

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1043, October 25, 1976**]

AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3835 ESTABLISHING THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORPS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ITS OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND OTHER PURPOSES

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1. There is established in the Armed Forces of the Philippines a Women's Auxiliary Corps which shall perform non-combat/administrative duties and such other functions and service as may be prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense. It shall be composed of officers and enlisted women, the full complement of which shall be as determined annually by the Chief of Staff, AFP, subject to the approval of the Secretary of National Defense; Provided, that the ratio of officers to enlisted women shall be one officer for every twenty enlisted women; and Provided, further, that the number of officers in each grade shall be considered within the total authorized strength of the AFP for each grade in accordance with Republic Act No. 291, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 360."

SECTION 2. Section 2 of the Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. Officers of the Women's Auxiliary Corps shall be commissioned in the Regular and Reserved Forces of the AFP by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Secretary of National Defense. All persons appointed officers in the Regular Force pursuant to this Section shall be unmarried female native-born citizens of the Philippines between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-six years who are holders of Bachelor's degrees from any school, college or university recognized by the government and who possess such additional qualifications as may be prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense; Provided, however, that all initial commission in the Regular Force shall be in the rank of Second Lieutenant; Provided, further, that, the President, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, is hereby authorized to commission officers in the Regular Component of the Corps in ranks above Second Lieutenant but not higher than Captain from among the officers in the active service within one year from the effectivity of this Decree."

SECTION 3. Section 3 of the Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. Any unmarried and without dependent female citizen of the Philippines, between the ages of eighteen and twenty-six years, able-bodied, physically and mentally fit, of good moral character and habits and who has completed the second year of any course from a college or university recognized by the government may be enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Corps for a term of three years; Provided, that, insofar as practicable, enlistments shall be apportioned among the various provinces of the Philippines; Provided further, that high school graduates