



**LIEUTENANT GENERAL ARTURO B ORTIZ, AFP**  
**Commanding, Philippine Army**



**LIEUTENANT GENERAL ARTURO B ORTIZ, AFP** is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Commanding General of the Philippine Army. He is a member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) "Matapat" Class of 1979.

He is one of the most distinguished and bemedalled officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He exemplifies the exact figure of a noble warrior

His professional military training includes: Basic Ranger Course at Scout Ranger Training Unit in 1977; Basic Airborne Course and Special Forces Operations Course at the Combat Training Center, Special Warfare Brigade in 1980 and 1981, respectively; Civil Military Operations Course and Armor Officer Basic Course at the Training Command, Philippine Army in 1985; Civil Affairs Course, Terrorism in Low Intensity Conflict Course, Instructor Training Course and the Special Forces Officer Qualification Course all taken in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA in 1986; Infantry Officer Advance Course at the Philippine Army Service School in 1991; Close Quarter Battle, Jumpmaster Course and the Military SCUBA Diving Course all taken at the Special Forces School in 1987, 1993 and 2006, respectively, and the General Staff Course in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA in 2000.

Prior to his current post, he was the 12<sup>th</sup> Commander of the Special Operations Command, Philippine Army from 03 Nov 2008 to 23 July 2010. His significant positions in the Special Forces of the Philippine Army were: Team Leader for six (6) years of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Company from 1979 to 1985; Commander, 606<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Company from 1987 to 1991, Operations Officer of the Special Forces Regiment (Airborne) from 1992 to 1993; Battalion Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Battalion from 01 July 1993 to 01 March 1995 and Commander of the Special Forces Regiment (Airborne) from 19 January 2006 to 03 November 2008. These assignments brought him to various major military campaigns against different rebel groups in Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and Sulu Islands where he consistently distinguish himself as an exceptional Commander.

His other significant positions include: Admin Officer of the Commanding General, Philippine Army in 1995; Chief Management Branch, Chief Modernization 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; Commanding Officer, Security and Escort Battalion, Philippine Army from 16 April 2001 to 31 August 2002; Commandant of Cadets, Philippine Military Academy from 31 August 2002 to 08 August 2003 and Chief, Armed Forces of the Philippines Command Center from 01 September 2003 to 10 June 2005.

His 34 years of military service earned him the following decorations: the Medal for Valor - the highest and most coveted military award; four (4) Distinguished Service Stars, three (3) Gold Cross Medals, four (4) Bronze Cross Medals, twenty one (21) Military Merit Medals for Combat and Admin, different Military Commendation Medals and various Letters of Commendation and Appreciation. Other awards bestowed on him are the following: the most coveted Cavalier Award by the PMA Alumni Association Inc. for Outstanding Performance as Military Professional in Army Operations; Special Forces Award of Distinction and the PMA Alumni Achievement Award.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ORTIZ hails from Bautista, Pangasinan.