



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
 NO. 2016-43

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** 2016 OBSERVANCE OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK CELEBRATION

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 2013 s. 1987 and Presidential Proclamation No. 466 s. 1989, the whole nation observes April 9 of every year as Araw ng Kagitingan, and the period April 5 to 11 as Philippine Veterans Week.

On April 9, 2016, His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III will lead the 74<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Araw of Kagitingan in Mount Samat National Shrine, Pilar, Bataan, with the theme, "Isabuhay ang Kagitingan, Kapayapaan ay Pagkaisahan, Kamtin ang Mithing Kaunlaran". The 2016 observance of the abovesaid events will comprise of meaningful activities intended to promote, preserve and memorialize the principles, ideals and heroic deeds of our Filipino war veterans.

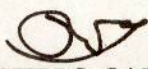
In line with this, all Local Chief Executives are hereby encouraged to conduct simple but meaningful activities such as, but not limited to, the display of streamers in front of the provincial, city or municipal halls, posting of related commemorative information materials in LGU websites, wreath-laying and commemorating rites, and other such activities in their respective localities.

For related inquiries, all concerned may directly coordinate with the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office at Telephone No. (02) 911-42-96.

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are hereby directed to:

1. Cause the widest dissemination of this Circular to all local governments within their respective jurisdictions; and
2. Conduct similar activities in their respective regional offices.

For information and guidance.

  
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 Secretary

