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OBSERVANCE OF PCG ANNIVERSARY

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Philippine Commission Act 266. An Act creating the Bureau of Coast Guard and Transportation.
- b. The Philippine Navy (1898-1998) Centennial Edition.
- c. 93rd PCG Anniversary Magazine Edition (1994)

2. PURPOSE: To validate the official date for the observance of the PCG anniversary.

3. HISTORICAL BASIS: Based on historical research at the National Archives and Philippine Historical Institute and interviews of reliable sources, the Philippine Coast Guard was established as follows:

a. The PCG traces its humble beginning during the American regime. **On 17 October 1901, the Philippine Commission enacted Commission Act 266 which created** a Bureau for the purpose of organizing, directing, and controlling island and inter-island water transportation for governmental purposes, and for the establishment and maintenance of an efficient coast guard service which shall be called the **Bureau of Coast Guard and Transportation (BCGT)**. This Bureau was placed under the general control and supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Police. The first Chief was CDR ADOLF MARIX USN who was also the Chief of the Port of Manila.

b. On 26 October 1905, Philippine Commission Act 1407 changed the name of the BCGT to the Bureau of Navigation but remained under the Department of Commerce and Police. On 19 December 1913, the Bureau of Navigation was abolished by virtue of PCA 2308 with its functions divided between the Bureau of Public Works and Bureau of Customs. On 08 August 1967, RA 5173 known as the "Coast Guard Law of 1967" was signed by then President Ferdinand E. Marcos but it was on 10 October 1967 that the PCG was finally activated as a major unit of the Philippine Navy (PN).

c. On 30 March 1998, the PCG was transferred from the PN to the Office of the President pursuant to EO 475. On 15 April 1998, by virtue of EO 477, the PCG was finally transferred to the Department of Transportation and Communications.

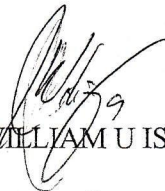
4. PROMULGATION CLAUSE: Based on this finding, it is hereby declared that the PCG Anniversary be officially observed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October.

5. RESCISSION: All PCG Circulars, SOPs and publications inconsistent with this publication are hereby rescinded.

6. EFFECTIVITY: This circular takes effect upon approval.

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