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Department of Education

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75TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987 entitled *Providing a List of Regular Holidays and Special Days to be Observed Throughout the Philippines and for Other Purposes*, and Presidential Proclamation No. 466, s. 1989 entitled *Declaring the Period April 5 to 11 of Every Year as Philippine Veterans Week*, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the **75th Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week** from April 5 to 9, 2017. All government agencies including government-owned and controlled corporations, nongovernment organizations, private associations and institutions, and individuals are enjoined to assist, cooperate, and participate in this historic commemoration.

2. The Celebration aims to instill in the minds and hearts of the Filipino people especially the youth that the freedom the Filipinos enjoy today was nourished by the blood and sacrifices of the veteran forefathers.

3. To make this year's celebration meaningful, regional, schools division and schools officials are encouraged to support the observance of the said event. All public and private elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to discuss the significance of the Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week every Monday from **March 20 to April 10, 2017** during the flag raising ceremony.

4. Likewise, schools are also encouraged to carry out the following activities:

- a. conduct of activities integrated into related subjects, such as, *Sibika at Kultura*, *Heograpiya*, *Kasaysayan at Sining (HEKASI)*, *Araling Panlipunan*, Values Education, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino and English, during classroom discussions to highlight the courage and patriotism of the veterans;
- b. holding of inter-school campus essay writing, drawing, story telling, debate and oratorical contests;
- c. conduct of symposium or round table discussion to raise awareness on the event, and learn the values, nationalism, patriotism and love of country which were exhibited by the veterans during the trying periods of this country;
- d. organizing of simple campus program to be participated in by the learners, and to be spearheaded by the Social Studies Department; and



- e. putting up of bulletin board within the campus and display of any informative materials concerning the commemorative events.
5. All expenses incurred relative to the conduct of the activities during the Celebration shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. The Social Studies Department heads and the Division Special Events Office shall submit a report/documentation on the activities undertaken by the schools after the observance addressed to (copy furnished the schools division superintendent and the regional director):

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Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office
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Attention:

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External Partnerships Service–Special Events Unit

7. For more information, all concerned may contact the **External Partnerships Service–Special Events Unit**, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone nos. (02) 637-5832 and (02) 637-5834.
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

References:

DepEd Memorandum: Nos. 77, s. 2017 and 52, s. 2012

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