

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1496, June 11, 1978]

ESTABLISHING NEW RATES OF BURIAL ALLOWANCE OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES WHILE IN THE ACTIVE DUTY IN CASE OF DEATH FROM INJURIES RECEIVED OR SICKNESS CONTRACTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

WHEREAS, the officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines more than any group of government personnel have been actively engaged in eradicating widespread lawlessness, disorder and wanton destruction of lives and property now prevailing throughout the country;

WHEREAS, in carrying out these dangerous tasks, many of them have lost their lives and many more will sacrifice theirs for a noble cause;

WHEREAS, there has been a considerable increase of burial expenses;

WHEREAS, the heirs of military personnel, particularly of those who were killed in actions have to spend more for the burial of their deceased love ones and the death gratuities they are entitled to are consequently reduced; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to keep the morale and efficiency of the officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines at a highest decree while they are engaged in the serious and delicate tasks aforementioned;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, Proclamation No. 1104, dated January 17, 1973 and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, do hereby authorize and prescribe the following new rates of burial allowance for the officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding:

General/Flag Officers	P3,000
Field Grade Officers	2,500
Company Grade Officers	2,000
Probationary Officers/Cadets	1,500
Enlisted Personnel	1,200
Draftees/Trainees/Reservists on Training	900

The Secretary of National Defense shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this decree.

This Decree is effective upon approval.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.