



Sangguniang Panlalawigan

BATAAN CAPITOL, BALANGA CITY



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BATAAN ON MARCH 6, 2023 HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, THE BUNKER, CAPITOL COMPOUND, BALANGA CITY, BATAAN

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Hon. Precious D. Manuel, Board Member (SKF President)

ABSENT:

None

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 03 Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING LIVING BATAEÑO WORLD WAR II VETERANS AS LIVING TREASURES AND SYMBOLS OF COURAGE, BRAVERY, AND SACRIFICE, AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BENEFITS ACCORDED TO THEM BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BATAAN.

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WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 7 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that "(t)he State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans";

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WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State, as provided for in Republic Act No. 6948, "to help foster the socioeconomic security and general well-being of the country's veterans in recognition of their patriotic services in times of war and peace for the cause of freedom and democracy; for the attainment of national unity, independence, and socioeconomic advancement; and the maintenance of peace and order, in keeping with the goals of the Government and the aspirations of the people";

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7696 provides that "(n)otwithstanding any existing laws, rules and regulations, veterans and their dependents or survivors who receive such benefits under Republic Act No. 6948 may also receive any additional benefits granted by their respective local governments";

WHEREAS, honoring World War II veterans of Bataan is crucial because they played a vital role in shaping the history of our nation. These veterans fought bravely and made tremendous sacrifices to defend our country and protect our freedom. They deserve our respect and gratitude for their service and contributions to our nation. By honoring these veterans, we pay homage to their legacy and ensure that their bravery will never be forgotten;

WHEREAS, given their immeasurable contribution to the nation and the province, they deserve all the benefits that the government, both national and local, accords them ensuring that they can live the rest of their lives with dignity and respect;

WHEREAS, as of date, there are only twenty-six (26) living identified Bataeño World War II veterans left, and most of them are already in the twilight of their lives;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Title. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bataan World War II Veterans Ordinance".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - The Provincial Government of Bataan (PGB) recognizes the significant contributions and sacrifices made by World War II veterans in the defense of the country and the province. It is the policy of the PGB to recognize these efforts, show gratitude, extend benefits and support, uphold their dignity and ensure that they are accorded respect.

Section 3. Declaration and Recognition. - The PGB hereby:

- a. declares all identified living Bataeño World War II veterans as living treasures and symbols of courage, bravery, and sacrifice. Their unwavering devotion to duty and commitment to the cause of freedom and democracy shall serve as an inspiration to all Bataeños.
- b. recognizes and pays tribute to the bravery and sacrifices made by all Bataeño World War II veterans. Their selfless acts of valor and determination in the face of adversity have inspired generations and have helped to preserve freedom and democracy. The whole Province of Bataan shall commemorate their contributions through annual ceremonies and the preservation of historical sites and monuments that serve as a testament to their bravery.

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Section 4. Benefits. – These benefits are hereby accorded in favor of Bataeño World War II veterans, to wit:

Benefits	Entitlement / Coverage	Details / Description
Rice Subsidy	Living Veterans	PhP3,000 - 3 times a year
	Spouse of Deceased Veterans	PhP1,500 - 3 times a year
Cash Assistance	Living Veterans	PhP15,000 - yearly on the occasion of Araw ng Kagitingan
Medicine Subsidy	Living Veterans	Depending on the actual need of veterans, but not to exceed the amount of PhP5,000 every month and subject to availability of funds
Prioritization	Living Veterans	priority in accessing healthcare, financial assistance and other applicable benefits and services

Section 5. Appropriation. - The amount necessary to implement this Ordinance shall be sourced from the appropriations which may be allocated through the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and/or Supplemental Appropriation Ordinances, as may be necessary. For the initial year of the implementation of this Ordinance, the appropriation already allotted to the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) and the Provincial Tourism Office shall be utilized, to be augmented by a separate appropriation ordinance, if necessary.

Section 6. Implementing Office. - The PSWDO shall be the primary implementing office of this Ordinance. As such, the same shall make sure that the allowances granted herein are timely received and redounds to the direct benefit of the veteran or his/her spouse. For this purpose, the PSWDO shall continue to regularly visit the veteran or his/her spouse, and make the necessary adjustments or arrangements concerning the manner of remitting or distribution of the benefits specified herein.

Section 7. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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Section 9. Effectivity. – This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Code on posting and publication.

UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED this 6th day of March 2023.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


ATTY. MARK LORENZ C. QUEZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan


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Date: 3-16-2023 