## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 201, September 20, 1994

## **CREATING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article XVI of the Philippine Constitution provides that "The 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. Funds shall be provided therefore and due consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the public domain and in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources;"

WHEREAS, there are several existing government agencies and non-government organizations concerned with the welfare of veterans and their survivors;

WHEREAS, there is a need for overall planning and the coordination of these agencies for an integrated approach to the participation of veterans in the development of the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a multi-sectoral body to advise the Secretary of National Defense and the President of the Philippines towards this end;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V RAMOS, President Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order

Section 1. An Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs is hereby organized with the following membership:

Chairman:

Undersecretary for Veterans and Reserve Affairs Department of National Defense

Co-Chairman:

President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines

Members:

- a. Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office
- b. Executive Vice President, VFP
- c. Administrator, PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority
- d. President, Philippine Veterans Bank
- e. President, Philippine Veterans Investment and Development Corporation
- f. Chairman, The Board of Trustees of the Veterans of World War II
- g. Chairman, Filipino War Veterans Foundation, Inc.
- h. Secretary General, VFP