



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**



**MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

**TO :** PRESIDENTS, HEADS, AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF  
PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs)

**THROUGH :** CHED CENTRAL AND REGIONAL OFFICIALS AND  
PERSONNEL

**SUBJECT :** INFORMATION DISSEMINATION OF THE PHILIPPINE  
VETERANS WEEK 2022 AND 80<sup>th</sup> ARAW NG KAGITINGAN

**DATE :** 18 MARCH 2022

Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 203, series of 1987 and Presidential Proclamation No. 466, series of 1989, the whole nation observes April 9 of every year as Araw ng Kagitingan and the period April 5 to 11 as Philippine Veterans Week.

The Commission is calling for the dissemination and promotion of the activities prepared for this year's Philippine Veterans Week and 80<sup>th</sup> Araw ng Kagitingan among students in Higher Educational Institutions. Attached as **Appendix A** is the list of events and activities for reference.

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Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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## Appendix A

### Pre-Veterans Week Activities

- a. **Kagitingan: The PVAO Historical Webinar Lectures**  
**March 1, 9, 18, 31, April 21, and May 5, 2022**  
**via Zoom Meet**

The Kagitingan: The PVAO Historical Webinar Lectures is one of the series of promotional activities in line with the 2022 Philippine Veterans Week. It aims to educate and enrich the knowledge of the Filipino youth on Philippine Military History. It also aims to rekindle the love for country amongst the youth and instill patriotism and intellectually prepare our future defenders.

The PVAO Kagitingan Webinar Lectures will be conducted through Zoom Meeting. It will be streamed via PVAO's Facebook page while the zoom link will be given to this webinar's speakers, sponsors and partners. Other participants will be encouraged to watch the lectures on the live streaming.

The webinar series is organized by PVAO together with partnering agencies such as the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB), Mt. Samat FTEZ, and Philippine's most prestigious universities.

- b. **Virtual Book Launches**  
**March 22, 2022 (Tuesday) 1:00 PM**  
**March 29, 2022 (Tuesday) 1:00 PM**

As part of the promotional activities for this year's national observance of Philippine Veterans Week and Araw ng Kagitingan, two (2) book launches will be conducted. The first book launch is scheduled for March 22 and will unveil the book "Guerrilla Days in the Philippine South," written by Dr. Cesar Pobre and Dr. Jose.

The second will take place on March 29 and will mark the release of two books written by UP professors, "Medal for Valor" and "Identity and Independence: Filipino Women in Times of War and Peace." These books, published in collaboration with PVAO, aim to instill patriotism in our people by telling the stories of our unsung heroes' gallantry and selfless sacrifices for the sake of freedom.

### Veterans Week Events

- a. **Sunrise Ceremony**  
**April 5, 2022 (Tuesday) / 7:00 AM**  
**Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City**

The ceremony symbolizes the start of the Philippine Veterans Week. It is conceived to provide individual veterans the opportunity to honor their fallen heroes and comrades through the offering of eighty (80) flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown





Soldier. The Commanding General of the Philippine Army traditionally leads this Ceremony.

**b. Wreath Laying Ceremony**  
**April 5, 2022 (Tuesday) , 8:00 AM**  
**Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City**

The Ceremony is an institutional way of venerating the memory of Filipino patriots and martyrs who laid down their lives for the motherland. Veteran leaders, veterans support institutions, veterans servicing institutions, and organizations of men and women in World War I resistance movements offer memorial wreaths, followed by youth leaders who represent the hope and the future of the nation.

The Secretary of National Defense is the traditional Guest of Honor and Speaker, and joining him are the Taguig City Mayor, members of the Technical Working Committee, heads of servicing institutions for veterans, youth representatives from the National Youth Commission, Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Girl Scouts of the Philippines and students.

**c. Tribute to All Filipino Heroes**  
**April 7, 2022 (Thursday) / 9:00 AM**  
**Filipino Heroes Memorial**  
**Corregidor Island, Cavite**

The ceremony honors all Filipino heroes, patriots and defenders who fought and died for the country's freedom and liberty from the time of Lapu-lapu to the Revolutionary and World War II era up to the present, including the veterans of anti-dissident and anti-secessionist campaigns. It also honors Filipino defenders who fought in the Korean War, Vietnam War, veterans of military campaigns, members of peacekeeping and humanitarian contingents to other countries and our modern-day veterans who have rendered honorable military service in defending the country in times of war or peace and in faithfully upholding their duty to preserve our sovereignty and national security.

A simple wreath laying ceremony at Corregidor Island and a virtual commemoration will be held for the Tribute to All Filipino Heroes.

**d. Araw ng Kagitingan**  
**April 9, 2022 (Saturday) / 9:00 AM**  
**Mount Samat National Shrine**  
**Pilar, Bataan**

The President of the Republic of the Philippines traditionally leads the commemoration, the highlight among the series of commemorative events of the Philippine Veterans Week. Being a national observance, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) is responsible for coming out with the Program which is approved by the Office of the President. Various regional/provincial centers simultaneously replicate the ceremony.



**e. Paggunita sa Capas**  
**April 10, 2022 (Sunday) / 9:00 AM**  
**Capas National Shrine**  
**Capas, Tarlac**

The ceremony solemnly remembers the Death March veterans and those incarcerated at the Camp O' Donnell Concentration Camp, not to relive the pain but rather to remind us of the hardships and struggles endured by our gallant veterans during that time to serve as an inspiration to younger generations and for us to appreciate more the freedom that we enjoy today.

Paggunita sa Capas commences with a Wreath-Laying Ceremony before the 'Obelisk,' the towering structure of the shrine.

**f. Sunset Ceremony**  
**April 11, 2022 (Monday) / 5:00 PM**  
**Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City**

The ceremony marks the end of the Philippine Veterans Week. Veterans, widows, children and grandchildren of veterans both the living and the fallen, gather before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier like one big family, to share their personal reflections on how their lives were touched by the veteran in the family.

The ceremony concludes with a Pledge of Patriotism, followed by the lighting of eighty (80) candles at the Flame of Freedom by the participants and signing their names in the Wall of Patriotism to affirm their commitment to contribute to nation building.

