

Sixty six AFP ranking officers and two DFA ambassadors get CA approval; DENR Secretary deferred

The Commission on Appointments (CA) in its September 20 plenary session, presided by the President of the Senate/Chairman of the Commission Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III, approved the nominations/*ad interim* appointments of 66 Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ranking officers from the Department of National Defense (DND) and the nominations of two senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

Confirmed by the Commission were the nominations of two envoys, namely, **Maria Cleofe R. Natividad** as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Austria, with concurrent jurisdiction over the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic, Chief of Mission I and **Joseph Del Mar Yap** as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Singapore, with the salary and emoluments of a Chief of Mission, Class I. Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson, chairman of the Commission’s Committee on Foreign Affairs, recommended the approval of their nominations to the plenary.

Meanwhile, Rep. Roy M. Loyola, chairman of the Commission’s defense committee, also recommended the confirmation to the plenary of the nominations/*ad interim* appointments of the following ranking officers in the AFP:

Galileo Gerard R. Kintanar Jr.	to the rank of <i>Lieutenant General (nomination)</i>
Romeo N. Dela Cruz	to the rank of <i>Major General</i>
Jande S. Francisco	to the rank of <i>Rear Admiral (nomination)</i>
Restituto F. Padilla Jr.	to the rank of <i>Major General (nomination)</i>
Rolando Joselito D. Bautista	to the rank of <i>Major General (nomination)</i>
Isidro L. Purisima	to the rank of <i>Major General (nomination)</i>
Macairog S. Alberto	to the rank of <i>Major General (nomination)</i>
Rolando C. Manalo	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Fernando T. Trinidad	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Loumer P. Bernabe	to the rank of <i>Commodore</i>
Lenard T. Agustin	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Gerald S. Da-Anton	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Antonio G. Parlade Jr.	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Cristobal N. Zaragoza	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Rene Glen O. Paje	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Fernyl G. Buca	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Edwin Leo T. Torrelavega	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Alejandro A. Baclayon	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General</i>
Hilario B. Frigillana Jr.	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General (Reserve)</i>
Carlyzar S. Divinagracia	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General (Reserve)</i>
Ramil Roberto B. Enriquez	to the rank of <i>Commodore, (nomination)</i>
Abraham Claro C. Casis	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General (nomination)</i>

Cirilo Thomas P. Donato Jr.	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General (nomination)</i>
Pascual Luis D. Bedia	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General (nomination)</i>
Marcelino Randy L. Tibayan	to the rank of <i>Brigadier General (nomination)</i>
Noel M. De Vera	to the rank of <i>Commodore, (nomination)</i>
Jeffrey Jake D. Gallenero	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Medel M. Aguilar	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Michele B. Anayron Jr.	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Felix Laudemer S. Kahulugan Jr.	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Edgardo F. Batenga	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Patricio Ruben P. Amata	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Rommel B. Almaria	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Eugenio S. Batara Jr.	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Mario C. Africa	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Simeon S. Talosig	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Rolando E. Remon	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Arneil T. Mariano	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Constancio Arturo M. Reyes Jr.	to the rank of <i>Captain, Philippine Navy</i>
Sergio M. Bartolome	to the rank of <i>Captain, Philippine Navy</i>
Larry C. Batalla	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Navy-Marines</i>
John B. Montes	to the rank of <i>Captain, Philippine Navy</i>
Leo Ramon B. Miado	to the rank of <i>Captain, Philippine Navy</i>
Joselo A. Tuballa	to the rank of <i>Captain, Philippine Navy</i>
Roman M. Dioso	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Air Force</i>
Arturo D. Muico III	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Air Force</i>
Ramil G. Oloroso	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Air Force</i>
Aldrin S. Annani	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Air Force</i>
Ma. Jesica M. Vallangca	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Medical Corps</i>
Eugenia E. Mendoza	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Medical Corps</i>
Raymund C. Elpedes	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Medical Admin. Corps</i>
Venus M. Bajarin	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Nurse Corps</i>
Carmelito T. Pangatungan	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Andre B. Santos	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Patriarch Robinson P. Pel	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
George L. Banzon	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Nilo P. Vinluan	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Francisco F. Lorenzo Jr.	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Ferdinand B. Lacadin	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Romualdo Raymund B. Landingin	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Jesus Jeffrey F. Grapa	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Jose Leonard B. Gille	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Francisco G. Ladrido	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Joselito M. Ladra	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army</i>
Ricardo C. Juliano	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army (Reserve)</i>
Rozzanno A. Viray	to the rank of <i>Colonel, Philippine Army (Reserve)</i>

In an earlier hearing at the committee level, the Commission deferred action on the *ad interim* appointment of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu due to lack of material time as some of the members would still wish to clarify certain issues from and ask questions to the Secretary. Sen. Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao, chairman of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, suspended the deliberations upon the motion of Vice Chairman of the Commission Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora.