## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING COOPERATION IN THE RESTORATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CLARK VETERANS CEMETERY

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United State of America (the "Participants").

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of friendship and respect existing between them; and

Recognizing the importance of appropriate maintenance of the final resting places of veterans:

Have decided as follows:

## Section I Definitions

As used in this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"):

- 1. The term "American Battle Monuments Commission" (ABMC) means the agency of the United States Government established in 1923 under U.S. law.
- 2. The term "Bases Conversion and Development Authority" (BCDA) means the agency of the Government of the Philippines established in 1992 under Philippine law.
- 3. The term "Clark Veterans Cemetery" refers to the approximately 70,000 square meter property owned by the Government of the Philippines under the BCDA and locate adjacent to Manuel A. Roxas Highway, Angeles City, Philippines, and more specifically described in the location map hereto attached as Annex A.
- 4. The term "new burials" means any burial occurring at Clark Veterans Cemetery after the date of signature of this MOU.

## **Section II**

## Restoration, Operation, and Maintenance of Clark Veterans Cemetery

The Participants acknowledge that titles to the lands constituting the Clark Veteran Cemetery remain vested solely in the BCDA, however, the Participants confirm their understanding that the ABMC may restore, operate, and maintain Clark Veterans Cemetery to the degree it deems most appropriate in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, through the BCDA.