



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 2015-33**

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG-ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT :** 73<sup>rd</sup> COMMEMORATION OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND OBSERVATION OF 2015 PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987, the whole nation observes the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April of every year as “Araw ng Kagitingan”. Further, Presidential Proclamation No. 466, s. 1989 declares the period April 5 to 11 as Philippine Veterans Week.

In order to promote, preserve and memorialize the principles, ideals and heroic deeds of our Filipino war veterans, meaningful activities shall be conducted. His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino, will lead the 73<sup>rd</sup> Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan in Mt. Samat National Shrine, Pilar, Bataan, with the theme: **“Ipunla ang Kagitingan sa Kabataan, Ihanda ang Beterano ng Kinabukasan”**.

In this regard, all Local Chief Executives are encouraged to:

- Conduct simple but meaningful activities to observe Philippine Veterans Week and commemorate Araw ng Kagitingan;
- Produce and display tarpaulins/streamers in front of provincial, city, or municipal halls, to convey solidarity in oneness with the nation in the observance of 2015 Philippine Veterans Week (Annex “A”);
- Produce and post any related Philippine Veterans Week information on LGU websites and Facebook accounts (Kagitingan logo, tarpaulin design with theme, activities, etc.); and
- Hold special flag-raising ceremony on 06 April, during which the “Pledge of Patriotism” will be recited by all (Annex “B”).

For related inquiries, all concerned may directly coordinate with the Public Information Officer, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City at Telephone No. (02) 912-4728 or through e-mail at [jetrivera@gmail.com](mailto:jetrivera@gmail.com).

All DILG Regional Directors and the DILG-ARMM Regional Secretary, through the ARMM Regional Governor, are hereby enjoined to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all local government units within their regional jurisdictions.

  
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Secretary 



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# KAGITINGAN

2015 PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK ★★

ANNEX "A"



Theme:

*Ipunla ang Kagitingan sa  
Kabataan,  
Ihanda ang Beterano ng  
Kinabukasan.*

**Araw ng  
KAGITINGAN**

**PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK**

April 5-11

## *Pledge of Patriotism*

I solemnly pledge to honor the sacrifices  
of the Filipino veterans and soldiers,  
not only through words and in thought,  
but most importantly, through my deeds.

I take it upon myself  
to safeguard the torch of freedom  
kept burning by our veterans through  
the darkest times of our nation's history.  
I vow to carry on the unceasing battle  
to defend our nation's integrity and dignity,  
I vow to express my love for our country  
in whatever form I am capable of,  
in school, at home, at play, and at work.

Our veterans' legacy lives  
in my being a free Filipino in a free Philippines,  
and it is a legacy I pledge to continue  
and pass on to my children,  
and my children's children.

