



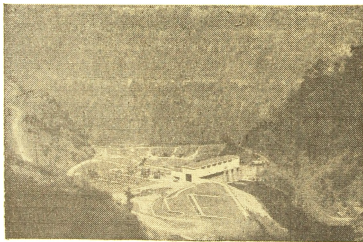
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Brigadier General Tamayo

Commanding Officer Of the Supply Center

ANTONIO G. TAMAYO was born of middle-class parents (Angel Tamayo and Rosario Gutierrez) on Oct. 31, 1919 in Laog, Ilocos Norte. As a youngster, he nurtured hopes of becoming a general. Through hard work, will power and a grim determination, he finally turned a virtual impossible dream into reality.

Tamayo graduated from the Ilocos High School in 1937. After a short stint as an engineering student at the Mapua Institute of Technology, he entered the Philippine Military Academy in 1941 where World War II caught up with him while still a cadet.

He joined the guerrillas as a second lieutenant in the USAFIP NL in October 1943 under then Major Simeon Valdez, now Congressman of Ilocos Norte, and was wounded in action at the battle of Besang Pass. After the Japanese surrendered to the allies in 1945, he was assigned detachment commander of the Military Police Command which post he held until 1947.

Pilot School

In 1952, he obtained his master's degree in political science as a full scholar.

1948 found him base adjutant of Nichols Air Base. He attended pilot school, class 1949 at the Fernando Air Base, later on going through USAF technical school in 1951 taking up maintenance engineering in the United States. Upon his return to the Philippines, he became squadron commander of the 419th motor vehicle squadron.

The fifties found him steadily going up in rank: deputy for material (410th air material wing), squadron commander (431st MSS of the 5th Fighter Wing in Pampanga) and group commander of the 41st Squadron. He was also supply group also of the Basa Air Base which he held until 1962. He was sent again to the United States to take up advanced aircraft maintenance management (class of 1959) and he underwent an on-the-job training in Sacramento, California.

Other Commands

In 1962, Tamayo took the Air Command and Staff Course (ACSC) of the Philippine Air Force and the United States Air Force Advanced Management Course in 1963.

Rising steadily in his military career from 1963 to 1967, he was designated deputy for materiel, Home Defense Forces in 1967, Chief of Staff of the Southwest Command (SOWES-COM) in 1968, depot commander of the Philippine Air Force in January to April 1969, and deputy commander of the AFP Supply Center in May, 1969. Then in June, 1969, Defense Secretary Ernesto Maza appointed him commanding officer. Last January 24, Tamayo, then a full colonel, was promoted to one-star general by President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

General Tamayo is a recipient of numerous awards, decorations and medals: (1) Military Merit Medal, (2) Soldier's Medal, (3) Purple Heart Award, (4) Anti-Dissident Campaign Medal, (5) Long Service Medal, (6) Phil Independence Medal, (7) Asiatic-Pacific Medal, (8) World War II Victory Medal, (9) Distinguished Unit Badge, (10) Presidential Unit Citation, (11) Phil Liberation Medal and (12) Combat Infantrymen's Badge.

Commendations

For his meritorious and extraordinary performance as a career soldier, he had received a string of commendations.

General Tamayo is an avid badminton, tennis and golf player.

He is married to the former Purificacion de Lara. They have seven children: 3 boys and 4 girls.