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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

April 6, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **419** - - s. 2026

84th COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Office Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter from Mario K. Blasabas, OIC-Regional Head, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, Field Service Office 8, Leyte, encouraging participation of teachers and school representatives to attend the 84th Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan with the theme: Giting ng Bayani, Pamana sa Salinlahi on April 9, 2026 at the MacArthur Shrine, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.
2. The Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to send representatives on official business.
3. Travel and other incidental expenses shall be charged to local funds subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

[Signature]
F SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
 Regional Director *[Signature]*

Enclosure: As stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

ARAW NG KAGITINGAN

COMMEMORATION



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ARAW NG
KAGITINGAN
 PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK 2026
 — GITING NG BAYANI, PAMANA SA SALINLAHI —



23 March 2026

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Pursuant to Proclamation No. 466, Series of 1989, as amended by Proclamation No. 466-A, Series of 2007, the period of April 5 to April 11 of every year is observed as *Philippine Veterans Week*, a national commemoration dedicated to promoting patriotism and preserving the heroic legacy of Filipino war veterans and veterans of military campaigns.

In line with this observance, the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office Field Service Office VIII, in coordination with veterans' organizations and partner agencies, will conduct the **84th Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan** with the theme "*Giting ng Bayani, Pamana sa Salinlahi*" on **09 April 2026** at the **MacArthur Shrine**, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.

This historic and meaningful event serves as a solemn tribute to the valor, patriotism, and sacrifices of our veterans and liberators. It also provides an important educational opportunity for the youth and academic community to deepen their understanding of our nation's history and strengthen their sense of civic responsibility.

In this regard, may we respectfully invite you to grace the occasion and represent the Department of Education in the Wreath-Laying Ceremony. May we likewise request your good office to prepare and bring a **ceremonial wreath** to be offered on behalf of the Department during the offering rites.

Moreover, we respectfully seek your assistance in encouraging the participation of teachers and selected school representatives from various divisions in the region to attend the commemorative program. Their presence will significantly enrich the observance and reinforce the role of educators in instilling patriotism, historical awareness, and national pride among learners.

The active involvement of the Department of Education will greatly enhance the solemnity and educational value of this national commemoration and affirm the Department's vital role as a partner in nation-building and heritage preservation.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request and to your continued support for programs that honor our veterans and promote patriotic values among the youth.





ARAW NG **KAGITINGAN** PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK 2026 — GITING NG BAYANI, PAMANA SA SALINLAHI —

For concerns and confirmation, you may contact our office at **0898-6004200, 0977-2548707, or (053) 888-0775.**

Thank you very much for your unwavering commitment to education and public service.

Very respectfully yours,

MARIO K. BLASABAS
OIC, Regional Head
Philippine Veterans Affairs Office
Field Service Office 8 – Leyte

cc : Office file





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PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK 2026

— GITING NG BAYANI, PAMANA SA SALINLAHI —

84TH

PROPOSED PROGRAM FLOW

09 April 2026

Unknown Soldier Marker

MacArthur Shrine, Gov't Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

Attire: Barong / Filipiniana

0500H – Arrival

0600H – PROGRAM PROPER

Entry of Colors -

Singing of the Philippine National Anthem -

AFP PA 8ID Band

Panunumpa sa watawat ng Pilipinas -

BSP Representative

Ecumenical Prayer -

Wreath-Laying Ceremony

1. Philippine National Police
2. Bureau of Fire Protection
3. Philippine Coast Guard
4. Department of Education
5. Boy Scouts of the Philippines
6. Girl Scouts of the Philippines
7. Philippine Veterans Affairs Office
8. Mayor Remedios Petilla
9. Gov. Carlos Jericho L. Petilla

21-Gun Salute / Water Salute / Taps -

AFP / BFP

Floral Offering

1. Veterans and Surviving Spouses
2. Student Leaders

Intermission Number

Messages

1. Vet. Jose T. Acla, Regional President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines, Region VIII
2. Mr. Mario K. Blasabas, OIC, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, Field Service Office VIII
3. Hon. Remedios L. Petilla, Mayor, Municipality of Palo

Kagitingan Message -

Hon. Carlos Jericho L. Petilla
Governor, Province of Leyte

Community Singing -

Pilipinas Kong Mahal

