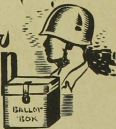


Election Guide for SERVICEMEN



The Armed Forces of the Philippines has once again been called upon by the Commission on Elections to help maintain a free, clean and peaceful election this year. AFP personnel should therefore be aware of their duties and fully acquainted with the manner in which they are expected to comport themselves during this month's national election. Following are some pointers to guide AFP personnel:

DO'S

1. *Vote right and wisely. Shed away all personal prejudices. Suffrage is a God-given right which should be exercised in terms of the national welfare.*
2. *Respect the other citizen's right as you would others respect your right to vote and see to it that nobody tramples upon or defeats that inalienable right.*
3. *Stay away from political discussion or rallies. However, furnish yourself with sufficient information to guide you in the exercise of suffrage.*
4. *Act beyond suspicion. Perform your duty as a serviceman with upright strictness, without fear or favor. The Armed Forces of the Philippines can neither afford to lose its hard-earned prestige nor fail to measure up with the continued faith and confidence reposed on it by the Filipino people.*
5. *Do your level best to help make the election orderly, peaceful, and a true expression of the popular will. The all-important issue for the AFP in the coming elections is whether it can continue to be a zealous guardian of our young Republic. The eyes of the world are on us and democracy is at stake this coming election. Crooked elections favor Communism.*

DON'Ts

1. *Don't traffic with your right of suffrage. Think of our heroes who willingly gave up their lives so you can exercise that right.*
2. *Don't engage in partisan politics. The Constitution which you swore to uphold prohibits you from doing so.*
3. *Don't give to or accept contributions for any political movement. Doing so is unsoldierly and may spell your dishonorable discharge from the Army.*
4. *Don't take, offer or furnish intoxicating liquor, or attend races, cock-fights, or other similar shows from 8-10 November, 1953. Keep away from the polling places and within a radius of 100 meters thereof when carrying firearms and other deadly weapons during the election. You are allowed to enter the said radius of 100 meters of the polling places only:*
 - (1) *In cases of disorder, tumult or affray;*
 - (2) *When requested in writing by the Board of Inspectors to preserve order; and*
 - (3) *When you have been appointed as deputy by the Commission on Elections, and specifically authorized to carry firearms within the area in the appointment papers.*
5. *Don't be carried away by revolutionary talks of agitators and defeated candidates after the election. High passions may result in trouble which favors Communism.*