

**MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 50****CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON  
THE 1999 OBSERVANCE OF ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND THE  
PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 203, s. of 1987, declared April 9 of every year as a regular holiday for the celebration of *Araw ng Kagitingan*;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 466, s. of 1989, designated the period April 5 to 11 of every year as Philippine Veterans Week in order to promote, preserve and memorialize the principles, ideas and deeds of our war veterans and as a means to enhance patriotism and love of country, especially among the youth of the land;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a body that shall spearhead the commemoration of the said events with fitting activities to ensure their success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted a National Executive Committee on the observance of *Araw ng Kagitingan* and Philippine Veterans Week, which shall be headed by the Undersecretary for Veterans and Reserves Affairs, Department of National Defense, as Chairman, with the following, as members:

Undersecretary of Tourism;  
Undersecretary of Education, Culture and Sports;  
Undersecretary of Public Works and Highways;  
Undersecretary of Interior and Local Government;  
Undersecretary of Budget and Management;  
Undersecretary of Transportation and Communications;  
Head, Philippine Information Agency;  
Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines;  
Director General, Philippine National Police;  
Governor, Province of Bataan;



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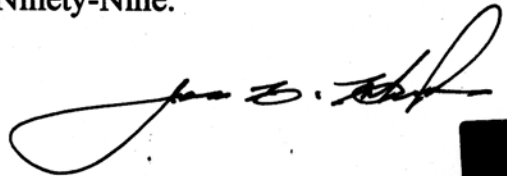
Governor, Province of Tarlac;  
Governor, Province of Cavite;  
Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office;  
Executive Director, National Historical Institute;  
President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP);  
National Commander, Defenders of Bataan and Corregidors (DBC);  
President, VFP Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Inc. (VFP-SDAI);  
National President, Boy Scouts of the Philippines;  
National President Girl Scout of the Philippines; and  
Chief, Military Shrines Services.

SECTION 2. The Committee is hereby empowered to call any agency or instrumentality of the government including government-owned and controlled corporations and to invite and private individual, or non-governmental organizations, for such financial and other kinds of assistance as it may need in the discharge of its functions but only for the duration of the celebration.

SECTION 3. The release of TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) chargeable against the 1999 President's Contingent Fund is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this Memorandum Order. Any deficiency shall be charged against the regular budget of the participating agencies.

SECTION 4. This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine.



By the President :

  
**RONALDO B. ZAMORA**  
Executive Secretary



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