

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 108, January 21, 1994**]

CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEYTE GULF LANDINGS ON 20 OCTOBER 1994

WHEREAS, October 20, 1994 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Leyte Gulf Landings which signalled the beginning of the liberation of the Philippines from the Japanese Occupation during World War II;

WHEREAS, this event should be appropriately observed to promote, preserve and memorialize the principles, ideals and deeds of Filipino military veterans as a means of enhancing patriotism and love of country, especially among the youth of the land;

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this event should be focused on the values of freedom and lasting peace for which Filipino war veterans fought valiantly, many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice;

WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate all activities that are envisioned to foster nationalism among Filipinos, particularly with that of the National Centennial Commission, which was created pursuant to E.O. 128, dated 04 October 1993, to act as the principal coordinator for all activities related to the Centennial celebrations of the Philippine Independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. - **Creation of a National Executive Committee.** There is hereby constituted a National Executive Committee on the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Leyte Gulf Landings, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be composed of the following:

- (a) The Executive Secretary;
- (b) The Secretary of National Defense;
- (c) The Secretary of Tourism;
- (d) The Secretary of Foreign Affairs;
- (e) The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports;
- (f) The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government;
- (g) Secretary of Transportation and Communications;
- (h) The Secretary of Public Works and Highways;
- (i) The Secretary of Budget and Management;
- (j) The Press Secretary;
- (k) Presidential Assistant for Visayas;
- (l) The Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- (m) Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office;
- (n) Chairman, National Historical Institute;
- (o) Governor, Province of Leyte;