

## **ROMEO DE VERA POQUIZ**

Mr Romeo Poquiz is a multi-awarded military officer, aviator, ground combat commander, leader and manager who served with distinction in the armed forces for 37 and a half years. He retired in 2014 as a Major General and as Commander of the 2nd Air Division (Air Force in the Visayas). His other positions in the service include, among many others: The Air Force Inspector General, Commander of the Air Force Special Operations Wing, Commanding Officer of the Air Force Finance Center and Commanding Officer of the AFP Pension Management Center. He also served as Trustee of the AFP Savings and Loan Association, which have resources of about Php40Billion.

He is widely known in the entire Armed Forces of the Philippines as the Air Force officer, a military pilot, who commanded a newly-created Air Force ground counter-insurgency unit which fought many battles against the communist terrorists. Under his leadership, his unit, the famous 740<sup>th</sup> Combat Group, was declared The Best Battalion of the Southern Luzon Command, winning over Army Special Forces and Infantry Battalions also operating in Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions.

Aside from air and ground field operations and leadership, Mr Poquiz also has expertise in Security, Logistics, Intelligence, Comptrollership, Resources Management, Education and Training, Crisis Management and Strategic Planning. He is the only AFP officer who has such varied areas of specialization. He served in various capacities in these areas.

He graduated in 1981 from the Philippine Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree. He also graduated in Masters of Management, major in Finance, from the Naval Postgraduate School in the USA in 2000. His skills were further honed in various other courses, trainings and seminars, among which are: Project Management Course and Senior Executive Management Seminar from the Asian Institute of Management; Negotiation Skills Seminar from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business; & Corporate Governance Seminars from the Institute of Corporate Directors in 2006 and 2017.

In the USA, he took up: International Defense Management Course in 1996 and the International Defense Resources Management Applications Course in 1998. He also took up the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Codification Systems Seminar in 1999.

Among the many awards he received are the following:

- Philippine Legion of Honor, awarded by the President of the Philippines, 2014
- The Outstanding Philippine Soldier (TOPS) Award, given by Metrobank Foundation, 2004
- Award for Continuing Excellence and Service (ACES), by Metrobank Foundation, 2012
- Outstanding Achievement Medal, given by the Secretary of National Defense for extraordinary achievements, 1998
- Most Outstanding Soldiers Award, Negros Island Centennial Committee, 1990
- PMA Cavalier Award, by the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, 1991
- Golden Aviator Award given by the PAF Flying School, 2014
- Distinguished Service Stars and a Gold Cross Medal, awarded by the AFP Chief of Staff
- Bronze Cross, Silver Wing, Military Merit, and Military Commendation Medals.

Mr Poquiz was formerly the President of BioSyn PowerGen Inc, a technology architecture company in the power industry. He currently holds the following positions:

- Regional Manager, Asia Pacific, of Rescue Global, a London-based not-for-profit Disaster Risk Reduction and Response organization.
- Board Director – Bases Conversion and Development Authority
- Board Director – Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation
- Board Director – Bonifacio Transport Corporation
- Board Director – BioSyn Central Power, Inc
- Consultant – Philippine Economic Zone Authority