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### 127th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), in coordination with the City Government of Manila, will commemorate the 127th Anniversary of the Start of the Philippine-American War, in honor of the Filipinos who courageously fought to defend the nation's independence from foreign rule. A simple commemorative program will be held at Sociego Street, corner Silencio Street, Sampaloc, Manila, on February 4, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

This historic site marks the location where the Philippine-American War began on February 4, 1899, when soldiers of the 1st Nebraska Infantry Regiment fired the first shots against Filipino forces.

Despite the capture and surrender of President Emilio Aguinaldo in 1901, Filipino resistance against American rule continued across the country. Although many revolutionaries lacked sufficient arms and resources, they persisted in defending the nation's sovereignty through various resistance movements. Notably, significant Muslim resistance in the southern Philippines endured until the conclusion of the Battle of Bud Bagsak in Sulu on June 15, 1913.

In honor of Filipino courage and sacrifice, Republic Act No. 11304, approved on April 17, 2019, officially declared February 4 as Philippine-American War Memorial Day, to be observed nationwide as a special working holiday.

As the national government agency mandated to promote Philippine history through its museums, research, and publications, and to preserve historical heritage through conservation and the marking of historic sites and structures, NHCP encourages schools to conduct didactic activities to further enrich learning opportunities and promote broader engagement among learners.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities and DO 9, s. 2005, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time- on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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