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The American Legion
Department of the Philippines
370 Batangas St.
Mt. View Subdivision,
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Philippines 2009

Department Commander

Commanders Corner:

Fellow Legionnaires:

We continue to do well as our program year is half over and our membership year is starting anew. For those of you that have not renewed yet you are now in a delinquent status so please get those memberships renewed, we need you as a member of this great organization.

As the membership goal percentages go up each month we have met the goal and are now at 90%. We only have 46 more members to reach the 100% mark and if we can do that this month it will show National that we are not just a Flash in the pan but a Department that remains committed to rebuilding and upgrading our Organization. If we hit the 100% mark this month we will probably the first Department to do so and will once again be the “Leader of the Pack”.

Therefore, I take this moment to once again “THANK YOU” for the hard work and effort you have been putting forth. Without that effort we would have remained number 55. I sincerely hope that you will
continue that effort throughout the rest of this year and into the next.

Our Department Convention will be upon us in no time. Mark June 20, 21, and 22 on your calendar for a trip to wonderful downtown Angeles City to attend this momentous occasion. Always an enjoyable event. It is also our only fund raiser, so we ask your support in selling advertisements for the Annual year book. The information on that will be provided by our 1st Vice Commander and Convention Chairman, Rhett Webber.

Speaking of the Convention don’t forget to send in write ups for Awards for Commander of the year, Vice Commanders of the Year, Adjutant, chaplain and any other officers that you have and feel they should be recognized by Department or higher. Remember the people who work with you deserve to know that you appreciate them, even if they don’t win the Department Award they know that you as Commander submitted them and appreciate the work they do. Send you recommendations to the Department Awards Committee c/o Department Adjutant, 370 Batangas Street, Balibago, Angeles City 2009. Or you may send via Email with attachment letter.

The Department wishes all of you a “HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER” Mat God Bless you all, your families, your Posts, our Department and the National Organization as well as the “United States of America”

Yours in Service

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Department NECman’s Comments

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(Mark Attn: DSO)

All VA claims initiated or assisted by The American Legion in the Philippines will be forwarded to the Department Service Officer or an Assistant Department Service Officer for review PRIOR to being submitted to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

This review will ensure that the claims are complete and ready for submission to Veterans Affairs.

What are your responsibilities?

If you receive benefits from the VA:

*You are responsible* to report the following to the VA:

- Your income or the income of your dependents changes (earnings, Social Security Benefits, lottery, and gambling winnings).
- Your net worth increases (bank accounts, investments, real estate)
- Your continuing medical expenses are reduced
- You gain or lose a dependant
- Your address or phone number changes.

What YOU can do: If you are not satisfied with the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (BVA) decision about your claim, you have a number of options to avail for relief:

**Motion for Reconsideration.** You may file a “motion” asking the BVA to reconsider its decision by writing a letter to the BVA showing why you believe that the BVA committed an obvious error of fact or law in its decision in your appeal. If the BVA decided more than one issue, be sure to tell us which issues you want reconsidered. Address your letter to: Director, Administrative Service (014), Board of Veterans’ Appeals, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. There is no time limit on filing a motion for reconsideration.

**Motion to Revise the Board’s Decision based on Clear and Unmistakable Error.** You may file a motion asking that the Board revise its final decision if you believe the decision is based on “clear and unmistakable error” (CUE). Care should be used in preparing such a motion because it must meet very specific requirements and the Board will not review a final decision on this basis more than once. The Board encourages you to carefully review its rules on CUE and seek help from a qualified representative before filing such a motion. There is no time limit on filing a CUE review motion.

**Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.** You have the right to appeal a BVA decision to the United States court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (the Court). A Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Court within 120 days from the date of the mailing of the notice of the BVA’s decision. The date of mailing is the date that appears on the face of the BVA decision. The Court’s address: Unites States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004.

Be advised, there is a new government website sponsored by THE NATIONAL PERSONEL RECORDS CENTER where veterans can gain access to their DD-214’s online:

[http://vetrecs.archives.gov](http://vetrecs.archives.gov)

Respectfully yours,

**Department Service Officer**

**William T. Brown**

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We have included hyperlink(s):

**TRICARE:** TRICARE Area Office - Pacific, (81)6117-43-2036,
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The Veterans Affairs:
[http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel](http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel)

RAO Bulletins:
for PDF Format and/or
[http://415vva.homestead.com/Home.html](http://415vva.homestead.com/Home.html)

Veterans Legislation:
[http://thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)

USAF Afterburner
1st Vice Commander

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Our monthly meeting is the first Friday after the fourth of the month.
Ask for the floating restaurant

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The American Legion Post 94

Commander
The American Legion Post 94

The American Legion Post 123
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Dep’t Cmdr Carsley and I attended the briefing presented by VFW Post 2485 Sr. Vice Cmdr-Carl Burke and Peregrine Pres-Dennis Wright, held for 5 members of the Veterans Affairs Commission, on 22 Feb 13. Also attended a gathering at CVC with the VAC members. The VAC Chmn-Congressman Jeff Miller from Florida, stated they were honored to visit CVC and were proud to have supported our CVC being managed by ABMC in the near future.

Adjutant Wade reported Feb 13’ Post membership recruiting stat’s for our Post for 2012-13 is going very well, with paid membership at 162, or 105.8% paid members for 2013, 28 Paid-up-for-Life (PUFL) Members, 88 Renewal Members, 05 Reinstated Members, 02 Transfers and 39 New Members.

Our Clark K-9 Cemetery Caretaker Project still awaiting approval, of AL Post 123 MOA, by CDC. I presented a check for $825.00, to VFW Post 2485 CVC Chmn-John Gilbert, from 3rd SPG Ass’n for the CVC Headstone Restoration Project, that paid for the cleaning of 450 headstones. Also sent them photo’s and Letter of Appreciation from VFW Post 2485 CVC Chmn-John Gilbert.

CVC will now be maintained by ABMC, as Obama signed the bill, with full operations possibly 2014-15. Contributions still needed to maintain CVC until ABMC begins operations.


Our Post Service Officer Bill Brown attended the AL Nat’l Service Officer Course in Wash., D.C., 20-22 Feb 13, along with AL Post 10 Service Officer-Edward Craft. Cmdr Webber conducted many briefing sessions, assisting veterans and families, on VA/SS/American Services benefits and assisting in filing VA benefit claims. Conducted a Post Everlasting ceremonies for and David F. Donnon. Have 8 U.S. Burial Flags on hand.

St. Lukes Medical Center in Global City, Taguig & Quezon City were added to the approved provider list for outpatient only (pay 25% and they will bill Tricare). The above medical centers have also been approved for use, without a waiver for inpatient services; however you must pay 100% up front and submit you own bill. RAO Advisory-Jim Boyd

Our Post members have been busy with community and Post’s projects, donating tens of thousands of Peso’s to veteran’s families, for burial fees, Post Home renovations, and food dishes to ALA Unit 123’s Valentine’s Day Ball Room affair.

Yours in Service,

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The American Legion Post 125
COLONEL “PING” PARAAN
Luna, La Union, meets every 2d Saturday of the month at our American Legion Post Home in Darigayos, Luna, La Union.

Yours in Service,

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Sons of the American Legion (SAL)
Squadron 21
SAL Elected Officers
Philippine Detachment 2012-2013

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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
February 2013
NEWSLETTER

SAL - 2012 FINAL Regional Breakdown

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**February 9, 2013 - Our Fundraising Ballroom Dancing held at Post 123.**

Commander      Ariel B. Mercado
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THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PHILIPPINE FOREIGN DISTRICT

Auxiliary Units

Unit 1
Unit 4
Unit 10
Unit 21

Unit 28
Unit 62
Unit 79
Unit 123

Front: left to right; President Basilara Crouse and 1st Vice-President Charito Jones
Back: left to right Historian/ Secretary Celestine Luther, Diane Tolentino and Sgt. at Arms Rosalinda Alegado
Rose Webber and Cecille Luther at the cashier table.

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