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REGION IV-A CALABARZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATANGAS

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TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief- Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief- School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM : *marites*
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Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **81st ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK**

DATE : April 17, 2023

1. Attached herewith is the DepEd Memorandum No. 021, s. 2023, re: **81st Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippines Veterans Week.**
2. For information, guidance and widest dissemination.





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DepEd MEMORANDUM

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81st ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) announces the celebration of the **81st Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week**, pursuant to Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987, titled Providing a List of Regular Holidays and Special Days to be Observed throughout the Philippines and For Other Purposes which declared the 9th day of April as *Araw ng Kagitingan* (Bataan and Corregidor Day), Presidential Proclamation (PP) No. 466, s. 1989, titled Declaring the Period April 5 to 11 of every year as Philippine Veterans Week, and PP 90, s. 2022, titled Amending Proclamation No. 42, s. 2022, Declaring the Regular Holidays and Special (Non-Working) Days for the Year 2023.
2. PP 90, s. 2022 specifies that the commemoration of **Araw ng Kagitingan** (April 9), a regular holiday, falls on a Sunday. To give our countrymen the benefit of a longer weekend, **Monday, April 10, 2023**, in lieu of Sunday, **April 9, 2023**, may be declared a non-working holiday, provided that its historical significance is maintained.
3. The celebration of **Philippine Veterans Week and the 81st Anniversary of Araw ng Kagitingan** will be on **April 5, 11, and 12, 2023**, and **April 10, 2023**, respectively.
4. 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 their veteran forefathers.
5. All government agencies including government-owned and controlled corporations, nongovernmental organizations, private associations, institutions, and individuals are enjoined to assist, cooperate, and participate in this historic commemoration.
6. In support of said commemorations, DepEd, through its External Partnerships Service (EPS), and Curriculum and Teaching (CT) Strand, in cooperation with the Department of National Defense (DND), Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP), and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), shall conduct a Poster Making, Oratorical, Essay Writing, and Song Writing Contests as part of said celebration. The contest mechanics are provided in Enclosure Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

7. To make this year's celebration more meaningful, officials of the regional offices, schools division offices, and schools are encouraged to attend the program in all sites and venues and discuss the significance of **Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week** during classroom discussions with the following suggested activities:

- a. integration of activities into related subject areas: *Sibika at Kultura; Heograpiya, Kasaykasayan at Sining (HEKAS); Araling Panlipunan; Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP); Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH); Filipino; and English;*
- b. sharing of insights or other creative activities;
- c. symposium or round table discussion to raise awareness on the event, and learn the values of nationalism, patriotism, and love of country which were exhibited by the veterans during the trying periods of this country;
- d. putting up of bulletin board within the campus and displaying informative materials concerning the commemorative events; and
- e. other related activities.

8. Expenses incurred relative to the conduct of said activities shall be charged to local funds, regional/division Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) and Parents Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) funds, local school board funds, and other sources. While the travel allowances and per diem of the DepEd Central Office (CO) and members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be charged to AC-23-EPS-SEU-BPLP-P014, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

9. For any concerns, please contact:

External Partnerships Service

Department of Education - Central Office

DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

Email Addresses: externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph

specialevents@deped.gov.ph

Telephone Numbers: (02) 8470-6630 and (02)8637-6462/63

Mobile Phone Number: 0905-345-7489

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:


GINA O. GONONG
Undersecretary



Encls.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 042, s. 2019

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

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81ST ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK CREATIVE PAINTING CONTEST MECHANICS

1. Background and Objectives

In celebration of the 81st *Araw ng Kagitingan* and Philippine Veterans Week, the Department of Education (DepEd), the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), and the Department of National Defense (DND), are sponsoring a Poster Making Contest.

The objectives of the contest are to increase awareness of historical places in the Philippines during World War II where veterans fought for the country and sacrificed lives and remember the reasons why we experience freedom up to this day.

2. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 7, 8, and 9 students enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. The school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all Special Events Unit-organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

3. Scope/Theme

The entries must depict the lives, works, and heroism of our Filipino heroes who fought for our country and adhere to this year's theme, "**KAGITINGAN NG MGA BETERANO, PUNDASYON NG NAGKAKAISANG PILIPINO.**"

4. Entry Specification

Only submitted entries that satisfy the requirements and specifications of the contest will be considered official.

- 4.1 The poster should be on a 15"x 20" illustration board.
- 4.2 Contestants may use any medium of their choice (e.g., oil paste, crayon, and watercolor).
- 4.3 The poster must be described in one or two sentences. The description must be typewritten and printed on a ½ A4 bond paper and posted at the back of the entry together with the following information:
 - 4.3.1 Name of Learner
 - 4.3.2 Contact Number
 - 4.3.3 School
 - 4.3.4 Division
 - 4.3.5 Region

- 4.4 The Philippine Flag must not be used as the poster’s background. If included, it should be placed prominently to emphasize its importance to the artwork (Sec. 39 – Prohibited Acts under Republic Act (RA) No. 8491, titled “An Act Prescribing the Code of the National Flag, Anthem, Motto, Coat-of-Arms and Other Heraldic Items and Devices of the Philippines”).

5. Criteria

5.1	Adherence to the Scope and Objectives -----	25%
5.2	Creativity and Originality -----	30%
5.3	Composition -----	25%
5.4	Visual Impact -----	20%
	Total -----	100%

6. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant with the highest score shall be declared the National Champion and the contestants with the second and third highest scores shall be declared as the first and second runners-up, respectively, and so on.

The names of the winners and the process of claiming their prizes will be announced in a separate memo.

7. Submission of Entries

- 7.1 The deadline for submitting entries is **May 04, 2023**, at **5:00 p.m.** Submissions beyond the deadline will be disqualified.
- 7.2 Only one (1) entry **PER REGION** is allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:
- 7.2.1 Endorsement from RO
 - 7.2.2 Certification from the school principal that the contestant is currently enrolled (School Year 2022-2023)
 - 7.2.3 Scanned image of the student registration form or ID, School Head’s ID, thru this link: <https://bit.ly/4041XOI>.
- DepEd EPS is collecting learners’ personal data (name, address, contact details) for contest purposes only.
 - The collected personal data shall be used solely by DepEd CO and should not be forwarded to external parties, unless in emergency cases. The records shall be maintained and disposed of following established procedures of the Department in records handling.

8. Uploading on the Official Facebook Page

Once the poster is endorsed by the Region, a clear picture of the entry shall be uploaded by the coach (only) together with the contestant’s name, school, division, and region on the official Facebook page: https://bit.ly/3mOi7gq_CREATIVEPAINTINGCONTEST.

9. Prizes

Winners of this year's competition will receive cash prizes, subject to management approval and the usual DepEd accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Rank	Prizes
1st Place	PhP10,000.00
2nd Place	PhP8,000.00
3rd Place	PhP6,000.00
4th to 17th Place	PhP3,000.00

10. Copyright

The organizers (DND, PVAO, VFP, and DepEd) have the right to publish and own the entries.

11. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.



81st ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK ORATORICAL CONTEST MECHANICS

Subject to changes as may be determined appropriate, the following general rules shall apply:

1. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 4, 5, and 6 students enrolled in any public and private elementary schools nationwide. The school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all Special Events Unit-organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

2. Theme and Content

The **oratorical piece must be in Filipino, original**, never been published, and expounding on the theme, "**KAGITINGAN NG MGA BETERANO, PUNDASYON NG NAGKAKAISANG PILIPINO.**"

The **piece** must be delivered for a **minimum of five (5) minutes** and a **maximum of seven (7) minutes.**

The oration **MUST NOT**, in whole or in part, whether expressed or implied, offend any race or religious freedom, nor should it be against the laws of environment, honor, dignity, or moral standards of Filipinos.

3. Criteria

a. Content: sincerity, originality, and relevance to the theme	50%
b. Delivery: posture, gesture, eye contact, facial expression, pronunciation, volume, and mastery	40%
c. Persuasion and stage presence	10%
Total	100%

4. Attire/Framing

The contestants **shall record their piece with half-body framing and wear the appropriate attire** when delivering their oratorical piece:

- Boys – Barong
- Girls – Simple *Filipiniana* Dress

5. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant with the highest score shall be declared the National Champion and the contestants with the second and third highest scores shall be declared as the first and second runners-up, respectively, and so on.

The names of the winners and the process of claiming their prizes will be announced in a separate memo.

6. Submission of Entries

- 6.1 The deadline for submitting entries is **May 4, 2023**, at **5:00 p.m.** Submissions beyond the deadline will be disqualified.
- 6.2 Only (1) entry **PER REGION** is allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:
- 6.2.1 Endorsement from RO
 - 6.2.2 Certification from the school principal that the contestant is currently enrolled School Year (2022-2023)
 - 6.2.3 Scanned image of the student registration form or ID, School Principal's ID, thru this link: <https://bit.ly/3ndoj1S>
 - DepEd EPS is collecting learners' personal data (name, address, contact details) for contest purposes only.
 - The collected personal data shall be used solely by the CO and should not be forwarded to external parties, unless in emergency cases. The records shall be maintained and disposed of following established procedures of the Department in records handling.

7. Uploading on the Official Facebook Page

All entries shall be uploaded by the coach (only) together with the contestant's name, school, division, and region on the official Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/3YJppiH>.

8. Prizes

Winners of this year's competition will receive cash prizes, subject to management approval and the usual VFP accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Rank	Prizes
1st Place	PhP10,000.00
2nd Place	PhP8,000.00
3rd Place	PhP6,000.00
4th to 17th Place	PhP3,000.00

9. Copyright

The concerned agencies have the right to publish the selected contest pieces and determine other matters not included under the rules herein stated.

10. The decision of the Board of Judges is final, non-appealable, and irrevocable.



81ST ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK ESSAY WRITING CONTEST MECHANICS

1. Background and Objectives

In celebration of the 81st *Araw ng Kagitingan* and Philippine Veterans Week, the Department of Education (DepEd), the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), the Department of National Defense (DND), and the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) are sponsoring an Essay Writing Contest.

The objectives of the contest are to increase awareness of the *Araw ng Kagitingan* as a shining moment of courage and commitment to freedom by our World War II (WWII) veterans.

2. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 7, 8, and 9 students enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. The school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all Special Events Unit-organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

3. Scope/Theme

The entries must depict the lives, works, and heroism of our Filipino heroes who fought for our country and adhere to this year's theme, "**KAGITINGAN NG MGA BETERANO, PUNDASYON NG NAGKAKAISANG PILIPINO.**" The entry must be a true-to-life story of the veteran/s (alive or deceased). The interviewee/s must be the veteran's relative up to the 4th degree of consanguinity.

4. Entry Specification

The essay must be crafted from the story of the veterans/s relative(s). It should

- 4.1 be written in Filipino;
- 4.2 be typewritten on an A-4 bond paper;
- 4.3 have single-line spacing;
- 4.4 have one (1) inch margin on both sides;
- 4.5 use Times New Roman, font size 12;
- 4.6 have a minimum of three (3) pages and a maximum of four (4) pages; and
- 4.7 cite the name(s), address, telephone number/s (if any) of the veteran/s interviewed at the end of the essay.

5. Criteria

5.1	Substance and Originality -----	50%
5.2	Style and language -----	30%
5.3	Organization -----	20%
	Total -----	100%

6. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant with the highest score shall be declared the National Champion and the contestants with the second and third highest scores shall be declared as the first and second runners-up, respectively, and so on.

The names of the winners and the process of claiming their prizes will be announced in a separate memo.

7. Submission of Entries

7.1 The deadline for submitting entries is **May 5, 2023**, at **5:00 p.m.** Submissions beyond the deadline will be disqualified.

7.2 Only one (1) entry **PER REGION** is allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:

7.2.1 Endorsement from RO

7.2.2 Certification from the school principal that the contestant is currently enrolled (School Year 2022-2023)

7.2.3 Scanned image of the student registration form or ID, School Principal's ID.

7.3 The essay contest piece together with all the requirements shall be submitted to this link: <https://bit.ly/3ZZOAR4>.

- DepEd EPS is collecting learners' personal data (name, address, contact details) for contest purposes only.

- The collected personal data shall be used solely by the CO and should not be forwarded to external parties, unless in emergency cases. The records shall be maintained and disposed of following established procedures of the Department in records handling.

8. Prizes

Winners of this year's competition will receive cash prizes subject to management approval and the usual VFP accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Rank	Prizes
1st Place	PhP10,000.00
2nd Place	PhP8,000.00
3rd Place	PhP6,000.00
4th to 17th Place	PhP3,000.00

9. Copyright

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10. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.



**81ST ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK
SONGWRITING CONTEST MECHANICS**

Subject to changes as may be determined appropriate, the following general rules shall apply:

1. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 10, 11, and 12 students enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. The school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all Special Events Unit-organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

2. Theme and Content

- 2.1 The song composition must fully describe *KAGITINGAN* through this year's theme, "**KAGITINGAN NG MGA BETERANO, PUNDASYON NG NAGKAKAISANG PILIPINO.**"
- 2.2 The **song entry** must have a **minimum** duration of **three (3) minutes** and a **maximum** of **four (4) minutes**.
- 2.3 The lyrics and melody of the song should be original.
- 2.4 The song must not contain any vulgar, inappropriate, or offensive language.

3. Criteria

3.1	Music:	Creativity, Originality, Arrangement	50%
3.2	Lyrics:	Content, Cohesiveness, Prose (structure)	30%
3.3	Overall Appeal:	Concept, Impact, Recall	15%
3.4	Interpretation:	Artist/ Musicality	5%
	TOTAL	-----	100%

4. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant with the highest score shall be declared the National Champion and the contestants with the second and third highest scores shall be declared as the first and second runners-up, respectively, and so on.

The names of the winners and the process of claiming their prizes will be announced in a separate memo.

5. Submission of Entries

- 5.1 The deadline for submitting entries is **May 5, 2023**, at **5:00 p.m.** Submission beyond the deadline will be disqualified.

- 5.2 Only one (1) entry **PER REGION** is allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:
- 5.2.1 Endorsement from RO
 - 5.2.2 Certification from the school principal that the contestant is currently enrolled (School Year 2022-2023)
 - 5.2.3 Scanned image of the student registration form or ID, School Principal's ID.
- 5.3 The entry shall be submitted together with all the requirements to this Link: <https://bit.ly/3YOij7V>
- 5.4 The entry must be submitted in mp4 format and properly labelled/ titled together with the music sheet, lyrics, entry form, and biodata of the composer.
- 5.5 An email shall be sent to the entrants informing them that their entries have been received and if they are officially accepted for the competition. The organizers shall not be responsible for late, lost, damaged, or misdirected entries.
- 5.6 Once submitted, all entries become the intellectual property of the PVAO, weather or not the song becomes the winning piece.

6. Prizes

Winners of this year's competition will receive cash prizes subject to management approval and the usual VFP accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Rank	Prizes
1st Place	PhP10,000.00
2nd Place	PhP8,000.00
3rd Place	PhP6,000.00
4th to 17th Place	PhP3,000.00

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