

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 52, March 10, 2021]

CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE COLONEL ERNESTO RAVINA AIR BASE

To consolidate, study and comprehensively address all issues and concerns pertaining to the utilization and administration of, as well as the policies and mutual covenants among the stakeholders relative to, the Colonel Ernesto Ravina Air Base (CERAB), and to ensure interagency coordination, a Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created, composed of representatives from the following agencies:

Chair: Department of National Defense

Members: Department of the Interior and Local Government;
Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
National Housing Authority;
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;
Philippine Air Force (PAF);
Municipal Government of Capas, Tarlac; and
The three (3) affected *Barangays* - Bueno, Marugulu and Santa Juliana

The TWG shall have the following powers and functions, consistent with the respective mandates of its member-agencies:

- a. Discuss the issues and identify the applicable regulations relative to the repair, rehabilitation and construction of houses, public school, evacuation center, tourism building, materials recovery facility, and other public works;
- b. Review existing and future agreements governing the rights and obligations of the various stakeholders, as well as those involving any ongoing or proposed construction or development within the CERAB, to ascertain their impact and resolve any conflict that may arise between the civilian community and military reservation;
- c. Protect the welfare of the civilian community within the CERAB, including the indigenous peoples residing in the area, and ensure peaceful co-existence and harmonious relations between them and the military personnel;
- d. Investigate allegations of abuse committed by the military, determine if any violation of the law or rules has occurred, render full support and assistance to any aggrieved individual, and, as may be necessary, recommend to the appropriate agency the suitable course of action against the erring personnel;
- e. Thresh out details and oversee the implementation of the payment of disturbance compensation to the eligible farmers, who were constrained to abandon their agricultural lands and crops to give way to the development of the area by the PAF;