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## Philippine Coast Guard celebrates 113th Founding Anniversary

Our partner the Philippine Coast Guard celebrated its 113th Founding Anniversary with several activities highlighted by the Anniversary Day Program with no less than his Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino as Guest of Honor.

This year's celebration started with a PCG Family Run on a Saturday 04 October 2014, participated by thousands of runners including about a hundred from PCGA's different Auxiliary Districts, of course mostly by Officers and Auxiliarist from PCGA CGADNCR-CL. The Fun run was held at the CCP Complex with runners in Orange Shirts.

On the next Monday 06 October 2014, A Concert at the Robinsons Malate Mall was held featuring the PCG Symphonic Orchestra and Band. Both instrumental ensemble played classic, modern and pop music to the astonishment and delight of shoppers and guests. A static display of PCG assets were also held on the side. The event was a success with PCG awareness and goodwill established.

The Commandant's Mess Night was also held last 08 October 2014 at the Palasyo De Manila with VADM Rodolfo Isorena PCG as host. It was well attended by PCG Officers and their spouses, as well as by invited PCGA Officers, all dressed in formal Mess Jacket attire. The night started with formalities, dinner and toasting. It was capped by good music and of course dancing. It was a night to remember.

The Anniversary Celebration's highlight is the Anniversary Day program held last 16 October 2014 at HQPCG. In his Welcome Remarks PCG Commandant VADM Isorena PCG rendered a report showcasing the superior performance and achievements of the PCG. His Excellency President Aquino lauds the PCG and recognized the vital role of PCG in safeguarding and ensuring maritime peace and security in the 36,289 km total Philippine coastline.

The President also mentioned several PCG modernization initiatives being undertaken by

the government with the acquisition of latest equipment to enhance its operation which includes: 40 rubber boats and 300 aluminum boats for search and rescue operations, 40-meter Multi-Role Responsive Vessels from Japan as part of Maritime Safety Capability Improvement Project which will be delivered in installment with the first vehicle arriving in October 2015, and the target purchase of two additional medium helicopters in 2015. He also witnessed the presentation of the agency's newly acquired assets and equipment. The President was also pleased to announce the completion of National Coast Watch Center in April 2015.

With the theme: "Matuwid na Pagtatanod Baybayin Tungo sa Maayos at Mapayapang Karagatan," the event highlights the conferment of awards to deserving Coast Guard officers and personnel as well as civilian entities that have rendered commendable and brilliant services in the conduct of various PCG-related activities and missions.

### PCGA Officers and Units Recognized

The PCG Anniversary Celebration highlights with PCG giving Awards and Recognition of valuable contributions and performance of PCG personnel, as well as Civilian employees and of course to PCGA partners. For the first time all the PCGA Traditional Awards and Unit Citations were given. The Commandant VADM Isorena PCG and the His Excellency President Aquino handed the trophies and plaques to deserving PCGA Officers and Units.

PCGA CGADNCR-CL was adjudged as this year's Best Auxiliary District of the Year. This is due to their collective efforts in the conduct of various activities such as Relief Operations during the aftermath of Typhoons Yolanda, Maring and Habagat, conduct of Trainings / Info Drive on MAREP, WASAR trainings, Leadership and management seminar and others. CGADNCR-CL was also awarded with the Commandant's Unit Citation due to their sterling performance and active involvement in PCG and PCGA operations. The award gives the distinction to CGADNCR-CL as the recipient of said award in Y2012 and now Y2014, the only two (2) times that said award was given to an Auxiliary District.

COMMODORE ELIZABETH O SALABAS PCGA was declared as this year's Best Auxiliary Officer of the Year. Commo Salabas was *see p4*

### PCGA gifts PCG with Scholarship Grants

The PCGA National Auxiliary Management Office, as a "Birthday Gift" to its partner the PCG, turned over 131 Scholarship Grants to PCG Commandant VADM Rodolfo Isorena PCG. National Director VADM Joseph N Dy PCGA in simple ceremonies held at the HQPCG turned over the scholarship grant to the Commandant.

The Commandant in his acceptance speech said that he would create a selection committee to make sure that the PCG beneficiaries will be properly selected and deserving.

The scholarship grant will be available to deserving PCG personnel and their dependents.

The scholarship grants were made possible through the initiative of Commo Beth Salabas PCGA, the Support Director for Community Relations, and concurrently the President of the Philippine Association of Maritime Institutes (PAMI). The scholarship grants came from different maritime schools operated by PCGA Officers and/or PAMI members. In Luzon, the Asian Institute of Maritime Studies (AIMS), Bicol Maritime Merchant Marine Academy, Celtech College, Fernandez College of Arts and Technology, NYK-TDK Maritime Academy, Our Lady of Fatima University, and University of Saint Anthony. In Visayas, St Therese MTC College, and the VMA Global College & Training Center, and in Mindanao the DMMA College for a combined 111+++ slots. AIMS through Commo Lino and Capt Arlene Paderanga gave an additional twenty (20) scholarship grants for PCG personnel who needs to complete their units for graduation.





## VADM Joseph N Dy PCGA PCGA National Director



The month of October has been a particularly busy month for the PCGA, for it was a month of activities and celebrations commemorating the 113rd founding of the Philippine Coast Guard. A fun run was held on October 4 at the CCP area, with no less than the Commandant himself leading the event. Aside from participants from the PCG, about a hundred officers and men from the PCGA also joined the event. After the fun run, the Commandant, together with his Vice Commandant for Administration Radm Cecil Chen and several senior PCG officers, visited and had breakfast with the PCG detachment right beside our PCGA Headquarters at the CCP Bay Terminal. Several of our PCGA officers also joined in, led by the CGADNCRCL Director RadmValentinPrieto Jr. The Commandant also graced the concert performed by the PCG Symphonic Band at the Robinson's Mall in Manila in the afternoon of October 6. In the evening of October 8, the Commandant hosted the Officer's Ball, a formal event that saw the wearing of the official dinner jacket both by the PCG and the PCGA officers in attendance. It was a very memorable evening attended by several PCGA officers.

A special event was held at the PCG Headquarters on October 10 wherein we turned over more than a hundred scholarship grants to the Commandant. These scholarships were intended for deserving dependents of the men and women of the PCG who have less in life. Spearheading the campaign for scholarships were our very own Commo Elizabeth Salabas and CommoLinoPaderanga, whose respective schools contributed the bulk of the scholarship slots. For the information of everyone, this scholarship drive will be an ongoing undertaking of the PCGA as we continue to find new ways of assisting the PCG even outside of the four functional areas. This day also marked the promotion and shoulder board donning of three NAMO officers, the last to be elevated to the rank of Commodore. They were MARSAR Director Commo Salvador Tiangco Jr., MARSAR Director Commo Philip Chien, and INTERNAL AFFAIRS Director Commo Jose Baltazar.

Of course, the culmination of the long celebration is the Anniversary itself, which was held on October 16 with no less than His Excellency, President Benigno Simeon Aquino III as the Guest of Honor. The PCGA was well recognized that day with special mention coming from the Commandant during his speech. Awards were given to the PCGA with Commo Elizabeth Salabas bagging the Officer of the Year award; the CGADNCRCL winning the District of the Year award; Squadron 602nd getting the Squadron of the Year award and the 602.2 Division getting the Division of the Year Award. The Auxiliarist of the Year award went to MarcelinoAlemania of the 101st Squadron, CGADNCRCL. It was a proud day for the PCGA indeed.

On another note, I would like to share my experience during my visit to CGADEV last October 18 and 19 wherein I personally witnessed the hardworking men and women of the district in action. I would like to commend Commo Jaime Elazegui for his exemplary leadership in spite of meager resources. I attended the meeting of the two squadrons based in Ormoc and I was so touched by the improvised paraphernalia some of the members were using as they've lost everything during the onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda last year. The display of sheer determination to serve by these fine officers will surely serve as an inspiration to every PCGA member. It reminds me of the quotation by Stephen Dooley, Jr. "A man who wants to do something will find a way; a man who doesn't will find an excuse. Through Radm Larry Dimagiba and RadmValentinPrieto, Jr., I've made an appeal to all PCGA officers who still have their old shoulder boards, pershing caps, belts, buckles, etc. to donate them to CGADEV as well as other districts that may have members similarly situated. You may forward your donations to NAMO.

Lastly, I would like to emphasize that each squadron should have at least one coastal community integrated into their membership, preferably as a division. It will be through these coastal communities that our projects will be launched. You will be judged and graded by how well you have performed in this regard. As mentioned in the past, if you need help, NAMO will be more than willing to assist you.

Kofi Annan once said: "If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of VOLUNTEERS more than ever."

Need I say more?



## PCG Founding Anniversary



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## Commandant's Mess Night



## Meeting with CG7 July 28, 2014



## 2nd DAD Workshop September 10-11, 2014





# NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT OFFICE

## Pictures of Events June-October 30, 2014

**Joint Change of Leadership  
& Management of CGADSWM  
July 12, 2014**



**Orientation of CGADNWLZN  
July 24-26, 2014**



**mandant's Golf Cup**



**Joint Change of Leadership  
& Management of CGADSTL  
August 10, 2014**



**Environmental Summit  
September 12-13, 2014**

**Promoted  
July 24-26, 2014**





# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NATIONAL & AUX DISTRICT LEADERS

*This column is getting to know and will feature the profile of our National and Auxiliary District / Squadron Leaders. We encourage our leaders to send in their resume/profile with pictures for the next issues of the Auxiliarist. In this issue featured are DNDA RADM Larry Dimagiba PCGA, NCOSCommo Roger S Apilado PCGA, and CGADNM DAD CommoNhars Tan PCGA.*



## **REAR ADMIRAL HILARION F DIMAGIBA JR PCGA**

our Deputy National Director for Administration (DNDA) has been with the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary for over a decade now having been inducted into the PCGA with the rank of Commander with 116<sup>th</sup> Squadron in the late 90s, and rose from the ranks to be a Captain, Commodore and this year as Rear Admiral by virtue of his current position as the DNDA.

He has occupied different positions on the Squadron Level such as Division Chief, Chief of Staff, Deputy Squadron Director both for Operations and Administration, and served an extended term as Squadron Director of the 126<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Squadron, on the PCGA National Level, then Commodore, he held the position of Support Group Director for MCOMRELCOM of the PCGA National Command, and on the Auxiliary District Level he was once the Deputy DAD for Operations and is the immediate past Director Auxiliary District of the CGAD NCR-CL. Under his leadership the PCGA CGADNCR-CL has garnered the most coveted "Best Auxiliary District of the Year" award.

RAdm Larry D. as fondly called by PCGA friends is a well-honed volunteer worker. He has earned all the PCGA officially awarded ribbons with multiple stars, including being adjudged as the first "Best Auxiliary Officer of the Year" Awardee, given in Y2012. He likewise earned several awards with the Philippine Red Cross including the much-coveted Silver Humanitarian Award and the Dona Aurora Quezon Award with over twenty years of dedicated service to Humanity. RAdm Larry D. is a member of the elite Red Cross Galloner's Club having donated over two (2) Gallons of his type O+ blood. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors and the Auditor of one of the biggest and foremost Red Cross Chapter, the Philippine Red Cross Rizal Chapter.

On his professional level, RAdm Larry D is a hands-on manager with extensive and real-time experience in the field of building, property and asset management. For over 27 years now, RAdm Larry D. actually handled assets, properties and accounts amounting to Billions of Pesos. RAdm Larry D. is currently the President and Chief Operating Officer of the H&D Group of Companies, Inc. engaging in the delivery of Property Management and allied services.

He is one of the very few acknowledged property management consultants in the country and shares his vast knowledge and experience as De La Salle's and the University of Makati's Professor/Resource Person for the entire modules on Integrated Property Management. Commodore Larry D. is backed up with good education and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering degree from the Don Bosco Technical Colleges, he has a Masters in Business Administration from

from p1... instrumental in the creation and implementation of the PCG NSTP CWTS Program and as President of the Philippine Association of Maritime Institutions (PAMI) persuaded member-schools to adopt the said program. As the outgoing Director Auxiliary District of CGADWV, she inspired her co-volunteers to continuously initiate trainings and activities to support the PCG PCGA mission. She also led the way in supporting their said programs by making her school the Visayan Maritime Academy and faculty as prime venue and movers in several PCG and PCGA programs in cooperation with her province's LGU, other GOs and NGOs and private companies. Her perseverance to further the PCGA's cause is evident in the fact that CGADWV garnered most of the awards in the PCGA category. She has the distinction of being the one of only two PCGA Officers to be awarded the Best Aux Officer of the Year Award.

AUX MARCELINO ALEMANIA PCGA was chosen as the Best Auxiliarist of the Year by virtue of numerous awards he received for the period

covered and selfless service to the PCGA.

602ND AUX SQUADRON was adjudged as the Best Auxiliary Squadron of the Year for their active involvement in the numerous search and rescue operations to wit. Flood incident in Southern Tagalog specifically in the City of Sipalay and Hionobaan, strong earthquake in Moribojoc, Bohol, Super typhoon Yolanda in Tacloban City and Cadiz Northern Negros among others. They conducted series of medical missions and have donated their relief goods and medicines to typhoon and earthquake victims. 602nd Aux Squadron also have conducted Community Emergency Response Training and produced three (3) batches of trainees.

612.3 AUX DIVISION is this year's Best Auxiliary Division of the Year Awardee. The Aux Division was recognized and awarded by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and Office for the humanitarian service extended during the relief operations for the people affected by the Typhoon Yolanda. The DEPED had likewise given the PCGA 612th an award for their

the Letran Business School and a Program for Development Management Diploma with distinction (Dean's Superior Performance Award) from the Asian Institute of Management. He also took up specialized courses and actually passed the oral and written examinations in Property and Asset Management given by the Building Owners and Managers International Institute from Washington, DC, among others. RAdm Larry D is happily married with three children, enjoys biking and golfing, and of course doing civic and volunteer work.

## **COMMODORE ROGER S APILADO PCGA** is PCGA National chief of Staff.

He was inducted in PCGA with the rank of Lt. Commander in the 106<sup>th</sup> Squadron in Y2000. As an active member, he participated and served in his squadron that won "Squadron of the Year" twice in the rehabilitation of the PCG Transient Quarters, was then promoted to Commander in the year 2002. He was appointed as Deputy for Administration in his Squadron from 2010 to 2012. On that same year, he was elected as the Director Auxiliary Squadron of the 106<sup>th</sup> Squadron and was promoted to Captain and during his term earned his Squadron another "Squadron of the Year" award. He was appointed as the Deputy Director Auxiliary District for Administration the year after. And after years of honest and sincere commitment of service, he was promoted to Commodore after occupying a TO position commensurate to his rank.



**COMMODORE NARCISSIUS S TAN PCGA** is the elected Director Auxiliary District of CGAD Northern Mindanao (CGADNM). He first joined the PCGA under the 1001<sup>st</sup> Squadron in Y2010 and became the first 1001<sup>st</sup> Squadron Director and given the rank of Captain. He later transferred to CGADNM and was appointed as Deputy District Director for Operations, which he served fully with many accomplishments until his election as DAD.

Commo Nhars is a retired Bank Executive from the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company as Manager with 22 years of outstanding service. He is an active member and a past president of the Rotary Club of South CDO, and also the President of the Cagayan De Oro Eagles Club and served as National Auditor of the Fraternal order of Eagles.

He is happily Married to FLORIZA Añasco TAN who is connected at PRC-10 (Professional Regulation Commission) as Senior Professional Officer and blessed with 4 children. Their eldest son is now a POLICE Officer with the rank of an Inspector who graduated at PNPA (Philippine National Police Academy) last 2011. Her daughter also graduated last March 2013 at Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan with a degree of BSBA now working at Asia United Bank and the younger two(2) kids are still in school. He is focused on his law degree as 3<sup>rd</sup> year LLB student, and as a Certified Security Professional. He loves to help and serve the community especially the needy.

volunteer works during the Pantat Festival, and the Municipality of Dumangas gave the unit a Certificate of Recognition for the assistance in the conduct of the Municipality's Rescue Olympics.

COMMODORE LINO PADERANGA PCGA and CAPT ARLENE PADERANGA PCGA were given a Plaque of Recognition for the Asian Institute of Maritime Studies' various contributions to the PCG and PCGA mission.

RADM JAMES DY PCGA of the Executive Squadron was also given a Plaque of Recognition for his invaluable contribution to PCG and PCGA mission.

The Awards and Recognition will serve as inspiration and worth emulation by all PCGA Officers, Auxiliarist and their Units in rendering Distinguish voluntary service in the pursuance of the mission and functions of the PCG and PCGA. The PCGA National Auxiliary Management Office Leadership and staff extended their Congratulations to the awardees.