

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 389, December 23, 1950]

REORGANIZING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Republic Act Numbered Four hundred twenty-two, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be organized as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be a Chief of Staff who shall execute the President's command functions in relation to military strategy, tactics and operations. He is the immediate adviser of the Secretary of National Defense and is responsible for the planning, development and execution of the national defense program as prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense. He has command of all elements of the Armed Forces. He is authorized to prescribe, subject to the approval of the Secretary of National Defense, the organization, functions, duties and powers of the various Staffs, Services, installations and other units of the Armed Forces. He may issue from time to time such detailed instructions regarding personnel, funds, records, property, routing of correspondence and such other matters as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Order. Orders, regulations, directives and instructions are published in the name of the Chief of Staff, by order of the Secretary of National Defense.

The Commanding General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, shall hereafter be known and designated as Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

VICE CHIEF OF STAFF

SEC. 2. There shall be a Vice Chief of Staff with the rank of Brigadier General who shall be designated by the President. The Vice Chief of Staff shall assist the Chief of Staff and perform his functions during his absence or inability.

The Deputy Commanding General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, shall hereafter be known and designated as the Vice Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

SEC. 3. There shall be a Deputy Chief of Staff with the rank of Colonel who shall be designated by the Chief of Staff. The Deputy Chief of Staff shall exercise general supervision over the General, Special, Administrative and Technical Staffs and Services.

Within the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, there shall be created the Office of the Secretary to the General Staff. The Secretary General Staff shall be the Executive Officer of the Chief of Staff, Vice Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff, and shall

perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Deputy Chief of Staff.

GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL

SEC. 4. A General Military Council is hereby created to be composed of the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Vice Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief of Staff and all the Commanders of the Major Services and Area Commands to advise the Secretary of National Defense on broad military policy.

ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF

SEC. 5. There shall be an integrated Armed Forces General Staff which shall be composed of the Chief of Staff, the Vice Chief of Staff, who takes the place of the Chief of Staff in his absence or inability, the Deputy Chief of Staff, and such other officers of grades not below that of first lieutenant as may be detailed thereto from time to time by the Chief of Staff. The officers of the Armed Forces General Staff shall be composed of such number of officers from all the Major Services as may be necessary. Assignment to, or relief from, the Armed Forces General Staff shall be accomplished under such rules and regulations as the Chief of Staff may prescribe with the approval of the Secretary of National Defense.

DIVISION OF THE GENERAL STAFF

SEC. 6. (a) The Armed Forces General Staff shall be organized into four Divisions, each under the direction of an Assistant Chief of Staff, as follows:

- (1) G-1, Personnel and Administrative Division;
- (2) G-2, Intelligence Division;
- (3) G-3, Organization, Operation, Plan and Training Division; and
- (4) G-4, Logistics Division.

(b) The Assistant Chiefs of Staffs, will—

(1) Prepare current and long range policies and plans for the national security for the use of the various armed services, both separately or as an integrated team, for recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training, serving, such armed services as will assist the execution of any power vested in, duty imposed upon, or function assigned to, by the Secretary of National Defense.

(2) Investigate and report all questions affecting the efficiency of the Armed Services and their state of preparation for military operations;

(3) Prepare general instructions for the execution of approved plans and policies and to supervise the execution of such policies, plans and instructions;

(4) Insure against unnecessary duplication and over-lapping of activities in the Armed Services; and

(5) Perform such other duties not otherwise assigned by law as may be prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense.

(c) Only officers in the General Staff Corps Eligibility List may be assigned to the

Armed Forces General Staff, but if not enough officers are available to fill the necessary General Staff positions, officers from other branches may be assigned. However, such assignment alone does not confer eligibility to the General Staff Corps Eligibility List.

ARMED FORCES SPECIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFFS

SEC. 7. (a) The following constitute the Armed Forces Administrative Staff under the Chief of Staff:

- (1) The Inspector General's Service;
- (2) The Adjutant General's Service;
- (3) The Judge Advocate General's Service;
- (4) The Chaplain's Service;
- (5) The Finance Service.

(b) The following constitute the Armed Forces Technical Staff under the Chief of Staff:

- (1) The Corps of Engineers;
- (2) The Ordnance and Chemical Service;
- (3) The Quartermaster and Transport Service;
- (4) The Signal Corps; and
- (5) The Medical Service.

SEC. 8. The members of the Armed Forces Special, Administrative and Technical Staffs shall have their respective offices and such assistants as the Secretary of National Defense may prescribe. They shall be responsible for the efficient performance of the duties pertaining to their respective branches and for the proper execution of all orders and instructions prescribed by the Secretary of National Defense or the Chief of Staff.

MAJOR SERVICES AND AREA COMMANDS

SEC. 9. (a) The Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be divided into four major services and such other permanent installations, separate commands, or task forces as may be created by authority of the President.

(b) The Four Major Services are the following:

- (1) Philippine Army;
- (2) Philippine Constabulary;
- (3) Philippine Air Force; and
- (4) Philippine Navy.

(c) There shall be four Military Areas designated as the First, Second, Third and Fourth Military Areas. The President may abolish a Military Area or create new ones whenever he deems it necessary.

PHILIPPINE ARMY

SEC. 10. (a) The Philippine Army includes land combat and service forces and such other units as may be organic therein. It is organized, trained and equipped