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A KIND HEART IN THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY

Fort del Pilar, Baguio City - MR SALVADOR AQUINO, a personnel of the Philippine Military Academy, assigned in the Cadet Mess as Waiter for twenty three (23) years have shown an exceptional and commendable display of virtues through his admirable deeds last February 10, 2010 when he returned to the owner, a large sum of money he found near the flagpole inside the Academy.

According to AQUINO, upon seeing the folder lying in the area where he found it, he brought it to the Superintendent's Office where he is detailed and was surprised to see money in the folder. He immediately gave it to the Enlisted Personnel in the office so that they can initiate action to determine the name and contact number of the owner of the money.

The owner of the money is MR RONNIE BAUTISTA who was in the Philippine Military Academy as part of the Familiarization Tour in Baguio City by the AVON personnel. According to him, the money, which is almost Forty Thousand Pesos (Php40,000.00) is intended as the payment of the group for the hotel accommodations and other expenses in connection with their tour. "Nagpapasalamat ako ng marami kay Mr. Aquino. Kung hindi niya naibalik yung pera, I will really have a big problem. It will cost me my salary." said Bautista.

When asked what came into his mind when he found out that the content of the folder he found was money, he said he wants the money returned to the owner "dahil hindi naman sa akin ang pera na yun. At baka kailangan ng may-ari ang pera." This however, is the second time AQUINO returned an amount of money he found. The first time was during the period when the PMA Superintendent then was MGen Victor Mayo. He was sweeping the floor in the Boodlebar when he found money, and just like what he just recently did, he returned it to the instructor who owned it.

MR AQUINO is married to Marivic Bauzon Aquino and they have a daughter Maricris who is studying in an elementary school in Brgy Bued, Calasiao Pangasinan. Truly, MR AQUINO never believes in the adage "finders keeper".