

ALL'S SET FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The preliminary preparations for the National Convention of the Philippine Legion have already been completed, it was announced in the National Headquarters of the Philippine Legion. The date has been definitely set on March 4-7. The place: The Villamor Hall, University of the Philippines, which, with its still unhealed wounds inflicted by the enemy during the last war, would be a perfect setting for a gathering of a national veterans' organization.

The honored guests will be the Overall Commanders of all outstanding guerrilla units, namely, Gen. Macario Peralta, Jr., Gen. Mariano Castañeda, Col. Wendell W. Fertig, Col. James Cushing, Col. Ruperto Kangleon, Col. Salipada K. Pendatun, Col. Russell Volckmann, Col. Edwin P. Ramsey, Col. Marcelo Adduro, Col. Marcos V. Agustin, Col. Eleuterio Adevos, Col. Vicente Umali, Col. Alejo Santos, Col. John Boone, Col. Bernard L. Anderson, Col. Salvador Escudero, Col. Teofilo Padua, Lt. Col. Licerio Lapus, Lt. Col. Francisco Sandico, Lt. Col. Montano Zabot, Maj. Salvador Abcede, Maj. Robert V. Lapham, Maj. Ramon Magsaysay, and Maj. Sofronio Untalan.

The speakers on the occasion will be President Manuel A. Roxas, Ambassador Emmet O'Neal, Speaker Eugenio Perez, Senator Salipada K. Pendatun, Col. Jesus Villamor and Col. Marking Agustin.

The program follows:

March 4th (Thursday)

Part I

- 8:00—Processing of Delegates
- Roll Call
- Overture, Philippine Army Band
- One Minute silence in memory of the Dead Comrades-in-Arms
- Opening Remarks—Gen. Macario Peralta, Jr.
- Speech of Welcome — Col. Marking Agustin
- 9:30—Deliberation on Committee Reports

Part II

- 12:00—Lunch at the Manila Hotel
- Deliberation on Committee Reports
- 8:00—Entertainment of Delegates
- March 5th (Friday)
- 2:30—Roll Call
- 9:00—Introduction of the Guest of Honor — Hon. Salipada K. Pan-

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- Speech of the Guest of Honor—Ambassador Emmet O'Neal
- Deliberation on Committee Reports

Part II

- 2:30—Deliberation on Committee Reports
- 8:00—Entertainment of Delegates
- March 6th (Saturday)

Part I

- 8:30—Roll Call
- Introduction of Guest of Honor — Col. Jesus Villamor
- Speech by the Guest of Honor—Speaker Eugenio Perez
- Consideration of Committee Reports
- 12:00—Lunch at the Manila Hotel
- Guest Speaker — His Excellency Manuel A. Roxas, President of the Philippines

Part II

- 2:30—Final Consideration of Committee Reports
- 8:30—Reception & Ball at the Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel
- March 7th (Sunday)
- 11:00 o'clock A. M.—Delegation to see President Manuel A. Roxas

The Committee-in-charge of the affair is composed of:

- Gen. Macario Peralta, Jr. — Chairman
- Col. Eleuterio Adevos — Vice Chairman
- Col. Dominador Z. Barilea — Finance
- Col. Jaime N. Ferrer — Program
- Col. Adonis Maclang — Invitation
- Maj. Leon O. Ty — Publicity
- Capt. Armando Crisostomo — Ball
- Maj. Salvador Abcede — Processing
- Maj. Gervacio Francisco — Auditing
- Capt. Vicente Cabo Chan — Banquet
- Maj. Melencio Ola Orbase — Agenda
- Col. Vicente Umali — Arrangements
- Col. Manuel T. Dikit — Business
- Maj. Alfredo M. Bustamante — Master of Ceremonies
- Capt. Ruperto Estanislao — Hall
- Maj. Fernando Poe — Entertainment

A beautiful souvenir program to commemorate the occasion is being prepared. Meanwhile all Chapters and Posts are holding their respective conventions in anticipation of the annual national event of the Legion.

ECHOES of the LEGION

MINDANAO

One of the far-reaching achievements of the Philippine Legion this year is the dissolution of the Mindanao Guerrilla Legion, Inc. and its conversion into a Mindanao Department of the Philippine Legion.

The Mindanao Guerrilla Legion, Inc., with 50,000 members was the original organization of Mindanao veterans. It had its own constitution and by-laws and its rules and regulations. In its Convention held on January 25-26, 1948, the Mindanao Guerrilla Legion, by a unanimous vote affiliated itself with the Philippine Legion as a part and parcel thereof. (A detailed report of the event appears elsewhere in this issue.)

STUDENT VETERANS

Another milestone towards the unity of veterans is the organization of all student veterans not only in Manila but in Iloilo and Davao. The students formed themselves into a students chapter of the Philippine Legion with the following Officers:

- Chapter Commander—Teofilo Jamolin
- Vice-Chapter Commander — Jose M. F. Belo
- Chapter Adjutant — Sinfiriano Cabagnot
- Chapter Finance Officer — Francisco de Leon
- Chapter Auditor — Alejandro de la Rosa
- Chapter Press Relations Officer — Rebeco Espiritu

Posts were organized in the different universities, colleges and schools, as follows:

- University of the Philippine (Manila) Post
- Post Commander — Jose M. F. Belo
- Vice Post Commander — P. Marcos
- Adjutant — Victor Lim
- Finance Officer — Manuel Villanueva
- Press Relations Officer — Elias Asuncion

- University of the Philippines (Laguna) Chapter
- Post Commander — Teofilo Fran
- Vice Post Commander — Rosales Juni
- Adjutant — Jesus Recto
- Finance Officer — Melencio B. Lopez
- Press Relations Officer — Cesar Villarita

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Far Eastern University Post

Post Commander — Mohammad de Venancio

University of Sto. Tomas Post

Post Commander — Maj. Frimitivo San Agustin
 1st Vice Commander — Avelino E. Damian
 2nd Vice Commander — Juan G. Frivaldo, Jr.
 3rd Vice Commander — Jacinto Cavico
 Adjutant — Alfredo Diaz
 Press Relations Officer — Jose Melly, Jr.

National University Post

Post Commander — Jose M. Lizardo
 Vice Post Commander — Pablo G. Naco
 Adjutant — Victor P. Ventura
 Finance Officer — Jaime Flores
 Press Relations Officers — Manolo Topacio & Federico Eugenio

University of Manila Post

Post Commander — Rebeck Espiritu
 Vice Post Commander — Ricardo Mananili
 Adjutant — Miss Natividad Rivera
 Finance Officer — Lourdes Catig
 Press Relations Officer — Ismael Allanono

Arellano University Post

Post Commander — Jose P. Arro
 Vice Post Commander — Melchor N. Masakayan
 Adjutant — Marcial C. Borlaza
 Press Relations Officers — Eladio Recaido & Pablo Anosa

Adamson University Post

Post Commander — Sinfioriano Cabagnot
 Vice Post Commander — Jesus Sol
 Adjutant — Jaime Templonuevo
 Finance Officer — G. V. Quirolego
 Press Relations Officers — M. A. Rimorin & Antonio Ocampo

Centro Escolar University Post

Post Commander — Rizal Crisostomo
 Vice Post Commander — Eulogio Cruzado
 Adjutant — Miss Josefina Angeles
 Auditor and Finance Officer — Miss Generosa de Guzman
 Historian — Miss Felicidad Rivera
 Press Relations Officer — Anselmo Angeles

Manila Law College Post

Post Commander — Teopisto Jamolin
 1st Vice Post Commander — Gregorio Limjoco
 2nd Vice Commander — Rodolfo Andal
 Adjutant — Restituto J. Guerrero
 Finance Officer — Miss Faustina Santos
 Auditor — Vicente N. Cavilda
 Press Relations Officers — Buenaventura Padilla & Jose D. Manansala

Cosmopolitan Colleges Post

Post Commander — Justo M. Pascua
 Vice Commander — Deogracias B. Buan
 Adjutant — Tomas B. Viray
 Finance Officer — Antonio C. Ang
 Auditor — Nicanor L. Causay
 Press Relations Officer — Damian M. Lomocoso

FEATI Institute of Technology Post
 Post Commander — Napoleon Gaerlan
 Vice Post Commander — Feteino Santos

Adjutant — Victor de Leon, Jr.
 Finance Officer — Rufino Gervacio
 Press Relations Officer — Anastacio P. de Leon
 Asst. Press Relations Officer — Pascasio Lachica

Mapua Institute of Technology Post

Post Commander — Melanio S. Rey
 Vice Post Commander — Patricio B. Abu
 Adjutant — Aurelio S. Ugaldede
 Finance Officer — Florentino F. Frias
 Auditor — Pedro P. Santiago
 Press Relations Officer — Ismael Tomoldin
 Historian — Tomas Batilo

Philippine Law School Post

Post Commander — Carlos S. Valbuena
 Vice Post Commander — Gregorio Hombrebueno
 Adjutant — Ciriaico I. Hocson
 Finance Officer — Loreto Neri
 Press Relations Officer — Miguel T. Doria

Manila Central Colleges Post

Post Commander — Fraternal M. Marfori
 Vice Post Commander — Benigno F. Blason
 Adjutant — Abelardo T. Tuano
 Finance Officer — Cresencio C. Donato
 Auditor — Consolacion C. Cacabeles
 Press Relations Officer — Coferino Matigas

Jose Rizal College Post

Post Commander — Reinerio M. Tejada
 Vice Post Commander — Cesar Legayada
 Post Adjutant — Ricardo B. Villaruel
 Post Finance Officer — Alejandro de la Rosa

Phil. College of Commerce & Business

Administration Post
 Post Commander — Francisco de Leon
 Vice Post Commander — Eduardo M. Villanueva
 Adjutant — Rosario E. Castano
 Finance Officer — Carmelo Camara, Jr.
 Press Relations Officer — Cesar Quebral, Jr.

National Radio School Post

Post Commander — Feliciano Espina
 Adjutant — Raymundo Monce
 Finance Officer — Teodoro Elvas
 Auditor — Jerry Posadas
 Press Relations Officer — Santiago Belletza

Central Institute of Technology Post

Post Commander — L. Gapay
 Vice Post Commander — L. Mangahags
 Adjutant — Felix Manalo
 Finance Officer — A. Gasita
 Press Relations Officer — R. Rigor

San Agustin College Post (Iloilo City)

Post Commander — Conrado Norada

Mindanao Colleges Post (Davao City)

Post Commander — Gonzalo Latorilla

BICOL REGION

Department Commander Melencio Ola Orbase of the Bicol Areas is performing the herculean task of uniting the various guerrilla units in this region into one compact and closely-knit Department of the Philippine Legion. The Bicol Department Staff is composed of the following:

Commander — Maj. Melencio Ola Orbase
 Vice-Commander—Maj. Faustino Flor
 Adjutant — Lt. Pose Garcia
 Finance Officer — Lt. Julian Napal
 Auditor — Lt. Agustin Crisostomo
 Chaplain — Rev. Fr. Crisostomo
 Historian — Lt. Pedro B. Offemaria
 Committeemen: Capt. Cristobal Bonavie, Maj. Dominiano Ragos, Lt. Mariano Broqueza, Capt. Amando Gu-

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riña, Capt. Salvador Rodolfo, Maj. Dangalan, Atty. Rafael Lucila

The Albay Chapter, amidst impressive ceremonies, held a most successful chapter convention early January. Several resolutions intended for the welfare of the veterans in general were passed. The following are the newly elected officers:

Chapter Commander — Judge Ubaldo Arcangel
 Vice Commander — Atty. Delfin de Vera
 Adjutant — Johnny Begg
 Finance Officer — Angel de Celis
 Auditor — Ramon de Lopez
 Chaplain — Rev. Fr. J. Carullo
 Historian — Jaime Sarte
 Auditor — Ramon de Leoz
 Committeemen — Atty. A. de los Reyes, Dr. Eulogio Saqueton, Dr. Salomon Adornado, Jose Parlate, Dr. Pacifico Arcilla, Atty. Justino Casimiro

Post Commanders

Legaspi — Capt. Ananias Brondial
 Daraga — Mayor Pedro Callos
 Camalig — Capt. Isidro Animos
 Guinobatan — Capt. Onofre Soratorio
 Jovellar — Lt. Jose Carcangel
 Ligao — Jose Jaucian
 Oas — Capt. Domiciano Ragos
 Polangui — Mayor Jesus Salalima
 Libon — Capt. Juan Maronilla
 Bucacay — Capt. Francisco Basco
 Malilipot — Capt. A. Caldino
 Tabaco — Lt. Mariano Barateta
 Malinao — Maj. Antonio Rivivar
 Tiwi — Capt. Ladislao Colinares
 Manito — Mayor A. del Castillo
 Rapu-rapu — Mayor M. Aguilar

The first annual convention of the Camarines Norte Chapter was held on January 4th in the Camarines Norte High School Auditorium. The following Officers for 1948 were elected:

Chapter Commander — Lt. Col. Francisco D. Boayes
 Vice Commander — Maj. Bonifacio R. Gregorio
 Adjutant — Maj. Salvador B. Teoxon
 Finance Officer — Maj. Jose Abano
 Auditor — 1st Lt. William Mullengan
 Chaplain — Rev. Fr. Dominador Padua
 Historian — Maj. Arsenio Dagnalan
 Chapter Committeemen: — Capt. Pedro A. Venida, Capt. Vicente Inocalla, Capt. Andres Armenta, Capt. Clemente Apuya, 1st Lt. Jose Arive

The following were elected delegates to the National Convention:

Capt. Pedro A. Venida (Spokesman)
 Maj. Arsenio Dagnalan
 Maj. Bonifacio R. Gregorio
 Maj. Elemon Odiamar
 Capt. Clemente Apuya
 Lt. Col. Francisco D. Boayes
 Capt. Jose de Lima was designated Acting Camarines Sur Chapter Comdr.

BATAAN

The Bataan Chapter of the Philippine Legion, composed of USAFFE veterans and Boone's Guerrillas (Bataan Military District), will hold its Chapter Convention on February 15, 1948 at the historic town of Abucay where the late Gen. Vicente Lim, with his fighting 41st Division, held at bay the Jap onslaught in January, 1942. Chairman of the Convention will be Lt. Col. Anastacio Valencia, Chapter Commander and President of the Mayors' League of Bataan. The Convention will elect new Chapter officers and select delegates to the National Convention of the Philippine Legion in Manila on March 4-7, 1948.

Guest of honor will be Gen. Macario Peralta, Jr., National Commander. Other guests include Lt. Col. Edwin P. Ramsey, Overall Commander of the ECLGA; Commander Marc Stice of the Philippine Department, American Legion; and Governor Emilio Naval of Bataan.

Preparations for the Convention are being made by Col. Boone himself, organizer of the Bataan Guerrillas, assisted by his former Chief of Staff, Col. Jose A. Bernales, Lt. Col. Victor Abad, Maj. Crispin Reyes and Capt. Ruperto Estanislao of the Philippine Veterans Board.

BULACAN

The Bulacan Chapter held its convention in January and elected Lt. Col. Adonais Maclang as the new Chapter Commander. Col. Maclang is the new Member of the Philippine Veterans Board.

CAVITE

The Cavite Chapter has recently been reorganized with the following acting officers pending the Chapter Convention:

Chapter Commander—Lt Col Mariano Villanueva
 Vice Chapter Commander—Lt Col Gregorio de Guia
 2nd Vice Commander—Col Hermogenes Quiamzon
 Adjutant—Maj Dominador Lazaro
 Auditor—Lt Col Hermogenes Campos
 Finance Officer—Col Francisco Guerrero

Chaplain—Capt Pedro Vicedo
 Chapter Lambert:

Col Lamberto Javalera
 Col Ladislao Joya
 Col Emilio Arenas
 Col Magno S. Iruquin
 Col Lorenzo Saulog
 Col Maximo Reyes
 Col Hugo Vidal
 Col Teofilo Romero
 Col Sebastian de Vega
 Col Jose T. Nueno
 Lt Col Modesto Dayrit

CEBU

The Cebu Chapter has named the following as its delegates to the National Convention:

Abel F. Trazo
 Atty. Felipe Fernandez
 Rogaciano C. Espiritu
 Ricardo Fernandez
 Atty. Santos L. Migallos

LANAO

A telegram has just been received from Commander Rovira of the Lanao Chapter naming the following as delegates to the National Convention:

Congressman Manalao Mindalano
 Ex-Governor Marcelo Paiso
 Maj. Busran Kalaw
 Tomas de Castro
 Pedro Aquino

LA UNION

The National Chapter has recently designated Mr. Tancredio Guray as Commander of the La Union Chapter.

MISAMIS ORIENTAL

The Misamis Oriental Chapter held its Chapter Convention last month, electing the following officers:

Chapter Commander—Maj Albino Noble
 Vice Commander — Ricardo Abellanos
 Adjutant—C. F. Cataylo
 Finance Officer—Marcelino Bual
 Auditor—Julian Taga
 Judge Advocate—Atty. Dofedo Marban
 Historian—Dr. Alfredo Reyes

NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

Capt. Eugenio Antonio, Jr. has been elected Chapter Commander of Occidental Negros in its last convention.

NUEVA VIZCAYA

A new Post has just been organized (Turn to next page)

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in Dambang, with the following as officers:

Post Commander—Domingo Rangel
 Vice Commander—Felic Mesoso
 Adjutant—Benjamin Cuarsma
 Finance Officer—Benjamin Calaycuy
 Chaplain—Camilo Pimentel
 Historian—Diego Umanos
 Sergeant at Arms—Alexander Aniaz
 Committeemen—John Ware
 Florencio Lupada
 Saturnino Pascual
 Constancio Ocampo
 Loreto Verseles

PANGASINAN

Congressman Juan de G. Rodriguez has indicated his intention to join the Philippine Legion, according to the Acting National Adjutant, Col. Jaime N. Ferrer. Congressman Rodriguez is now organizing posts in nine towns in Pangasinan which he controlled during the occupation. He was an overall commander in the province in the resistance days.

QUEZON

The following are the 1948 officers of the Quezon Chapter:

Chapter Commander—Col. Andres Umali
 Vice Commander—Capt. Mamerto Ricafort
 Adjutant—Jose Zagala
 Finance Officer—Benjamin C. Reyes
 Historian—Ubaldo Orías
 Auditor—Quirino Remo

RIZAL

One of the most interesting conventions of the Philippine Legion held so far was that of the Rizal Chapter. Within the tattered walls of the Rizal High School at Pasig, representatives of various guerrilla units met for the first time and pledged to unite in the interest of the veterans. Present were representatives of Markings, Hunters, ECLGA, Fil-Americans, Barrion's, Anderson's, and other minor organizations.

The delegates were unanimous in their stand against amnesty. The convention also passed quite a number of important resolutions.

The following officers were elected for 1948:

Chapter Commander—Lt. Col. Frisco San Juan
 1st Vice Commander—Lt. Col. Leon

C. Cabalhin
 2nd Vice Commander—Lt. Col. Mohammad de Venancio
 3rd Vice Commander—Col. Eduardo Manahan
 4th Vice Commander—Col. Lena Tuason
 5th Vice Commander—Capt. Constancio Gabriel
 Adjutant—Lt. Artemio Vicencio
 Asst. Adjutant—Lt. Eutiquio Mendoza
 Finance Officer—Miss Virginia Tiamson
 Auditor—Capt. Juan Antonio Historian—Judge Rafael Hilan

Post Commanders

Parañaque—Capt. Arcadio Marquez
 Las Piñas—Maj. Eufracio Villanueva
 Muntinlupa—Lt. Col. Baldomero Vifalón
 Pateros—Col. Leon Tuason
 Taguig—Lt. Col. Pedro Cruz
 San Juan—Capt. Alejandro de Guzman
 Mandaluyon—Col. Bonifacio Malabon—Lt. Leonardo Reyes
 Quezon City—Col. Arcadio Santos
 Calocan—Col. George Sanchez
 Marikina—Lt. Pio Santos
 Cainta—Maj. Maximo del Rosario
 Angono—Capt. Ponciano Rivera
 Binangonan—Maj. Faustino Antiporda
 Antipolo—Maj. Pablo Coronacion
 Taytay—Maj. Felix del Rosario
 Baras—Conrado Jimenez
 Cardona—Capt. Bernardo San Juan
 Tanay—Col. Pefaranda
 Pililla—Mayor Aquino

RIZAL CITY

The National Commander has just appointed Capt. Mariano Tibay as Chapter Commander, and Lt. Col. Fabio Ynchausti as Vice-Commander of the Rizal City Chapter.

ROMBLON

Meeting in a convention last December, the Romblon Chapter elected Dr. Jose Moreno as Chapter Commander.

MANILA

Post No. 1 of the Manila Chapter, located at the Philippine Veterans Board, has elected the following officers for 1948:

Post Commander—Maj. Liberato Jimenez
 Vice Commander—Alejandro Remigio
 Adjutant—Roberto Almaden
 Finance Officer—Salvador Macaranas

Auditor—Maximo Salvador

Cheering that lasted for more than five minutes brought to a close the meeting of Mindanao guerrilla leaders representing more than 60,000 men in Iwaso City recently. During the meeting the dissolution of the Mindanao Guerrilla Legion, Inc. and the forming of the Mindanao Department of the Philippine Legion was agreed upon after a long debate replete with the sufferings of Mindanao guerrillas during the occupation.

Major Albino Noble, Major Froilan Matas and Major Teofilio Rivera sponsored the dissolution to "Let veterans from Luzon and the Visayas and elsewhere share the ideals that prompted us to band together and to arm our selves with unity to tackle our common problems".

Amidst wild applause from his fellow veterans, Major Froilan Matas of the famous Davao Militia demanded of the administration thru Gen. Macario Peralta Jr. the abolition of the NAFCO for ralleged failure to administer enemy plantations in accordance with the policy of President Roxas. Abuses allegedly committed by some NAFCO personnel were aired by Matas including blackmarketing of NAFCO copra and allocations of NAFCO administered plantations to friends and relatives of NAFCO personnel to the prejudice of guerrilla squatters.

Peralta promised to take up the matter with President Roxas.

President Manuel Roxas recently announced that the amount of P6,000,000.00 has been earmarked for veterans benefits. The additional amount will be disbursed thru the Philippine Veterans Board for payment of pensions to disabled veterans, indigent parents of deceased veterans, war widows and orphans, and payment of tuition fees of veterans studying under the Educational Benefits Provisions of Republic Act 65.

The appointment of Col. Adonais P. Maciang, a distinguished guerrilla commander of the Bulacan Military Area under Col. Alejo Santos as member of the Philippine Veterans Board was recently announced by Chairman Macario Peralta, Jr. Maciang is now in charge of the Death Pension Benefits Division which formerly was under Lt. Col. Jaime N. Ferrer, another Board Member. Ferrer is now general counsel to veterans.