

Hospitalization and Medical Services

VETERANS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (VMMC) - the dedicated medical facility that provides the following inpatient & outpatient medical services for veterans and their qualified dependents:



- Offers a full range of preventive outpatient and inpatient services within the PVAO healthcare system, free outpatient consultation treatment including medicines, laboratory and other diagnostic tests and free hospitalization (accommodation, diagnostic examinations/ancillary services, and medicines including professional fees);

- Boasts of up-to-date diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitation equipment such as dialysis machines, gamma camera, cobalt, X-Ray, CT scan, ultrasound, C-arm, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), among others—all are acquired under the Equipment Grant Program from the USVDA;

- Operates an Eye Center equipped with an Argon Laser and Leica Microscope. This allows the hospital to meet the ophthalmological needs of the veterans and their dependents, particularly, the need for a clear / better vision;



- Also offers a Wellness Program for a comprehensive health check-up that is customized to help its patients achieve a healthier life. It features a complete physical exam by competent board-certified specialists, diagnostic examinations, health risk assessment and disease specific sub-specialty referrals.

VETERANS HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL PROGRAM (VHMCP) - A nationwide partnership with government hospitals in regions and provinces to serve as regional / provincial extensions of the VMMC in providing subsidized medical care and hospitalization services to veterans and their qualified dependents.

- Since 2013, the subsidy for inpatient hospitalization in all government facilities has been increased from P800 to P1,500.00 per day for a maximum of 45 days per patient per year;

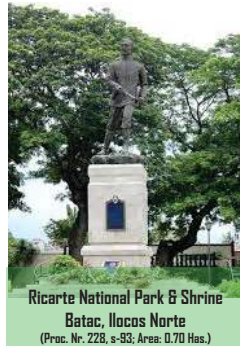
- VHMCP coverage has been expanded to provide partial subsidy for medical services such as kidney transplant, hemodialysis, CT scan, colonoscopy, lithotripsy rehabilitation services, cataract operation; chemotherapy; and cardiac interventions like coronary angiogram, angioplasty, heart bypass, pacemaker placement. VHMCP also subsidizes orthopedic implants and certain medicines for in patients and outpatient maintenance medicines for Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus, Hypercholesterolemia, Prostate, anti-psychotic, oral antibiotics, anti-rejection drugs, prosthesis, hearing aid, orthopedic braces, dentures, and hernia mesh.



PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR MILITARY SHRINES

• National military shrines are edifices that serve as perpetual reminders to the Filipino people that the peace and freedom they enjoy today are not free. Rather, these gifts have been paid for us by the lives and sacrifices of our veterans – therefore, these must be preserved at all times.

• Among the national military shrines maintained by PVAO are as follows:



Ricarte National Park & Shrine
Batac, Ilocos Norte
(Proc. Nr. 228, s-93; Area: 0.70 Has.)



Bantayog sa Kiangnan
Linda, Kiangnan, Ifugao
(Proc. Nr. 14 ABD, s-75; Area: 3.8 Has.)



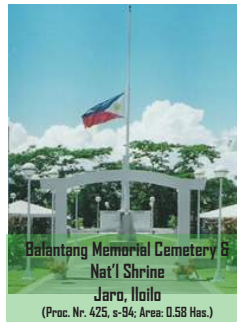
USAFIP-NL Military Shrine & Park
Daragayos, Luna, La Union
(Proc. Nr. 580, s-85; Area: 0.70 Has.)



Capas National Shrine
Capas, Tarlac
(Proc. Nr. 842, s-91; Area: 50 Has.)



Mt. Samat Shrine
Mt. Samat, Pilar, Davao
(Proc. Nr. 432, s-68; Area: 73.66 Has.)



Balantang Memorial Cemetery & Nat'l Shrine
Jara, Iloilo
(Proc. Nr. 425, s-94; Area: 0.58 Has.)



Lubingan ng mga Bayani
Taguig City
(Proc. Nr. 208, s-67; Area: 120 Has.)



PEFTOK - Korean War Memorial Hall
Bayani Road, Taguig City



Corregidor Island
Filipino Heroes Memorial,
Corregidor Island, Cavite



Balete Pass Shrine
Santa Fe, Nueva Vizcaya
(Republic Act No. 10796, s-2016)



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PHILIPPINE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

History



Long before the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) was formally constituted as the main agency in charge of veterans' affairs in the country, it has already been doing its mission way back in the early 1900s.

The passage of the Philippine Legislature Act No. 2756 on 23 February 1918 granted monthly pensions to soldiers permanently disabled in the Philippine Revolution. This was reinforced by Commonwealth Act No. 288 dated 01 January 1939 that created the Board of Pensions for Veterans which administered pensions for veterans of the past revolution or wars including the revolutionary soldiers of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo. On 22 August 1940, Commonwealth Act No. 605 recreated a new Board of Pensions for Veterans which incorporated the powers and functions of the old board into its new mandate.

The State's role in managing veterans affairs expanded further after the enactment of a landmark legislation on 18 October 1946 which provided for the Filipino Veterans Bill of Rights. Otherwise known as Republic Act No. 65, it established the Philippine Veterans Board under the Department of National Defense which not only granted disability and death pensions but offered educational benefits and preference of veterans or their kin in civil service examinations as well. Furthermore, Republic Act No. 1889 was passed on 22 June 1957 forming the Veterans Claims Commission to adjudicate all unsettled claims of Filipino Veterans.

On 18 June 1960, Republic Act No. 2664 created the Philippine Veterans Administration that merged the functions of the Philippine Veterans Board, Veterans Claims Commission and the Veterans Back pay Commission. This agency was the predecessor of what is now known as Philippine Veterans Affairs Office pursuant to Presidential Decree No.1, Letter of Implementation No. 19, dated 24 September 1972. These significant pieces of legislation were further given emphasis in the Philippine Constitution of 1987. Article 16, Section 7 thereof reads: "The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefor and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and, in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources."

Mission:

To ensure the welfare and wellbeing of the veterans and perpetuate the memory of their heroic deeds.

Vision:

A strong and unified Filipino Veterans Community serving as a reliable partner in Nation-building.

Functions

ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR VETERANS BENEFITS

Pension Benefits:

- Old Age Pension
- Disability Pension
- Death Pension
- Total Administrative Disability Pension

Non-Pension Benefits:

- Educational Benefit
- Burial Assistance
- Veterans Preference Rating (for Civil Service Eligibility)



Who is considered a VETERAN?

A VETERAN is any person who rendered honorable military service in the land, sea or air force of the Philippines; was a member of the Philippine Expeditionary Forces to Korea (PEFTOK) and the Philippine Civic Action Group (PHILCAG); or who rendered military service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and has been honorably discharged or separated after at least six (6) years total cumulative active service (**Note: 20 years pursuant to Republic Act 9396 for those who rendered military service starting 18 March 2007**) or sooner separated due to death or disability arising from a wound or injury received or sickness or disease incurred in line of duty.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Old Age Pension - monthly stipend of P5,000 granted to a veteran who is at least 65 years old or to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran regardless of age until he/she remarries or dies. Pursuant to RA 1164, senior veterans shall be entitled to a monthly pension of P20,000.

Disability Pension - monthly disability assistance granted to a World War II veteran or post-war veteran (AFP soldier) who incurred service-connected disability, sickness or injury and has a disability discharge rating. Veterans with disability rating from 10% up to 30% receive P1,000 per month while those whose disability is 100% receive P1,700.

Death (Indemnity)/Survivorship Pension - monthly assistance granted to the surviving spouse and each unmarried minor children of a veteran who was killed-in-action or died in line of duty or of a veteran receiving a disability pension who died due to a service-connected disability or sickness. If the deceased veteran is single, this pension is granted to his/her parents. Said beneficiaries will each receive P1,000.00/month.

Burial Assistance - payment of P20,000 to whoever defrayed the funeral expense of a deceased veteran which should be claimed within two years from the veteran's death. A memorial flag is also given to the family of the late veteran.

Educational Benefit - subsidy of not more than P36,000 per year to a four / five year baccalaureate course. This is granted to World War II, PEFTOK, PHILCAG veterans or for the surviving spouse or one direct descendant of a veteran in whose favor he waives such right.

Total Administrative Disability (TAD) Pension - Pursuant to RA 7696, a veteran with or without a service-connected disability upon reaching the age of seventy (70) is deemed totally disabled and shall be entitled to a monthly pension of P1,700.00 per month.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS



• PVAO promotes veteranism by supervising veterans' organizations and strengthening the internal affairs;

• PVAO builds inter-organizational alliance to foster cooperation with each other and establish a unified Filipino Veterans Community;

• The Secretary of National Defense exercises supervision and control of veterans-related GOCCs through PVAO;

• PVAO endeavors to unify all veterans under an empowered and credible umbrella organization—the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP).

• PVAO currently supervises 17 chartered and 23 affiliated veterans' organizations in the country. Through the effective management of their affairs and widened participation in community building and development programs, PVAO seeks to empower them to undertake active roles in nation-building;

• PVAO intends to bring new blood into the VFP by facilitating the affiliation of fraternal and regional veterans organizations;

• In coordination with the VFP, PVAO supports veterans-related activities through joint medical missions, assemblies, information campaigns, and the likes.

