

2nd Cavalry Squadron supports Army Transformation Roadmap

Treading the thrust of the Philippine Army, the 2nd Cavalry Squadron revisited its Squadron - wide Transformation Roadmap (ATR) Workshop on 16 to 19 September 2013 at Squadron Headquarters, Camp Guillermo Nakar, Lucena City. The 4-day activity was facilitated by LTC FACUNDO O PALAFOX IV, Squadron Commander and participated in by Staff Officers, Company Commanders, the Sergeant Major, Chief of Offices, First Sergeants, and other key NCOs.

Among the several strategic objectives of the Philippine Army Transformation Roadmap and the Mechanized Infantry Division is the engagement and partnership with key stakeholders within the area of operation; which includes even other parts of the country in order to develop and communicate a brand/trademark image consistent with the Army's Core Values. In support to this objective, the Squadron initiated a series of community-based projects such as the Project Shoebox; Bisita Eskwela and Ugnayan sa Barangay.

As pioneered, project shoebox was originally intended to distribute basic school supplies and other personal care items to the less fortunate and indigent pupils in the province of Quezon. Due to the expanse of beneficiaries covered by the "Shoebox projects", it was lately adopted by the Philippine Army as one major component in support to the national program on education. Capitalizing on the success of Project Shoebox, the 2nd Cavalry Squadron aims to launch a sequel of the project, dubbed as "Shoebox ko, para sa Kaligtasan Mo". For this project, the unit will endeavour to distribute basic Emergency Disaster Kits to selected indigent families residing in disaster and calamity prone areas in Quezon and nearby provinces. The project is in partnership with the different active peace stakeholders in the civil society and particularly the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO) of the local government. Adapting the same concept, recycled shoeboxes will serve as portable Disaster Kits for distribution to initially 1,000 families. At present, coordinations are being made to generate support for the project.

Similarly, the "Bisita Eskwela" and "Ugnayan sa Barangay" are activities engaging the Elementary, High School and College Students; Sangguniang Barangay and Kabataan to become responsible citizens and advocates of the government's peace and development initiatives. To sustain these projects, a series of undertakings are being conducted regularly. Among these ancillary support activities are film showings and lectures; "kawal at kabataan, Para sa kalikasan" - a tree nurturing project; brigada eskwela; feeding activities and series of medical missions, that are conducted in coordination with other government agencies and non-government organizations such as the local PNP, NGO's and LGUs. The close and genuine partnership with these organizations have resulted to signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the various stakeholders involved.

By and large, the 2nd Cavalry Squadron, Mechanized Division, Philippine Army is continuously contributing its share in realizing a "whole of nation" approach strategy of winning the peace for the Filipino people and making the Philippine Army a source of national pride.



2nd Cav Sqdrn conducts ATR Workshop facilitated by LTC FACUNDO O PALAFOX IV, Squadron Commander, participated in by Staff Officers, Company Commanders, Sergeant Major, Chief of Offices, First Sergeants, and other key NCO's at Hqs, 2nd Cav Sqdrn in Camp Nakar, Lucena City from 16 to 19 September 2013.



Masigasig Troopers and members of Recue 117 conducts Feeding Activity to the pupils of Sampaloc II Elementary School, Sariaya, Quezon on 30 September 2013.



Photo taken during Lecture and Film Showing regarding Drug Addiction and Emergency Preparedness to the students of Tayabas West Central School in Tayabas, Quezon on 14 October 2013.



23LACT conducts Brigada Eskwela at Asian Hope Christian Academy Inc. in Brgy Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal, participated in by the faculty and students of the school on 25 September 2013.



LTC FACUNDO O PALAFOX IV, Sqdrn Comdr, 2Cav Sqdrn pose for a souvenir photo together with Mr Rolando Ilaio, Chairman, Rescue 117, Brgy Captain Arnel Amandy of Brgy Ibabang Polo and CMO Personnel during the Medical and Dental Mission at Brgy Ibabang Polo, Pagbilao, Quezon on 20 September 2013.



Photo taken during the Medical and Dental Mission at Brgy Ibabang Polo, Pagbilao, Quezon on 20 September 2013.



Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between CPT EMMANUEL S ADRIANO, Troop Comdr, 22nd LACT and Mr Marcial P Sasot, Principal of Sumilang Elementary School during the "Kawal at Kabataan, para sa Kalikasan"... a tree nurturing project of the Squadron at Sumilang Elementary School in Brgy Sumilang, Calauag, Quezon on 22 September 2013.