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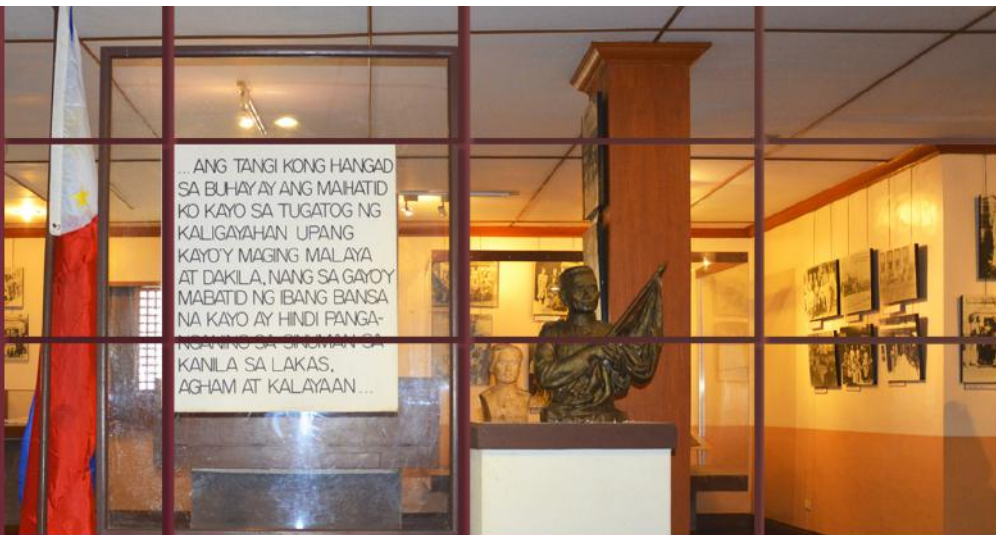
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Built at the heart of Batac City, the Home of Great Leaders, General Artemio Ricarte Shrine was inaugurated by former President Fidel V. Ramos in recognition of General Artemio Ricarte's legacy. Also known as Vibora (Viper), Ricarte was a key stalwart during the Philippine Revolution and the Philippine-American War. He was a general of the Philippine Revolutionary Army and was called the Father of the Philippine Army, being appointed as the first Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on 22 March 1897. He never took an oath of allegiance to the United States government.

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... ANG TANGI KONG HANGAD  
SA BUHAY AY ANG MAHATID  
KO KAYO SA TUGATOG NG  
KALIGAYAHAN UPANG  
KAYO'Y MAGING MALAYA  
AT DAKILA, NANG SA GAYOY  
MABATID NG IBANG BANSA  
NA KAYO AY HINDI PANGA-  
NGAYAN SA SHAWAN SA  
KANILA SA LAKAS,  
AGHAM AT KALAYAAN...



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The General Artemio Ricarte Shrine showcases Vibora's military uniform, a photo gallery, a collection of American and Japanese guns used in World War II, and other artifacts and memorabilia. Erected in front of the shrine is Vibora's monument, which was built as part of the celebration of the centenary of his appointment as the first AFP Chief of Staff. Within the park, there is also a display of howitzer and two bas-reliefs depicting Ilocano history, culture, and heritage.

A total of 6,997 square meters of land of the public domain in Barangay Malasin, Batac, Ilocos Norte was allotted as the site of the shrine by virtue of Proclamation No. 228, s.1993.

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