



VADM RONALD JOSEPH S MERCADO AFP

Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy

12 November 2016 to PRESENT

VADM RONALD JOSEPH S MERCADO AFP assumed as the 36th Flag Officer In Command of the Philippine Navy on 12 November 2016. Prior to his designation, he has occupied various significant positions both in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Navy; Commander of the Western Command, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Commander, Philippine Fleet, Vice Commander of Philippine Navy, Chief of Naval of Staff, Commander of Naval Forces Central, Commander of Assault Craft Force, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, J5, Deputy Commander of Naval Forces West, and Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Education and Training, N8, among others.

VADM MERCADO has proven his competency early in his military career, as he entered the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) and graduated 9th out of 192 cadets belonging to the PMA “Matikas” Class of 1983. Since then, he has performed different tasks and has contributed immensely to the accomplishments of the Philippine Navy.

His proficiency and aptitude have been extensively enhanced through the numerous military courses, trainings and seminars he attended—both local and abroad. A few of these include his attendance to 4th edition of the High Defense Course for Asia-Pacific Senior Officers in Madrid, Spain, Naval Command and Staff Course, Command and General Staff Course, 14th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, Command at Sea Course, Ships Executive Officer Course, International Defense Acquisition Resources Management Course Phase III, Joint Comptroller Logistics Seminar, AFP Logistics Officer Intermediate Course, International Defense Acquisition Resource Management Crash Course, and Foreign Officers Supplementary List Executive Course at the Royal Australian Naval College.

VADM MERCADO also took up various civilian courses in pursuit of wide-ranging knowledge and skills. VADM MERCADO is an undergraduate of BSC (Accounting) at the University of San Carlos in Cebu City, which he took up before he entered the PMA. He is

also a graduate of Program Logic Formulation & Computer Programming from the National Computer Institute, General Headquarters, AFP; Unix OS with Shell Programming, Rational Database Modeling & Design, SQL, 4GL from the Institute of Advanced Computer Technology, Makati City; Electronic Procurement System Training by the Department of Budget and Management; POL Management Seminar by Petron; and Seminar on e-Procurement by the University of the Philippines.

Given his impeccable skills as a naval officer, he was entrusted to be the Commanding Officer of various Philippine Navy vessels such as LT86, PS28, PG141, and AT291. He was also designated as Executive Officer of PG141 and AT293.

Throughout his military career, VADM MERCADO has received numerous recognitions and distinguished awards for his outstanding performance in the different positions he held. He was awarded with Distinguished Service Star (DSS), GawadsaKaunlaran Medal, Military Commendation Medals, Military Civic Action Medal, Combat Commander Kagitingan Badge, Leadership Award, Presidential Unit Citation Badge, Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Ribbon, among others.

VADM RONALD JOSEPH S MERCADO AFP, Ronnie to his friends, is happily married to Emelie and they are blessed with four children – Ronald Joseph Jr, Ronilie Joyce, Russell James and Ryan Justine.