



LIEUTENANT GENERAL ARTURO B ORTIZ AFP
53rd Commanding General, Philippine Army



LIEUTENANT GENERAL ARTURO B ORTIZ AFP assumed as the 53rd Commanding General of the Philippine Army on July 23, 2010. Prior to this, he served as the Commander of the Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Philippine Army, a position that he has held since November 2008. He hails from Bautista, Pangasinan but was born on 13 November 1955 and raised in Acupan, Itogon, Benguet. He is a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1979.

His previous positions include the following: Commander, Special Forces Regiment (Airborne), Philippine Army from January 2006 to November 2008; Deputy Commander, SFR(A), Philippine Army from October 2005 to January 2006; Chief, AFP Command Center from September 2003 to June 2005; Head, Tactics Group and Commandant of Cadets, Philippine Military Academy from August 2002 to August 2003; Commanding Officer, Security and Escort Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Group, Philippine Army from April 2001 to August 2002; Head, Military Operations Department, Training and Doctrine Command, Philippine Army from January 2001 to April 2001; Battalion Commander, 3rd Special Forces Battalion (3SFBn), SFR(A), SOCOM, Philippine Army from July 1993 to March 1996; Company Commander, 606th Special Forces Company from February 1987 to May 1991 and Team Leader of the 1st and 10th Special Forces Company from 1979 to 1985. His stint with the Special Forces units brought him to major military campaigns against different rebel groups in Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and Sulu Islands where he consistently distinguished himself as an exceptional Commander.

Other significant assignments of Lieutenant General Ortiz are as follows: Operations Officer, SFR(A) from 1992 to 1993; Administrative Officer, Office of the Commanding General, Philippine Army in 1995; Chief Modernization Management Branch; Chief, Management Branch and Deputy at OG6, Philippine Army from 1996 to 1998; Faculty and Head Military Operations Department, Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Philippine Army from 01 October 2000 to 16 April 2001.

Lieutenant General Ortiz' command and staff experiences were forged by his important designations as well as various local and foreign training. He is a graduate of the General Staff Course at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA; Pre-Command Course for Battalion Commanders at the Training Command, Philippine Army; Special Forces Operations, Basic Airborne, Jumpmaster, Close Quarter Battle and Military SCUBA at the Special Forces School; Armor Officer Basic Course and Infantry Officer Advance Course at the Combat Arms School, Training

Command, Philippine Army; Special Forces Qualification, Terrorism in Low Intensity Conflict, Instructor Training and Civil Affairs, all at the John F Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA. He completed his Masters in Business Administration (without thesis) at the Ateneo de Manila University in 1998.

Lieutenant General Ortiz is a bemedalled Army officer and a living hero of the Republic. He received the Medal for Valor, the highest military award given by the AFP and awarded by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, for heroism above and beyond the call of duty when he led 5 teams of the 606th Special Forces Company and CAFGU elements in a classic raid against 300 communist guerillas in Murcia, Negros Occidental on 6 April 1990. His combat leadership led to the most decisive tactical victory against the communist movement resulting to the death of 84 terrorists, the capture of 8 more and the recovery of assorted firearms, explosives and ammunitions. By his display of exceptional courage and high degree of leadership, then Captain Ortiz was awarded the Medal for Valor by the former Commander-in-Chief, President Corazon C Aquino.

Lieutenant General Ortiz is also a recipient of the Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Officer), four Distinguished Service Stars, three Gold Cross Medals, four Bronze Cross Medals, four Military Merit Medals for Combat, at least 17 Military Merit Medals for Administration, Military Commendation Medals, Letters of Commendation and Appreciation, and various Campaign medals and ribbons. He was also bestowed the most coveted Cavalier Award for Outstanding Performance as a Military Professional in Army Operations in 1991 and an Alumni Achievement Award in 1996 both from the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

Lieutenant General Ortiz is happily married to Ms Cynthia C Abogado of Cagayan de Oro City and their union is blessed with seven children – Alberto, Armando, Arturo II, Angelo, Alejandro, Adriano and Antonio.

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