

AFP CHANGING OF THE GUARDS

CAMP AGUINALDO, Quezon City—The 51st Commanding General of the Philippine Army for the past nine months will take command as the 40th Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines here at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in a change-of-command ceremony at the post parade grounds.

Lt. Gen. Delfin N. Bangit will succeed General Victor S. Ibrado, who is retiring after 38 years of military service.

Bangit hails from San Mateo, Rizal and is a member of the Philippine Military Academy "*Makatarungan*" Class of 1978.

In line with the mission of the AFP, as the Commanding General of the Philippine Army, he conceptualized the four ACES: the Army's Concern for the Environment, Army's Concern for Engineering, Army's Combat Excellence and Advocacy for Credible Elections.

Bangit applied these four ACEs in the Army's fulfilment of its mission and mandate to provide a safe and secure environment for the Filipino people conducive to progress and development.

As the Commanding General of the Philippine Army, Lt. Gen. Bangit was known to have stressed on the soldiers concern for Credible Elections. Gen Bangit emphasized the need to do everything to contribute to very peaceful and credible elections.

Bangit stressed that the AFP will not participate in any partisan politics, except to exercise the right of suffrage. The AFP will execute legal orders by COMELEC and higher office. The AFP will remain as a force that will quell any group who intends to disturb the conduct of peaceful elections.

According to Bangit, the position of the AFP Chief of Staff is indeed an honor and privilege. Similarly, Bangit sees this as a challenge to sustain the good work that was started by Gen. Ibrado.