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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED
CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : A Policy Redefining a "Veteran" for the Purpose of Granting
the Veteran Preference Rating (VPR)

Pursuant to CSC Resolution No. 06-0067 (A Policy Redefining a "Veteran" for the Purpose of Granting the Veteran Preference Rating) dated January 16, 2006, the Civil Service Commission revoked CSC Resolution No. 93-5782 and amended the Second Sentence of Section 4, Rule III of the Omnibus Guidelines Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292, as follows:

"For purposes of this Rule, a "veteran" shall include any person who has served in the regularly constituted Armed Forces of World War II or in the non-regularly organized unit in the Philippines during World War II and whose services are duly recognized by the Government."

The Policy Redefining a "Veteran" for the Purpose of Granting the Veteran Preference Rating (VPR) takes effect on March 17, 2006, fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Malaya on March 2, 2006.

Please be guided accordingly.


KARINA CONSTANTINO-DAVID
Chairperson

March 22, 2006

C: MC-VETERAN/
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Re: A Policy Redefining a "Veteran" for the Purpose
of Granting the Veteran Preference Rating

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RESOLUTION NO. 060067

WHEREAS, in 1946, the Congress of the Philippines passed into law, **Republic Act No. 65**, giving veterans of the 1896 Philippine Revolution and of the World War II, preference in, among other things, appointments and promotions in the government service. Section 8 of the said Act, as later on amended by **Republic Act No. 154**, states:

"Section 8. For a period of three years from the time of the passage of this Act, the persons mentioned in sections one and two hereof shall, all other qualifications being equal:

(1) Have preference in appointments and promotions to any Government office, agency, or instrumentality or in and to any Government-owned or subsidized corporation, the provisions of law as to civil service eligibility notwithstanding: Provided, That in examinations where experience is an element of qualification, the time spent in the military or naval service of the United States or of the Philippines shall be credited in a veterans' rating where his actual employment in a similar vocation to that for which he is examined was interrupted by such military or naval service."

WHEREAS, in implementing the said Act, former President Elpidio Quirino issued **Executive Order No. 132 series of 1948**, granting veterans a preference rating in the career service examinations, of 5 points and 10 points for honorably discharged veterans soldiers and those with service-connected disability, respectively. The said preference rating was, further, expanded by former President Ferdinand Marcos through **Executive Order No. 790**, which extended the veterans' preference rating to any one child of the veteran.

WHEREAS, on the basis of the above-mentioned statutes, the Commission has been granting Veterans Preference Rating (VPR) to qualified veterans or their beneficiaries, as certified by the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office. Thus, Rule III section 4 of the **Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292**, states:

"Section 4. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 132 series of 1948, of the Office of the President, five points shall be added to the ratings earned by a veteran in a civil service examination which shall be credited to him

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for entrance to and promotion in the service. For purposes of this Rule, a "veteran" shall include any person who has served in the military service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, in the regularly constituted armed forces or World War II or in the non-regularly organized unit in the Philippines during World War II and whose services are duly recognized by the Government.

"Ten points shall be added to the earned rating of the following examinees: (a) a veteran who establishes by official records the existence of a service-connected disability; (b) a widow of a veteran; and (c) a wife of a veteran who himself cannot qualify for appointment in the civil service due to a service-connected disability.

"Further, pursuant to EO 790, s. 1982 likewise of the Office of the President, any one child of a veteran in cases where the veteran himself or his wife failed to avail himself of the preference rating due to disqualification for appointment or disability, may also avail of an added ten points to his earned rating.

"The preference rating in an examination shall be granted by the Commission at any time upon the request of the applicant and upon submission of the documents required by the Commission even if not declared in his application/ This preference rating, however, shall not apply to the Professional Board Examination for Teachers (PBET)"

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6948 expanded the definition of a "veteran" to include those who have rendered military service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and has honorably been discharged with the aggregate service of 6 years or sooner separated due to death or disability, among others. Hence, the Commission issued Civil Service Commission Resolution No. 93-5782 adopting the definition of Republic Act No. 6948 but excluding only foreign nationals as defined in Section 2(a) Title 1 of the said Act.

WHEREAS, presently, Rule III Section 4 of the Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292 defines a "veteran" as including "any person who has served in the military service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, in the regularly constituted armed forces of the World War II or in the non-regularly organized unit in the Philippines during the World War II and whose services are duly recognized by the Government."

WHEREAS, it is noted however, that Republic Act No. 6948 merely standardized specific benefits like educational benefits, disability pension, old-age pension, death pension, hospitalization, medical care and treatment, without mentioning

the Veteran Preference Rating. It is clear, therefore, that **Republic Act No. 6948** does not intend to expand the definition of a veteran for the purpose of the Veteran Preference Rating.

WHEREAS, consistent with the true intent of **Republic Act No. 65** and **Republic Act No. 6948**, the definition of a "veteran" for the purpose of granting the Veteran Preference Rating should be limited to the veterans of the 1896 Revolution and of the World War II. However, since more than a century have passed since the 1896 Revolution, it is practically useless to grant the privilege to the veterans thereof. Hence, the Veteran Preference Rating can be granted only to the veterans of the World War II or their beneficiaries as defined in **Executive Order No. 790 series of 1982**.

WHEREFORE, THE COMMISSION RESOLVES AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES to revoke **Civil Service Commission Resolution No. 93- 5782**. The second sentence of **Rule III Section 4 of the Omnibus Guidelines Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292** is, therefore, amended as follows:

"For purposes of this Rule, a "veteran" shall include any person who has served in the regularly constituted armed forces of World War II or in the non-regularly organized unit in the Philippines during World War II and whose services are duly recognized by the Government."

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