

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**

Manila City

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RESOLUTION No. 25

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING  
THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ARNIS TEAM AND  
THEIR COACHING STAFF FOR GRABBING  
FOURTEEN GOLD MEDALS, FOUR SILVER  
MEDALS, AND TWO BRONZE MEDALS AT THE  
30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES

WHEREAS, Arnis, the National Martial Art and Sport  
of the Philippines as declared in Republic Act 9850, was  
last featured in the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games)  
in 2005 and has been included as a regular sport for the  
2019 SEA Games, with competitors from Cambodia,  
Myanmar, Vietnam and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Arnis events of the SEA Games were divided into live stick, padded stick, and Anyo categories for men and women, with the live stick and padded stick events further separated into weight divisions, and the Anyo events into traditional and non-traditional categories;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Arnis Team (PNAT) delivered strong performances against worthy competitors throughout all the categories, and managed the incredible feat of landing 20 podium finishes overall, with 14 gold medals, four silver medals, and two bronze medals across all the categories;

WHEREAS, this feat of PNAT made them, by far, the most bemedaled Philippine Team in the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games and their 14 gold medal haul is predicted to be more than ten percent of the total gold medal haul of the Philippines in this biennial event;

WHEREAS, behind the success of the PNAT is a passionate and hardworking coaching staff headed by Grandmaster Richardson C. Gialogo whose astute guidance and discipline led the team to its ultimate victory;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Arnis Team is composed of the following men and women who brought pride and honor to the country by collecting 20 medals for our National Martial Art and Sport and for reigniting local and international interest and appreciation for the sport through their excellent showcase at the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games:

For the Live Stick Events:

- 1) Dexler Bolambao – Gold  
Bantamweight (M)
- 2) Sgt. Niño Mark E. Talledo – Gold  
Featherweight (M)
- 3) T/Sgt. Villardo Cunamay – Gold  
Lightweight (M)

- 4) S/Sgt. Mike C. Bañares – Gold  
Welterweight (M)
- 5) Jezebel S. Morcillo – Gold  
Bantamweight (W)
- 6) Jude Oliver Marie V. Rodriguez – Silver  
Featherweight (W)
- 7) Eza Rai C. Yalong – Bronze  
Lightweight (W)
- 8) Erlin Mae C. Busacay – Bronze  
Welterweight (W)

For the Padded Stick Events:

- 9) Jesfer P. Huquire – Gold  
Bantamweight (M)
- 10) Elmer C. Manlapas – Gold  
Featherweight (M)
- 11) Carloyd M. Tejada – Gold  
Welterweight (M)
- 12) Sheena del Monte – Gold  
Bantamweight (W)
- 13) Jedah Mae C. Soriano – Gold  
Featherweight (W)
- 14) Ross Ashley D. Monville – Gold  
Lightweight (W)
- 15) Abegail D. Abad – Gold  
Welterweight (W)
- 16) Billy Joel B. Valenzuela – Silver  
Lightweight (M)

For the Anyo Events: \*

- 17) Crisamuel Delfin – Gold  
Non-Traditional Open Weapon (M)
- 18) Mary Allin L. Aldeguez – Gold  
Non-Traditional Open Weapon (W)
- 19) Mark David P. Puzon – Silver  
Traditional Open Weapon (M)
- 20) Ryssa Jezzel A. Sanchez – Silver  
Traditional Open Weapon (W)

The Coaching Staff:

- 1) T/Sgt. Richardson C. Gialogo  
PAF Reserve, Head Coach
- 2) S/Sgt. Regie B. Sanchez  
(PA, Ret.) Assistant Coach for Live Sticks
- 3) P/Capt. Reneto E. Tuñacao  
Assistant Coach for Padded Sticks
- 4) Reignerose M. Esquierra  
Assistant Coach for Anyo
- 5) Rodolfo Jay L. Garcia Jr.  
Strength and Conditioning Coach
- 6) Aniano Lota Jr.  
Mental and Spiritual Wellness and Discipline  
Coach

WHEREAS, the overwhelming success of the PNAT at the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games is an inspiring testament to the level of excellence that Filipino athletes can achieve, with proper government support;

WHEREAS, the PNAT will go down in history as the

team that brought arnis back to great acclaim on an international stage, 14 years since the sport was last seen at the SEA Games: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend the Philippine National Arnis Team and their coaching staff for grabbing 14 gold medals, four silver medals and two bronze medals at the 30<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games.*

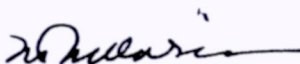
Adopted,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III

*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 9, 2019.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

*Secretary of the Senate*

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