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## President Arroyo appoints 6 senior officers to key positions in AFP; OKs promotion to next higher rank of 120 others

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has approved the designations of six (6) senior military officers to key positions in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro announced today.

The defense chief said the President signed the appointments upon the recommendation of the Department of National Defense and the AFP.

**MGen Ben Dolorfino** will be the new Commander of the Western Mindanao Command effective July 16, 2009.

Designated as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, J1, AFP was **Commodore Mario Catacutan**. His appointment will take effect on July 4, 2009.

**BGen Josue Gaverza, Jr.** is the new Commander of the Army Support Command while **Col Maximo Caro** the Commander of the Army's 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade, Infantry Division. Their designations took effect on June 21, 2009.

President Arroyo also signed the designation of **Col Alexander Dicang** as Assistant Division Commander of the Philippine Army's (PA) 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and the assignment of **Col Rolando Tenefrancia** as the new Commander of the PA's 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. Their assignments took effect on June 1, 2009.

Meanwhile, Secretary Teodoro said President Arroyo, in a resolution dated June 4, 2009, signed the ad interim appointment of a brigadier general, a rear admiral and 3 colonels to the next higher rank upon the recommendations of the DND and the AFP Board of Generals.

Appointed as major general was **BGen Antonio Bautista** and **RAdm Emilio Marayag, Jr.** as Vice Admiral. Their appointments took effect on June 6, 2009.

The promotion to the rank of brigadier general of Army **Col Gominto B Pirino** took effect on June 6, 2009, while the appointments of Marine **Colonels Celestino Pereyra** and **Eugenio Clemen** will take effect on July 25, 2009.

Meanwhile, in a separate resolution dated June 4, 2009, President Arroyo also promoted to the rank of colonel fifty-five (55) regular officers and thirty-two (32) reserve officers of the Philippine Army. Fifteen (15) reserve officers of the Philippine Navy were

promoted to the rank of colonel/captain, while thirteen (13) reserve officers of the Philippine Air Force were promoted to colonel.

Secretary Teodoro said the promotions were provided for under Republic Act No. 291, as amended, and Executive Order 138, to ensure the sufficient distribution of military officers in the AFP's table of organization.

The following Philippine Army regular officers were promoted to colonel:

1. LtCol Andrew Rasay
2. LtCol Noel Buan
3. LtCol Carlo nava
4. LtCol Johnny Macanas
5. LtCol Mario Lacurom
6. LtCol Henry Valeroso
7. LtCol Robert Arevalo
8. LtCol Arnel dela Vega
9. LtCol Ronilo Gamueta
10. LtCol Claro de Guzman
11. LtCol Agane Adriatico
12. LtCol Emmanuel Martin
13. LtCol Geraro Velez
14. LtCol Rhoderick Parayno
15. LtCol Wilson Leyva
16. LtCol Emilio Hulipas
17. LtCol Salih Indanan
18. LtCol Wilfredo Santos
19. LtCol John Oswald Bucu
20. LtCol Carlomagno Tabo
21. LtCol Roger Madaloglog
22. LtCol Emmanuel Isaac
23. LtCol George Patrick Avila
24. LtCol Arturo Pascua
25. LtCol Ramon Estella
26. LtCol Johnny Bergado
27. LtCol Benjamin Madrigal
28. LtCol Cesar Idio
29. LtCol Ramon Florece
30. LtCol James Joven
31. LtCol Ma. Paolo Leo Miciano
32. LtCol Eduardo Davalan
33. LtCol Antonio Tayag
34. LtCol Edgardo Clerigo
35. LtCol Danilo Pamonag
36. LtCol John Dominic Pulido
37. LtCol Victor Bayani
38. LtCol Raul Farnacio
39. LtCol Ricardo Nepumoceno
40. LtCol Roy Devesa
41. LtCol Micheller Logronio
42. LtCol Reynaldo Celso Lanuzo
43. LtCol Arnulfo Matanguihan

44. LtCol Edison Caga
45. LtCol Jonas Becios
46. LtCol Carlito Galvez
47. LtCol Melquiades Feliciano
48. LtCol Joselito Reyes
49. LtCol Francisco Pabayo
50. LtCol Noel Clement
51. LtCol Danilo Chad Isleta
52. LtCol Celestino Gonzales
53. LtCol Jonas Suizo
54. LtCol Alan Rojo
55. LtCol Filemon Mamaril

The following Philippine Army reserve officers were promoted to colonel:

1. Col (T) Jefferson Omandum
2. Col (T) Eduardo Tamondong
3. LtCol Edwin Cañete
4. LtCol Charlie Sanchez
5. LtCol Rainier Omay
6. LtCol Aniceto Galupar
7. LtCol Leonardo Batiancila
8. LtCol Serafin Rafael Jr
9. LtCol Rodolfo Arizabal
10. LtCol Daniel Dela Cruz
11. LtCol Antonio Dacanay
12. LtCol Bennett Aguilar
13. LtCol Dece Yabo
14. LtCol Nazario Lira
15. LtCol Jonathan Ponce
16. LtCol Dionisio Miguel
17. LtCol Ricardo Papina
18. LtCol Roberto Mamauag Jr
19. LtCol Marcelino Tacadena Jr
20. LtCol Errol Escalera
21. LtCol Nestor Pedro
22. LtCol Eduardo Agustin
23. LtCol Wilson Mitra
24. LtCol Julieto Ando
25. LtCol Castro Rosero
26. LtCol Kingsly Dupitas
27. LtCol Bienvenido Reyes
28. LtCol Jupiter Ando
29. LtCol Edilberto Suratos
30. LtCol Gerardo Mendiola
31. LtCol Godofredo Labitan Jr
32. LtCol Mario Abuyabor

Navy reserve officers promoted to the rank of colonel/captain were:

1. LtCol Antonieto Ga

2. Cdr Nonito Taraya
3. Cdr Reynaldo Tacuyan
4. LtCol Esperidion Javier
5. LtCol Jubail Kamlian
6. LtCol Bajunaid Abid
7. Cdr Generoso Mariano
8. LtCol Melquiades Ordiales
9. LtCol Elmer Estopin
10. LtCol Victoriano Pimentel
11. LtCol Arturo Larin
12. LtCol Ruben Llemit
13. LtCol Iluminado Lumacad
14. Cdr Augusto Iglesia
15. LtCol Herbert Escalera

Air Force reserve officers promoted to the rank of colonel were:

1. LtCol Alberto Dulay
2. LtCol Carlos Cepe
3. LtCol Eufemio Sillo
4. LtCol Archival Valerio
5. LtCol Inocencio Silbol
6. LtCol Jose Edwin Sabijon
7. LtCol Jesus Rey Avilla
8. LtCol Rex Agnes
9. LtCol Avelino Mendoza
10. LtCol Henry Gonzales
11. LtCol Reynaldo Castillo
12. LtCol Mateo Pacia
13. LtCol Romeo Borres

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