feedback to us," MGen. Capulong said, where he underlined that there can be no development without peace, and there can be no peace without development. Thus, convergence of all efforts and resources is needed to solve this more than 50-year-old insurgency in our country.



## Kasangga Battalion Fortifies Civic - Military Activities

The 6th Civil-Military Operations "Kasangga" Battalion has been eager to carry out its mission, which has resulted in significant changes in the hearts and minds of the people of South and South-Central Mindanao.

The Development Support Plan and Security Plan are continuously implemented by this unit, which also coordinates and collaborates with the major stakeholders and encourages the spirit of volunteerism among the general public in support of local development. As part of the 6ID's supporting effort, the 6CMOBn does everything in its utmost ability to help the populace in the AOR through a variety of initiatives and programs.

The unit's most notable success was the execution of numerous medical, dental, and surgical missions in association with various active stakeholders.

A total of 380 local residents received medical services at Bannawag Elementary School, President Quirino, and Sultan Kudarat. The aforementioned medical services include consultations, operation tuli, the administration of medications and vitamins, hygiene education for adolescents, kid-friendly activities, diabetic screenings, oplan gupit, food feeding, tooth extractions, and minor surgeries. At Sitio Datal Basak, Brgy Kablacan, Maasim, Sarangani Province, another medical treatment was carried out on July 30, 2022. A total of 225 households, mostly from the T'boli and Manobo tribes, benefited from the services. On August 12, 2022, a medical mission with the theme "Help up, team up: A call for unity, cooperation, and stability" benefited 380 residents of Brgy Sadsalan, Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat. Aside from the medical services, local civil registration was also included in said activity to help the concerned populace with their legal documents. The 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade, the Order of the Amaranth Daguma Range Mountain No.50, and civilian organizations and authorities all worked together to make this happen.

Relatively, the unit, in collaboration with the Health, Education, and Livelihood for the People of Mindanao Incorporated (HELP Mindanao), Cotabato Regional Medical Center (CRMC), Taga Cotabato Ka Kung Inc. (TCKK), Kiwanis Club International, 1404th RMFC, 6FAB, 3rd CAV, 991B, and Tantanwan Eagles Club, conducted a two-day Operation Tuli and Gift Giving Activity to the 95 pupils of Timako Elementary School, Kalanganan II, Cotabato City last 06 August 2022 and 70 pupils of Mandanas Elementary School, RH-10, Cotabato City last August 2022.

The activity aims to promote a healthy lifestyle in the community, as well as respect for the Almighty Creator and one's religion, customs, and tradition, as well as mobilize our younger generations in the barangays to promote and develop their capacity in nation building and become partners in achieving peace and progress in Cotabato City.

The office of Dr. Susana S. Anayatin, Member of Parliament, BTA-BARMM, has been reliable as one of the active stakeholders by trusting the unit to be part of their prominent activity during the distribution of 200 sacks of rice to the less fortunate constituents of Sitio Lomboy, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao last July 9 and 14, 2022.

Subsequently, as part of the unit's pre-anniversary celebration and its mandate to save lives, a bloodletting activity with the theme "Alay kung Dugo galing sa Puso" where conducted in collaboration with the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center, HELP Mindanao, and Kiwanis Club Philippine South District last August 14, 2022 at Headquarters 6CMOBn, PC Hill, Brgy Rosary Heights 1, Cotabato City. The following personnel from the 6DTS, 1404th RMFC, 3CAV, 991B, Joint Task Group Kutawato, and Tantanwan Eagles Club took part in the activity, and a total of 100 bags of blood donors were collected.

On the other hand, the unit participated in the Joint LGU-DOS and Tiyakap DLS relief distribution in collaboration with the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, 6th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Cavalry, and 3rd EOD Company, which benefited approximately 3,805 constituents affected by the onslaught of flash flood in the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao, particularly in Brgys Badak,

Lastly, aside from aiming to provide selfless, socially important services at the local level, the 6th Civil-Military Operations (Kasangga) Battalion provided active support to TFK and OPCON units of 6ID and JTFC in Cotabato City by focusing the CMO activities on counter propaganda in coordination with stakeholders in order to create a positive psycho-social environment supported by psychological operations, public affairs, and civil affairs activities in that order. Thus, the unit initiated the conduct of intensified loudspeaker operations in the 29 barangays of Cotabato City regarding IED Awareness and PCRVE to effectively address the gaps in countering the narratives of the enemies from July 20 to August 31, 2022.

## 1st Marine Brigade reaches out former stricken-conflict community

The 1st Marine Brigade and Marine Battalion Landing Team-5 have reached out to the community of Sitio Sarmiento in Brgy. Langkong, Matanog, Maguindanao, which was once the center of the conflict in the year 2000, at the height of All-Out-War in Central Mindanao, in collaboration with the Local Government Unit of Matanog, Maguindanao, as well as various non-government organizations and people's organizations.

The All-in-One Community Outreach Program of the 1MBde was held at Sarmiento Elementary School on September 27, 2022. This activity aims to help those deprived of basic social services and to support underprivileged families who have become victims of the conflict caused by the war.

The activity was highlighted with free medical and dental consultations; tooth extractions; free circumcisions; food feeding activities; health education; free haircut services; distribution of school supplies; toys; slippers; face masks; hygiene kits; and a parlor game for the children. A total of 560 individuals benefited from the said activity.

The event was made possible through the support of LGU Matanog, Taga Cotabato Ka Kung Inc. (TCKKI), Ministry of Health – BARMM, Integrated Provincial Health Office – BARMM, JCI Cotabato, BARMM READi, Cotabato Sanitarium General Hospital, Philippine Dental Association, Regional Mobile Force Battalion-14, McDonalds House of Charities through Brigadier General Rodylyn T Manzano, KutangBato News through Mr. Ferdinand B. Cabrera, RMDU PRO-BAR headed by Police Major Allan Espina, Mr. Stephen Henry Chin, and other sponsors and volunteers.



## 57IB facilitates the peaceful settlement of land disputes

The 57th Infantry (MASIKAP) Battalion, through its Alfa Company under 1Lt. Raniel Carl O San Francisco, Officer-in-Charge, based at Sitio Panang, Brgy Pandan, South Upi, Maguindanao, facilitated the peaceful settlement of a land dispute by acting as a "mediator" and by ensuring a safe and secured venue during the conduct of the Barangay Dialogue/Meeting held at the Bongo Barangay Hall, South Upi, Maguindanao on July 29, 2022.

It was attended by some IP land owners and Muslim residents of the said barangay. The dialogue was organized by the affected families through the intervention of the Bongo Peace and Order Council to peacefully settle land issues affecting IPs and Muslim brothers.

Lt. Col. Guillermo T. Mabute, Commanding Officer, 57IB, assures all constituents not only in South Upi, Maguindanao, but also throughout the Battalion Area of Operation, of their full support in peaceful resolution as an effective platform that will prevent the issue from escalating into a more serious conflict (RIDO or clan war), which could eventually undermine the area's improving security situation.

As previously stated, "rido," or clan war, has historically been the source of armed clashes between warring families, which, if not addressed, will eventually discredit peace and security initiatives in the Battalion AO.

The said activity was also attended by Hon Dhen S Samsudin, Brgy Chairman, Mr. Joselito M Amando, Secretary of Mayors Council Office, Peace Inclined Armed Groups (PIAGs) representative Mr. Ludivico C Marcelino, BRA-STAFF, BARMM, Field Commander Nasser Mohammad Sultan, 104th Base Command, Mrs Susan M Salvador, Daycare worker and IP elders of Brgy Bongo, South Upi, Maguindanao.



# "The government's service is palpable," IP in Sultan Kudarat says

Indigenous people in Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat, are grateful for medical and dental outreach programs conducted by various branches of government and the private sectors.

"We now feel better about the service that the government provides to us," said one of the Manobo-Dulangan tribe's leaders. "Even though our place is far away, they still go to deliver this service to our natives."

About 589 people benefited from the aforementioned program, mostly natives and the indigent availed outreach programs such as medical check-ups, dental services, circumcision, free haircuts, and many others. It was carried out in different areas of Sitio Maat, Brgy. Sangay, as well as Sitio Alaska, Brgy. Sabanal, all in Kalamansig from August 2-3, 2022.

**"I appreciate the vitamins and medication I received.** This program has also been used to check the health status of my mother. Thank you very much to LGU Kalamansig and the Assembly of God Church Medical Team for this endeavor," one of the program's beneficiaries said.

"This program is our response with the government's duty to look at and determine the condition of those at the grassroot of society and provide them with appropriate services such as health," Hon. Joaquin Concha, the town's mayor, stated.

Our troops from the 37th Infantry Brigade, led by Lt. Col. John Paul Baldomar, and the 603rd Brigade, led by Colonel Michael Santos, are also actively involved in this outreach program. "Thank you very much for your assistance, not only in security, but also in assisting us in this endeavor," said the mayor.

Furthermore, Col. Santos emphasized the Whole Nation Approach Project, which aims to reach out to communities in far-flung areas, some of which are affected by armed conflict, and bring the government closer to these communities. Like organizing a Serbisyo Caravan which offers health services, food supplies, scholarships, and legal services, among others, which could be beneficial to the needs of the underprivileged people, particularly in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs).

Gone are the days when your soldiers were at war; we are now in a fight-a fight, partnering with the government agency in eradicating poverty. I assure you that your Army is always ready and with you in serving our people," said Major General Roy M. Galido, the Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central.

Lastly, the Persuader Troopers are not only there to protect the people but also to be one in their plight in the midst of turmoil and difficulties and in promoting peace and sustainable development.



## CSP-PCVE Team ng 40IB, nagsagawa ng Serbisyong Medikal



**D**aan-daang mga residente ang nakabeneplisyo ng serbisyong medikal na isinagawa ng Community Support Program-Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (CSP-PCVE) Team ng 40th Infantry (Magiting) Battalion sa mga Brgy Malangog, Datu Unsay at Brgy Bagong, Shariff Aguak, all of Maguindanao.

Kabilang sa mga aktibidad ay ang libreng konsultasyon na may **kasamang libreng gamut kungsaan nahandugan ang nasa siyam na pu't anim (96) na, apat napu't walo (68) parasa libreng gupit, labing walong (18) sumailalim sa libreng tuli, mayroon din psychosocial activity sa mga bata, dalawampu't tatlong (23) nakatanggap ng libreng birth certificates, pagpapakain, pamimigay ng leaflets ukol sa terorismo at film showing sa mga nabanggit na barangay.**

Ita sa ay pamamagitan ng pakikipagtulungan sa mga lokal na opisyal ng barangay ng Barangay Bagong sa pamumuno nina Hon. Tamano B Upam, Punong Barangay at Hon. Wahida Atong, Punong Barangay ng Malangog sa pamamagitan ng tulong mula sa IPHO-Maguindanao sa pangunguna ni Dra. Elizabeth Samama, ang Provincial Medical Director sa Maguindanao, Rural Health Unit ng LGU-Datu Unsay at Shariff Aguak.

**“Ang mga serbisyong katulad nito ay isa lamang sa umpisa ng mga programa ng gobyerno na naglalayong masolusyunan ang mga suliranin sa mga komunidad na may impluensya ng terorismo katuwang ang iba't-ibang mga ahensya para maging conflict resilient, maunlad, at maiangat ang pamumuhay ng mga mamamayan”, ayon kay Lt. Col. Edwin M Alburo, ang Commanding Officer ng 40IB.**

## Bridging Services, Reaching Out to the People

**A** medical/dental mission and relief distribution were facilitated by the 33rd Infantry (MAKABAYAN) Battalion in partnership with the Province of Maguindanao and the Local Government Unit of Mamasapano on July 28, 2022, at barangay Tukanalipao, Mamasapano, Maguindanao.

The activity was in response to the needs of the residents of barangay Tukanalipao who were severely affected and forced to evacuate due to the recent attack of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) under Abdulkarim Lumbatan Hasim alias Boy Jacket and Muslimin Amilil alias Mus on the community and detachment of 33IB situated in the area.

To help the IDPs, the unit collaborated for the delivery of health services and assistance with the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO), Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) of Maguindanao, Barangay Local Government Unit of Tukanalipao, Bureau of Fire Protection, and Municipal Police of Mamasapano. The clients, with a total number of 317, availed the following services: consultation, tooth extraction, circumcision, and distribution of medicine and reading glasses. The 400 relief packs were distributed by the PDRRMO to the residents of barangay Tukanalipao while the troops of 33rd IB provided free haircuts aside from security and assisted the medical/dental team in providing health services.

Moreover, Ms. Nor Eimman Balayman, Focal Person of the Province of Maguindanao, initiated a short dialogue to convince the displaced persons to peacefully go back to their respective houses. Right after the activity, families returned to their houses and attended to their normal lives.

Inadequate services and assistance in situations like this are commonly exploited by terrorist groups to discredit the government and its agencies. However, through the delivery of services at barangay Tukanalipao, the false narratives of the terrorist groups are thwarted while the government gains the trust and confidence of the residents.

The 33IB believes that cooperation among the people of the community and different government agencies is an important ingredient in achieving peace and prosperity in the province of Maguindanao.



# KWENTONG PAGBABAGO!

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**"The old has gone,  
the new has come."**

**R**un! Run! ... Hurry Up...! Siyakaren pagagayas ka talagoy ka!!! Boom!!! After hearing a loud explosion not far from my side, I noticed that my fellow was bleeding and dying, and my hearing had not yet recovered from the deafening blast of the mortar in our fort. My resistance, however, persisted. I wanted to save my wounded comrade, but I couldn't because the soldiers who continued to advance on our position were so strong that I was forced to abandon my bloody pal. Nevertheless, I also fired at the soldiers who were chasing us until I was able to completely escape from them. I ran quickly to avoid being followed. Even though the forest was dense and the path was mountainous and difficult, I didn't stop running to get away from them. When I got away from the pursuing soldiers and heard no more shots, I stopped running because I knew the soldiers couldn't catch up to me because I was far away from them. I had to stop running due to exhaustion. I hadn't even realized that my companions had gone. I was so exhausted and hungry from running away from the soldiers. Because I was so tired, I didn't realize I'd fallen asleep. I drifted off to a massive tree that had served as my protection and hideout for a few days.

These are just some of the incidents that 'Alyas Vanguard' experienced when he was still an active member of the Freedom Fighters, also known as the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF). In 2008, Ameril Umbra Kato left the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) group because he did not agree with the MILF's acceptance of autonomy rather than full independence. This happened after the Philippine Supreme Court negated the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain signed by the Philippine government and the MILF. Kato led a group of fighters and founded the BIFF in December 2010. He said that he has 5,000 fighters, but the government says he only has 300. In August 2011, the MILF identified Kato's group as a break-away group and declared the BIFF a "lost command".

Alyas Vanguard is an Uztadz who teaches children lessons about the Islamic religion. He is married and has children living peacefully in their community in Maguindanao. But his life situation changed after he joined the freedom fighters. At first, he was only invited to teach the Islamic religion. His food was free, as was his fare to go to the place where the BIFFs were gathering and collecting additional forces. He didn't realize that the BIFF gradually indoctrinated him to become a radical and converted him into an extremist individual.

In 2018, he formally joined the extremist group and became a member of BIFF. They have no formal training within their organization except for handling guns.





"We are not required to go through intensive training as long as you know how to use a firearm as well as how to assemble and disassemble your weapon," Alias Vanguard explained further. They were taught how to hold and shoot a firearm for twelve hours. They were also shown how to clean their weapons properly. After that, they would eventually become regular members of the liberation movement.

Since then, his world has become uneasy, meaning he can no longer freely go to the places he used to visit. It has also come to the point that even his entire family has become supporters of BIFF. His situation became extremely difficult as the hours, days, months, and years passed by. He was no longer able to provide for his family. Instead, he became a burden to his family because they were the ones who supported him.

While inside the movement, new recruits, including alias Vanguard, are still being taught the five pillars of Islam, where they also pray five times a day. Until Jihad was also instilled in their minds, according to him, being a mujahideen was a defender of the oppressed. It is a Muslim's struggle or **efforts in God's way who fights on behalf of the faith or the Muslim community** (ummah). It is said that they are taught to defend their fellow Muslims from those who really want to encroach on their rights. So, even if there is no support in their organization, they can bear it for the sake of the cause. Alias Vanguard revealed that he spends his own money and earnings to finance the purchase of ammunition rather than support it for his family.

One of the most painful experiences he went through while he was still in the armed struggle was when his son got sick and he could not get close to him and brought him to the hospital for treatment. He lamented the bitterness that had overtaken him. Perhaps he would not be able to forgive himself if something bad happened to a member of his family. It was at this point that he realized that what he was fighting for would be futile if he couldn't care for his family members.

"It came to the point that I could no longer bear my suffering and I also felt sorry for my family's condition. I see that the government has a good program for returnees like me. That's why I didn't hesitate to return to the folds of the law and withdraw my allegiance to this extremist group – BIFF, **and hand over my weapon to the state forces, alias "Vanguard" jubilantly said.** As a result, alias Vanguard was given the opportunity to be reunited with his family. **"Right now, I'm absolutely happy because I can spend time with my family. I had already guided my sons' and daughters' growth, and I was once again with my beloved wife, where we were after all untied from the chains of the nightmare in our lives by joining the armed struggle that would not bring anything good to my family's future," the narration of alias Vanguard.**

From August 21-23, 2022, alias Vanguard was one of 53 former violent extremists who participated in a three-day peacebuilding training held in Brgy. Badak, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao, initiated by the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, which aims to promote peace and sustainable development as well as to prevent and counter violent extremism. They also received financial assistance from the government. During such training, they were taught that the solution to any problem is not violence or the use of weapons, but rather proper dialogue and peace negotiations. He narrated that it was only during the said training that he and his colleagues were able to eat delicious food and sleep in a nice and soft bed. Moreover, living free is better than carrying a twisted idealism, and continuing on with an armed struggle against the government is a futile cause.

It will be remembered that the soldiers were once our enemies, but now they are our friends. They are already my friends, and they are assisting me in our training. He reiterated that the soldiers are with them in promoting peace. In this regard, alias Vanguard has a call to his colleagues who continue to be stubborn and still do not want to accept the government's peace offer. My only message to my fellows who are still embracing this twisted idealism and continuing this armed struggle is to accept the peace offer from our government. Our authorities and our state forces are here to support us in our return to mainstream society. When we submit to the government, we will be provided a means of support and financial assistance to begin a new life. I am just one of the many living witnesses that it is good to live with our loved ones with freedom, letting go of the old toil. The old has gone, the new has come.



# KWENTONG TAGUMPAY

## DUGONG Kampilan: Central Mindanao's Combat Ace and Marksman

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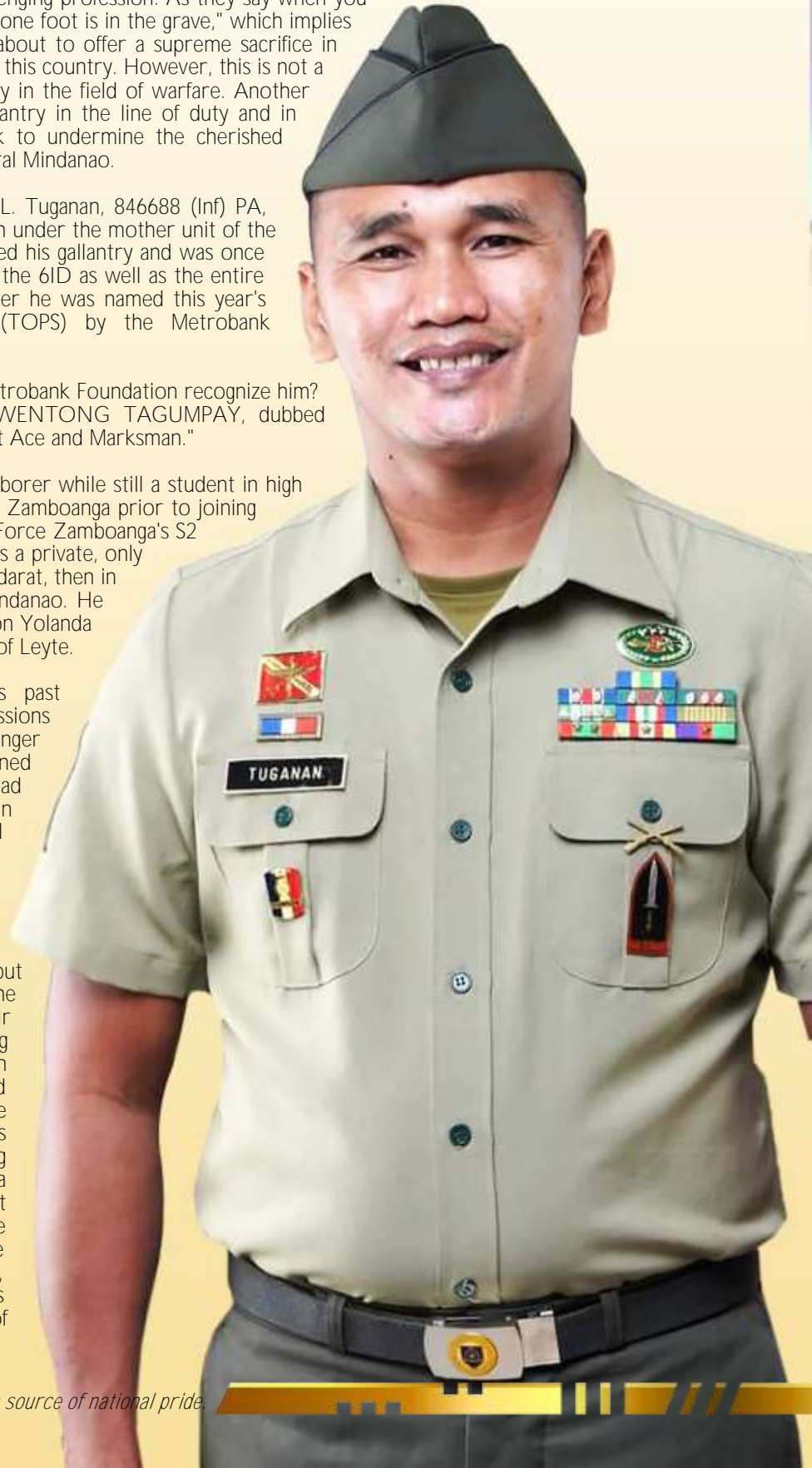
Joining the Armed Forces is a challenging profession. As they say when you are in the military service, "You're one foot is in the grave," which implies your life is in danger or you are about to offer a supreme sacrifice in order to defend the sovereignty of this country. However, this is not a deterrent for a military man to display his bravery in the field of warfare. Another Kampilan trooper has once again proven his gallantry in the line of duty and in defending the populace from enemies who seek to undermine the cherished peace and tranquility that everyone values in Central Mindanao.

One of them is Technical Sergeant Joel L. Tuganan, 846688 (Inf) PA, assigned to the 33rd Infantry (Makabayan) Battalion under the mother unit of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, who demonstrated his gallantry and was once more placed at the highest echelon of victory for the 6ID as well as the entire ranks of the Armed Forces of the Philippines after he was named this year's (2022) "The Outstanding Philippine Soldier" (TOPS) by the Metrobank Foundation.

Who is TSg Tuganan, and why did the Metrobank Foundation recognize him? Let's take a look at his story here in the KWENTONG TAGUMPAY, dubbed "DUGONG Kampilan: Central Mindanao's Combat Ace and Marksman."

TSg Tuganan worked as a construction laborer while still a student in high school and college. He also worked as a waiter in Zamboanga prior to joining the military, where he served as a utility for Task Force Zamboanga's S2 Section from 2000 to 2003. Since TSg Tuganan was a private, only 33IB served as his unit until now, first in Sultan Kudarat, then in Jolo, Sulu, Lanao Del Sur, and currently in Maguindanao. He was a member of Taskforce Yolanda when Typhoon Yolanda wreaked havoc in Tacloban City and the province of Leyte.

What he will never forget from his past experiences during combat operations are missions where some of his colleagues put their lives in danger and lost them in the midst of the battle that turned into nightmares for him. He revealed that he had colleagues whom he had saved while engaged in combat with armed groups, but it was also painful for him to see one of his companions dying or bleeding heavily, like in Jolo, Sulu, where the operations take place one after the other. Meanwhile, during the said encounter, even their officer was hit by a bullet. He even managed to drag his wounded officer to safety, but later he was unable to do so because of the attackers' unyielding assault of fire on their position, where his wounded officer was suffering from the severity of his wounds. TSg Tuganan disclosed that during the aforementioned engagement, some members of his fire team were KIA, or Killed in Action, where his squad teams nearly perished because they were being surrounded by the Abu Sayyaf. He also had a similar experience when they engaged in combat with MILF Lost Command members in the mountains of Lanao del Sur. "However, when we have wounded colleagues, we do 'care under fire', like the encounter we had before in the mountains of Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, where I saved the life of





Sgt. Endario of the 62nd DRC through first aid," he added. On the other hand, in the secluded village of Tukanalipao, Maguindanao, he saved the life of Cpl. Cabildo. Even though they were surrounded by the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), he still did not hesitate to treat and save his wounded pal in the midst of battle. In such a case, his two naked eyes once again witnessed the death of another of his fellow soldiers who offered their lives as a supreme sacrifice for the sake of the desired peace in Central Mindanao during the said bloody clashes, for whom the nightmares of the past came flooding back to him in the midst of encounters in Liguasan Marsh.

Because of his exemplary performance as a courageous soldier and peace advocate in his duty to his country, TSg. Tuganan was nominated and recommended by his current and former officers to participate in being honored by a prestigious organization—the Metrobank Foundation—that bestows awards on deserving and outstanding Filipinos in the area of "The Outstanding Philippine Soldier" (TOPS). According to him, he was given a recommendation by Colonel Harold Cabunoc, who was his former Battalion Commander in the 33rd IB and who is also a recipient of the same award. His former Battalion Commanders, Col. Ricky Bunayog and Col. Elmer Boongaling, who are also TOPS Awardees, gave him support during the preliminary interviews through final board interviews. Additionally, he expresses gratitude to his current Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Benjamin Cadiente Jr., and their Personnel Officer, Cpt. Carlito Christopher Agustin, who extended help for his requirements and focused on his itinerary for monitoring as well as rehearsals for the interview and other preparations he made. He prepared for the elimination, semifinal, and final board interviews in order to be given the mentioned award from the private sector. The panelists consisted of the judges, the senator serving as chairman, and the CEO of the private company. Professionals from various ranks, including public school teachers, the Philippine National Police, the Philippine Air Force, the Philippine Navy, and the Philippine Marines, also underwent the meticulous process. His accomplishments in combat, administration as a training NCO/Instructor, and community service became TSg Tuganan's key and winning formula to obtain the said award.

Nonetheless, despite reaching this pinnacle of success, he cited his family, his entire 33IB comrades, whom he referred to as his "tropang Makabayan," and the troops who made the ultimate sacrifice for their countrymen as his inspiration for winning the once-in-a-lifetime award. According to TSg Tuganan, it is a great honor for enlisted personnel **like him to be given a reward because it's demonstrated that an NCO like him can partake in this kind of competition** in which nothing is insurmountable for someone with a dream and a strong will. For those who also aspire to receive this distinction, he emphasized that they should only obey the legal orders of the officers and senior NCOs and think of good ways and solutions wholeheartedly for the good of the organization. He added that it is not bad to volunteer when you know that it is a great help for the community, the people, and the organization of the Philippine Army. He added that helping others and showing respect to fellow soldiers, especially the civilians around him, are just some of the great lessons he learned that should be lived. TSg Tuganan first of all thanks the great creator, his family, relatives, and the entire troops of the 6th Infantry (KAMPILAN) Division, especially the Officers, former Commanders, and Senior NCOs who fully support and trust the enlisted personnel and the civilian supporters who really love the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

TSg. Tuganan was born in Baliwasan, Zamboanga City, and now lives with his loving wife and three children in Brgy. Talinga, Leon B. Postigo, Zamboanga del Norte. While his wife was three months pregnant, they are only two siblings, and his older brother died on July 21, 2022, due to a hemorrhage, and both of his parents are deceased. TSg Tuganan is currently the first sergeant of Delta Company, 33rd Infantry Battalion of 61D, PA and their battalion is stationed in Radja Buayan, Maguindanao, BARMM.

"Take care of the service entrusted to us by the government because this is the source of our family's "bread and butter" and continue to be of service to the entire Filipino people," the statement from the so-called **Central Mindanao's** Combat Ace and Marksman said.

# News Bits



## 76 New Privates of 'Rex Belli' concludes FAOOT

The Field Artillery Operation Orientation Training (FAOOT) Class 19-2022 was formally closed on July 19, 2022 in a Closing cum Military and Stakeholders Awards Ceremony held at the Headquarters of the 6th Field Artillery (Deadly Accurate) Battalion in Camp Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao. The said program was graced by Colonel Francis Anthony M Coronel, Regiment Commander of Army Artillery Regiment, Philippine Army as a guest of honor and speaker where he was introduced by Lt. Col. Leo Catipay, Commanding Officer of 6FAB. Meanwhile, 6FAB awarded Colonel Edgar L Catu, Chief of Staff, and Lt. Col. Allen Van L Estrera, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, G3 in regard to their significant performance and contributions to the mission and vision of Field Artillery. These 76 new privates with class name 'Mandirigmang Artilyero na Lalaban sa Digmaan sa Takdang Oras' coined as 'MALDITO' have oriented on the basics of Field Artillery and operations.



## 6ID Commander Supports New PRO-BAR Chief

Major General Roy Galido, Commander of Joint Task Force Central and 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division attended and witnessed the Turnover of Office Ceremony of Police Regional Office – Bangsamoro Administrative Region (PRO-BAR) at Camp BGen Salipada K Pendatun, Parang, Maguindanao on August 16, 2022. Police Brigadier General Arthur Cabalona relinquished his post to the new PRO-BAR Director PGen. John Guyguyon which was presided by Police Lt. Gen. Jose Chiquito Malayo, The Deputy Chief, PNP for Administration during the turnover ceremony. "I would like to congratulate PGen Guyguyon who will now lead PRO-BAR. May we continue our sworn duty as defenders of the people for the harmony and development of the community we are serving", MGen. Galido says.



## 37IB Marks 46th Founding Anniversary

The 37th Infantry (Conqueror) Battalion, 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army celebrated its 46th founding anniversary at Camp Brigadier General Cesar Betita, Lebak, Sultan Kudarat on September 05, 2022. The anniversary celebration was graced by Major General Roy M Galido PA Commander, 6ID, PA and JTF-Central who served as the Guest Speaker. Major General Galido assisted by Colonel Michael Santos, Commander of 603rd Brigade; and Lieutenant Colonel John Paul Baldomar, CO of 37IB then presented the three (3) Former Rebels with their surrendered high-powered firearms to Hon Joaquin T Concha Municipal Mayor of Kalamansig together with Ma Socorro Lanto, MTF-ELCAC Focal Person of Kalamansig. Another highlight of the celebration is the recognition and giving of awards to the Best Company Commander, Best Enlisted Personnel, Best CAA and Best Infantry Company of the year of 37IB and the giving of Plaques of Recognition to deserving stakeholders as key partners of 37IB in the campaign against insurgency.



## Trauma Risk Management Trainer's Training Concludes

The five-day Trauma Risk Management (TRIM) Trainers' Training at the Kampilan Clubhouse, Camp Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao, officially concluded on September 9, 2022. In the closing program, Major General Roy M Galido, Commander of the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division and Joint Task Force Central, was the guest of honor and speaker. According to Lt. Col. Randy S Banaag, Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, OG1, the said training was attended by the TRIM personnel of organic and OpCon units of the Brigade and Battalion S1/personnel/Admin officers and Sergeants Major of the organic and OPCON units under Joint Task Force Central. The aim of this training is to strengthen the trauma-focused peer support system within the organization.



## Female Troops Join in Medical Mission

The 12th Special Forces Company (Riverine) together with the female troops of Task Group Bangis participated in the Medical Mission spearheaded by Hon. Peter B. Miguel, M.D., FPSO-HNS - 2nd District Representative partnership with the Hon Pedro Matinong, Municipal Mayor of Surallah held at Brgy Upper Sepaka, Surallah, South Cotabato on August 20, 2022. The activity is one of the undertakings of the government to deliver basic health services especially to the isolated communities that are unable to avail of basic medical treatment.



## Redskin Participates in Bloodletting

Troops of Alpha Company under 6th Infantry (Redskin) Battalion participated in the bloodletting activity initiated by the Rural Health Unit of DOS, Maguindanao, headed by Dr. Bai Deevah A Samama in partnership with the Integrated Provincial Health Office-Maguindanao and Maguindanao Provincial Hospital, headed by Dra. Remedios G Menor and Ms Rowena B Salazar, RMT, Blood Coordinator, held at the RHU, Barangay Maker, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on July 19, 2022. On behalf of our Battalion Commander, we, the Redskin Troopers, support these kinds of community-oriented activities for the welfare and betterment of the people we serve," said 1LT Arsenio M. Buyag (INF) PA, Commanding Officer of Alpha Company, 6IB. The RHU of DOS, MAGUINDANAO and the community in the area recognized the wholehearted support of the 6th Infantry "Redskin" Battalion for the said activity.



# MONKEY POX VIRUS



"the new face of outbreak"

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

### MONKEYPOX

Is a double-stranded DNA virus that is transmitted through direct human-to-human or animal-to-human contact including bite, scratch, or consumption of infected meat. Indirectly, it is transmitted via respiratory droplets or in contact with contaminated materials such as linens, beddings, or clothing.

KEY SYMPTOM



**RASHES, BUMPS OR BLISTERS**  
These may appear anywhere on the body, including the genitals. This may look similar to syphilis, herpes or other common skin rashes.

OTHER SYMPTOMS



FEVER & HEADACHE



MUSCLE ACHES



SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES

Symptoms last for 2-4 weeks



**A**s protectors of our nation, we are all in one with the Department of Health's efforts in preventing and spreading awareness of the Monkeypox outbreak as this was declared by the World Health Organization last 23 July 2022 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Department of Health through a memorandum, encourages the strict implementation of Monkeypox surveillance, screening, management, and infection control. Further, the Armed Forces of the Philippines through the initiative of the Office of the Surgeon General cascaded to the different Military Treatment Facility on further **strengthening the troops' awareness of the Monkeypox outbreak.** The **Camp Siongo Station Hospital is actively participating** in this endeavor to make certain that the Kampilan Troopers and all military personnel within the **area of responsibility of 6th Infantry Division, a "Monkeypox-free Division".** The **6th Infantry and Joint Task Force Central Commander, MGEN ROY M GALIDO PA** takes high regards on health, the very reason that we Kampilan Troopers should act in unison and continue to strictly adhere to the protocols and raise awareness about virus transmission, related prevention and protective measures, and most importantly to report if signs and symptoms of Monkeypox are seen among units and offices. The CSSH will continue to uphold the health safety standard and protocol against Monkeypox virus.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO



### STAY INFORMED

Remain calm. Visit DOH websites for up-to-date guidelines



### CONTACT

If you have symptoms, call (do not visit) **CSSH hotline** and ask health care provider about testing



### TAKE A BREAK

If you have symptoms, stay at home and isolate. Wear mask, cover sores, and wash hands

# ANONG SAY MO?

## WHY REVIVE THE MANDATORY ROTC?

"ROTC will be good for millennials. It will inculcate discipline, teach them to respect authorities/elders and strengthen PATRIOTISM." - Sen. JV Ejercito

Having a reserve force in one's country's armed forces gives its citizens a sense of security during an emergency or a big disaster. Therefore, one of every citizen's basic duties is to protect and defend their country. It should be acknowledged as a responsibility and a duty. The Philippines' ability to mount a credible defense or to start deployment in times of national emergencies to reinforce the organic and active military units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines has unfortunately weakened since the enactment of Republic Act No. 7077.

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. named the revival of the mandatory Reserve Officers' Training Course as one of the priority items he recommends to this year's (2022) Congress in an article by Jaime J. Yambao in the Manila Times titled "Why reinstate the mandatory ROTC" (ROTC).

In this regard, the Kampilan Editorial Staff asked our stakeholders from various sectors what they thought about the proposal to reinstate mandatory ROTC for senior high school students, and here is their response.



“ It would be beneficial, in my opinion, to reinstate the ROTC program in schools. This program for our youth might very well benefit not only our country's security issues, but also every community. Discipline can also be taught here. With social media and modern times, our young people's interests and views are changing, so we should train them through this program on the importance of contributing to our country's defense using their respective skills and abilities. ”

**MARK ANTHONY TAYCO**  
Media Personality NDEC – Cotabato, News writer,  
Reporter & Program Host



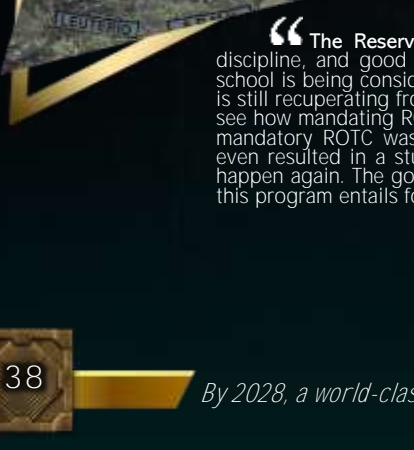
“ Having myself experienced Citizen Army Training (CAT) in high school and a Reserved Officer Training Course (ROTC) in college, I firmly believe that requiring ROTC is appropriate and beneficial. First, it inculcates discipline and personal responsibility among young people. Unfortunately, these values, I think, are lacking in many of our youth. Second, it fosters patriotism and love for the country, which could develop into a willingness to defend the country from invaders, both foreign and local. Third, there are skills to learn in an ROTC course. To name a few things that I learned from ROTC: first aid, compass guided navigation, rappelling, and firearms disassembling and assembling. There was also community service delivery. ”

**DANILO DOGULES**  
Officer-in-Charge, Philippine Information Agency  
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“ ROTC mandates have a great impact, especially on the Filipino youth. It would be very beneficial as it promotes values and discipline. However, from the point of view of the students who'll undergo ROTC, it might be on a self-interest basis. However, from the perspective of the students who will participate in ROTC, it can be motivated by self-interest. Because other students might perform better in a particular subject than ROTC, there are still other factors to take into account, notably their area of interest, rather than forcing them to give manpower when needed. Youth can still help in other ways. They should follow what their hearts want them to be and, at the same time, they can still be beneficial to the country in their own ways. Additionally, having ROTC compulsory could be a smart way to stop violence and get ready for stronger future national defense. With exception, this might, however, only be advantageous to young people who want to join the ranks of the men in uniform. ”

**PVT DONABEL V. LEUTERIO (INF) PA**  
1st Platoon Ferrelle, Task Group Bangis



“ The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is promoted to cultivate patriotism, instill discipline, and good citizenship in the youth. The reestablishment of the mandatory ROTC in high school is being considered as proposed by our new administration. Given that our educational system is still recuperating from a global pandemic, and that I value education, discipline, and fairness, I don't see how mandating ROTC is the best idea for our nation's educational system at this time. In the past, mandatory ROTC was abolished due to misuse of authority and unscrupulous practices, which even resulted in a student's death. There is no particular guarantee that this narrative won't happen again. The goal of this program is undeniably ideal for the country. The reality that this program entails for our youth must also be taken into account. ”

**SOPHIA ZABATE TURNDIS**  
3rd Year ESD&Com – University of Southern  
Mindanao, Kabacan Main Campus

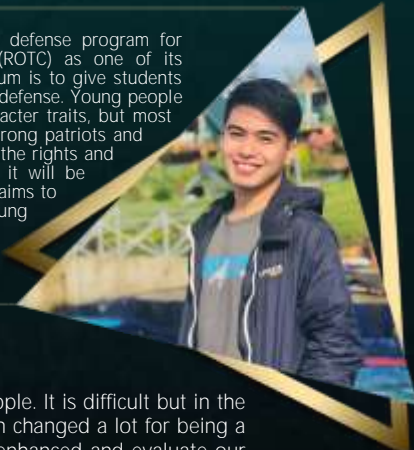


“ The revival of the mandatory ROTC program for senior high school students in both public and private schools, which aims to motivate, train, organize, and mobilize the students, is beneficial for the country. Mandatory ROTC, in my opinion, is one of the strategies. We need to be ready for national defense, including disaster preparedness and capacity building for risk-related situations. ROTC will develop the youth's qualities and skills because they will learn a lot of things, including military leadership, disaster response, small unit tactics, first aid, self-defense, communications, and many more. In addition, it will provide our country with well-trained men and women who are competent in terms of leadership, confident, integrous, disciplined, and patriotic. They will be capable of protecting our nation during crises and national emergencies. ”

**ZLT ANGELEIV CALATARA**  
2nd Platoon Leader of TG BANGS under 64TH COMPANY

“ The National Service Training Program (NSTP), a constitutional education and defense program for Filipino students in the nation, includes the Philippine Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) as one of its components. But how significant a part does it play in society? One of the objectives of the curriculum is to give students military education and training so they would be equipped with knowledge about the state of the nation's defense. Young people can profit much from it and have many opportunities. Additionally, it fosters self-control and strong character traits, but most importantly, it ignites a passion for leadership. The program is intended to develop young people into strong patriots and nationalists, as well as useful citizens with the skills, knowledge, and hearts to embody those who defend the rights and sovereignty of the Philippines, thereby making ROTC a significant force in the country. I'm confident it will be beneficial. Making the ROTC program mandatory in our country will have a significant impact on society. It aims to instill discipline, determination, and respect for the country, and it demonstrates that the will of our young people, who are a vital part of defending our freedom, carries a great deal of responsibility. ”

**JEROME FERENAL**  
3rd Year BSDE/COM - University of Southern Mindanao, Kabacan Main Campus



“ It's been a while for being a cadet officer to lead such people. It is difficult but in the first day I join for being a cadet my perception in life has been changed a lot for being a civilian to a military mentality through valuable trainings to enhanced and evaluate our skill to become a future officer of law enforcer or a soldier. ”

**ODT 1ST CLASS ROBERT THEODORE Q. OBANDO**  
Former 1st Battalion Commander  
CSJ ROTC



“ Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh Magandang araw sa ating lahat. Dito sa usaping batas na gawing mandatory ang ROTC sa mga eskwelahan ay napakagandang batas. Masasabi po natin maganda ito para sa ating mga kabataan na nag-aaral dahil ito'y isang paraan na pagtuturo at pagdisiplina na hindi sila mapapasok sa kung anumang labag sa batas na gawain. Dahil ang tinuturo sa ROTC training ay pawang desiplina at upang maliwasto ang mga kaalaman ng ating kabataan na hindi sila mapapasok sa anumang hindi magandang bagay. Kaya eto ya napaka gandang batas. Tayo ay pabor sa batas na ito dahil tayo mismo ay dumaan sa ROTC Training noong panahon na tayo ay nag-aaral pa. ”

**HON DATU YACOB L. AMPATUAN**  
Municipal Mayor of Radjah Bayan, Maguindanao



“ In general, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is really okay because it will develop your leadership, discipline and character. ”

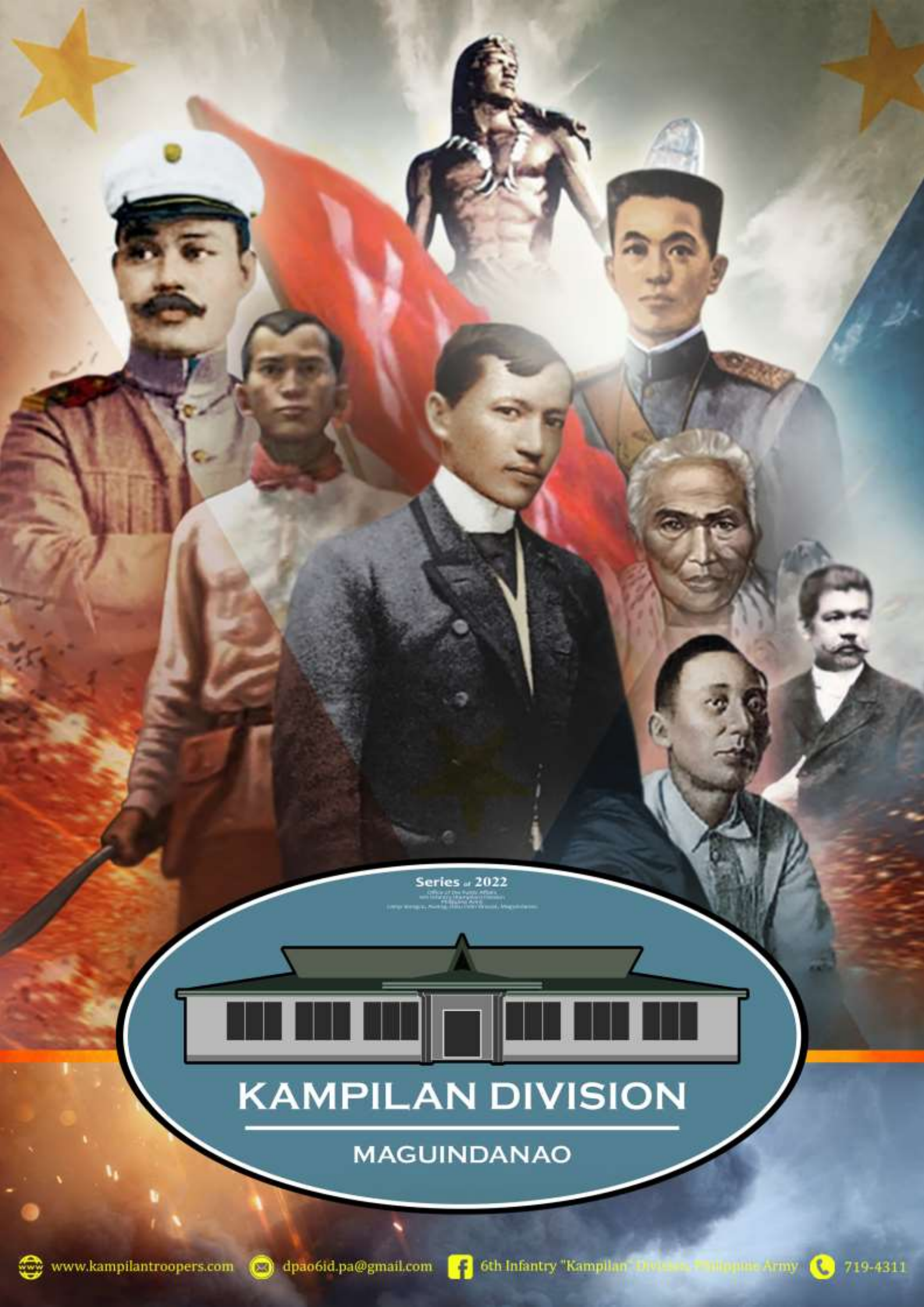
**RICHARD CASABELNA**  
Barangay Councilor, Barangay City Heights, General Santos City



“ For me, in this day and age, there are so many new things that are dictating the behavior, especially among teenagers today, we all know that sometimes young people are almost out of control because of technology, which can make them stagnant and the same time howled in online games and good manners were forgotten. As a parent, I agree with the return of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) because it helps especially the young people to discipline them. As a Filipino we have to defend our country from lawless elements to counter them that's why we need these ROTC to inform the youth how important their roles in our beloved country. ”

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