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**GUIDELINES ON NAMING AND RENAMING OF PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD
BASES**

I. AUTHORITIES:

- a) Republic Act No. 9993 otherwise known as the "Philippine Coast Guard Law of 2009"
- b) Chapter 4, Book I, Executive Order No. 292 otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987"
- c) Section 13, Chapter 1, Book I, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991"

II. REFERENCES:

- a) Section 13, Chapter 1, Book I, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991"
- b) Republic Act No. 1059 (An Act Prohibiting the Naming of Sitios, Barrios, Municipalities, Cities, Provinces, Streets, Highways, Avenues, Bridges, and Other Public Thoroughfares, Parks, Plazas, Public Schools, Public Buildings, Piers, Government Aircrafts and Vessels, and Other Public Institutions After Living Persons)
- c) National Historical Commission of the Philippines' Revised Guidelines on the Naming and Renaming of Streets, Public Schools, Plazas, Building, Bridges and other Public Structures

III. PURPOSE:

This Circular provides the guidelines for the naming and renaming of all existing and future PCG bases without prejudice to the creation and activation of future bases by the Command.

IV. SCOPE:

This Circular applies to all existing and future bases of the PCG, wherever used for whatever purposes with the effect of giving identity, authority, or sign of dignity to a PCG Base that is connected to or in relation to PCG service.

V. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

1. PCG Units- pertains to all major commands and services directly reporting to Commandant, whose Commander and/or Commanding Officer with the corresponding rank under the approved Table of Organization and Equipment (TOE).
2. PCG Base - a group of installations for which a commander is responsible, consisting of facilities necessary for the support of PCG activities including security, internal lines of communication, utilities, real property, and assets for which the PCG has operating responsibility.
3. Public Place - a location to which all of the public has access and is not a place exclusively used for a private gathering or any other personal purposes.
4. Local Government Units (LGUs)- are institutional units whose fiscal, legislative and executive authority extends over the smallest geographical areas distinguished for administrative and political purposes.

VI. POLICIES:

1. General
 - a. The Commandant, PCG shall be the sole approving authority to all requests pertaining to the approval of naming and renaming of PCG Bases duly endorsed by the Unit Commander, and appropriate general orders issued by the office of the Coast Guard Adjutant.
 - b. Requests for the approval of the naming and renaming of PCG Bases shall be submitted to the Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Operations, CG-3 for assessment, evaluation and preparation of complete staff work correspondence for the approval of the Commandant, PCG.
 - c. The naming and renaming of PCG Bases must not be used in ways that may imply endorsement. It shall not be falsely advertised or otherwise represent falsely the PCG organization, may project, service, business in which it is engaged, or political milestone, has been in a way endorsed, authorized, or approved by PCG competent authority.
 - d. The PCG-owned Bases must secure any proof of ownership (e.g. Deed of Donation) prior endorsement to higher headquarters for the approval of naming and renaming.
2. Specific
 - a. The Command cannot rename the donated/owned land if the original name was created by an act of Congress or by a proclamation of the President of the Philippines.

- b. Proposed names must have historical and cultural significance and must contribute to the positive development of national pride through the good example exhibited by the name being used.
- c. Recommended names for PCG Bases should be appropriate in terms of historical value and significance to the place to be named or renamed.
- d. Hispanized and foreign terms should be retained if they have attained a degree of historical significance and have been sanctified by usage.
- e. The use of Filipino words should be encouraged in the naming or renaming of PCG Bases.
- f. Names should be short and simple for practical and aesthetic reasons. However, the use of nicknames or aliases in the naming of PCG Bases should be discouraged.
- g. The use of names which are complicated and confusing shall be discouraged. In cases where the name and initials are the same with other prominent personages, the full name of the person intended to be honored should be specified.
- h. PCG-owned Bases such as those already named after presidents, national heroes cannot be replaced with names of people of lesser importance. (e.g. places named after national heroes cannot be renamed after local heroes; places named after Presidents cannot be renamed after Senators);
- i. No public place owned by PCG should be named or renamed after a person within ten (10) years of his death except for highly exceptional reasons (e.g. his death was due to assassination in the service of the country, he/she gave exceptional service to the nation, death while trying to save others, death was a result of his patriotism, and death while in performance of one's duty).
- j. In the naming of PCG Base after people, the use of the word "memorial" should be deleted as it is already understood that the person being honored is already deceased.
- k. To avoid confusion in the maintenance of records and delivery of postal matters, the former name of the public place must always be recommended to be placed beneath the new name in the signage.
- l. No PCG Base should be named or renamed after a person when questionable propriety might arise from the said act.

VII. EFFECTIVITY:

This Circular shall take effect upon publication.


VIII. PENAL CLAUSE:

Violation on the provisions of this Circular shall be subjected to disciplinary action and administrative sanctions by the Command.

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