

APO-ACNA officials headed by Pres./Sis. Ving Adriatico welcomed the visiting APO-USA delegation during the ACNA sponsored IHMDO service mission in Davao City last May 28, 2025.

## International Humanitarian Medical, Dental, Optical and Legal Service Mission A Journey to Love, Care, Compassion and Joy

By Bro. Art Rivera

The APO Alumni Council of North America coordinated the one-day Medical, Dental, Optical and Legal Service Mission to the residents of Barangay Megkawayan in Calinan, Davao Del Sur on May 29. More than 160 APO Medical Doctors, Dentists, Optometry, Surgeons, Lawyers, APO members and families from the US, Canada and the Philippines joined forces to make a difference in the lives of the residents of this beautiful mountain town.

Calinan was about 48 kilometers away from Davao City and offered a thrill ride passing through the coconut and tree lined towns and barrios of the province. Two buses, several vans and cars of the volunteers left the SMX Convention Center at about 7:00 AM escorted by three Motorcycle security that made our trip faster and secured us to the Barangay Megkawayan Hall. After about an hour, we arrived at Calinan and we were greeted by excited, eager and happy faces of the residents, children and patients already in line. The hall was organized and laid out to accommodate the different services and volunteers were distributed to assist the professionals.

Brothers and Sisters from all over the country, APO USA delegation headed by Brother Melody Martin, APO Philippines National President Kevin Dy and Officers also came to experience the heart warming and awe inspiring work of our dedicated volunteers. At the end of the outreach it was so fulfilling to know

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## APO Hawaii to host ACNA 2025 Convention and Centennial Celebration

Preparations are in high gear for the 2025 ACNA Convention and Alpha Phi Omega's 100<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary, which will be hosted by APO-Hawaii Alumni Association. This gathering coincides with the 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of APO (Philippines) Alumni Council of North America. The events will be held on August 28-September 1, 2025 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"That the centennial anniversary of our fraternity is happening in our lifetime is in itself an exceptionally precious gift to us. For this, we will proudly and jubilantly celebrate as one fraternal body. We hope to make this historic event meaningful, memorable, and fun," says Bro. Raymund Llanes Liongson, chair of the Honolulu convention and centennial celebration.

Check-in starts at noon on August 28 at the Tour Desk 1A, Ground Floor of Ala Moana Hotel, where convention packets will be issued. A battery of activities is lined up to mark the historic centennial anniversary, which includes a beach welcome reception, an Aloha Night, an APO Night, a Centennial Gala, a caravan through the heart of Waikiki and Honolulu, a conference, a BOD meeting, a plenary general assembly, a curated centennial exhibit, an exploration on the island of O ahu, and the election ACNA officers for Developmental Year of 2026-2027.

A welcome reception on Thursday, August 28, 6pm, on Picnic Site #34 at Ala Moana Park, a walking distance from the Ala Moana Hotel, will usher in the string of events. Attendees may wear their AA

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## The President's Message

#### **ACNA Centennial Convention 2025**

To our Brothers & Sisters in APO ACNA.

Greetings from the Nation's Capital, Washington DC!

On behalf of the Executive Officers, and Alumni Association Presidents of APO Alumni Council of North America, I congratulate the great work of the Newsletter Committee headed by the Editor-in-Chief Bro Gene Generoso, his managing editor Bro Art Rivera, and hardworking lay-out artist Bro Sancho Sy, and all the contributors! We are grateful for your time and dedication in making this newsletter possible.

As we enter the final quarter of this centennial administration, we find ourselves in the last stretch toward the finish line. It has indeed been a remarkable journey!



**Sis. Ving Adriatico** President, 2024-2025, APO ACNA

My sincere appreciation to all the officers and members of the Board, and to all our brothers and sisters who have served as steadfast mission partners throughout this term. Your cooperation, and unwavering commitment have been vital to the progress we have made together.

One extraordinary moment we share is the receiving the PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE from Immediate Past APO Philippines' National President Brother Kevin Dy, the first for us and would definitely not the last. But beyond the accomplishments, we value most the bonds of friendship we have strengthened, the loyalty to our principles we have affirmed, and the personal and collective growth that this journey has fostered.

We celebrate the Centennial Convention by honoring the lives we have touched and the impact we have made through our collective service. We remember the joy in children's faces, the words of gratitude from our kababayans and the people we serve, and the success of our services - IHMDO mission for one, was described as "hulog ng langit" - all these, remind us that what we do truly matters. Together, we have built trust, restored dignity, and inspired others to serve with us.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration that we are fortunate to witness, the Centennial Convention is both a tribute to our glorious past and a reaffirmation of the values that continue to guide us today. Rekindle old friendships, meet new brother and sisters, and share stories that remind us why APO is truly a lifelong bond. Taste the flavors of Hawai'i, dance to its rhythms, and enjoy festivities that celebrate not just our centennial, but the joy of being together.

Warm congratulations and gratitude to the APO Hawaii Alumni Association, convention chair Bro. Dr. Raymund Liongson, President Sis. Rossana Donalvo and brothers and sisters or hosting this historic event. To all members of ACNA, your attendance and positive energy has made this celebration truly memorable.

May God Bless each and everyone and keep everyone safe! Looking forward to seeing you all!

May We Always Be!

In Leadership, Friendship, & Service, Sis Felvic Ving Adriatico Theta Zeta (UP Tacloban) '88 42723 Life APO ACNA President 2024-2025

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#### **UPDATE: From APO Hawaii** By

By Bro. Raymund Liongson

#### APO Hawaii to Host ACNA 2025 Convention and Centennial Celebration

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shirts or, for those who plan to take a dip, their swimwear. The beach reception is sponsored by August and September birthday celebrants and coordinated by Sis Crystal "Tata" Geiger, ACNA BOD Secretary, of APO Florida.

With pride, we will drive through the heart of Waikiki and Honolulu for a Centennial Caravan on August 29. Assembly is at 8:30 am at the Ala Moana Park, and the caravan will roll out at 9:30 am. Bring and display your AA banners; festively decorate your cars. APO Hawaii is working on having enough vehicles for this event. The host AA will also rent a trolley for the participating delegates. The 8.5-mile route is estimated to reach its finish point, back to where it started, in about an hour.



One of the events to celebrate the fraternity's centennial anniversary is a conference aimed at reflecting on the 100 years of Alpha Phi Omega and envisioning the role of APO alumni in the future. This will take place in the afternoon of August 29, following the centennial caravan, in the Garden Lanai of Ala Moana Hotel. The conference theme is "APO @ 100: A Century of Steadfast Commitment to Leadership, Friendship and Service."

Before the conference, Sis Felvic "Ving" Adriatico, ACNA President, will rap her gavel and officially declare the 2025 ACNA convention open. APO alumni will be speaking on key topics:

- Sis Vilma Eda, Vigan City Division Superintendent, Philippine Department of Education, "Reflections on the Foundation and Purpose of Alpha Phi Omega";
- Bro Emilio "Mel" Gonzales, President, Dr. Librado Ureta Foundation, "Revisiting the Past Challenges and Triumphs of the Fraternity: Lessons Learned"; and
- Bro. Danny Ang, Chair, ACNA Board of Directors, "Envisioning the Roles for APO Alumni in the Future". The keynote speaker will be announced shortly.

The evening of August 29 is Aloha Night in the Garden Lanai, featuring Hawaiian music, dance, and culture. Attire for the evening is relaxed or crisp aloha shirt or Hawaiian dress.

The Board of Directors will have its meeting on August 30 in the Carnation Room, presided by ACNA BOD Chair Danny Ang. Non-BOD and guests may opt to experience and explore Hawaii, either hiking up Diamond Head or swimming/snorkeling at Hanauma Bay. Others may go on their own – explore Ala Moana Shopping Center, Waikiki, or other natural or historical sites.

APO Night (August 30) will feature Philippine history and culture as well as folk songs and dances in the Hibiscus Ballroom. Departed brothers and sisters will be remembered and honored with a video montage. APO awards and recognition will also be taking place during this evening. Attire for the evening is contemporary or traditional Philippine wear like barong for men, and terno or Maria Clara for women. Indigenous ethnic costumes are welcome.

ACNA General Assembly will be on August 31 at 8:00 am in the Hibiscus Ballroom. This plenary session, presided by ACNA President Felvic "Ving" Adriatico, is open to all delegates. The GA will culminate with the election of officers for DY 2026-2027 by officially registered voting delegates from the different Alumni Associations.

A curated APO centennial exhibit will be on display throughout the convention period. APO brothers and sisters are invited to loan any material of historical significance that can be displayed during the convention. Exhibit items include, but are not limited to, documents, photographs, autographs, manuscripts, books, news clippings, artworks, compositions, 3-dimensional objects, or just about any item or material related to the fraternity that may contribute to our deeper knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Alpha Phi Omega.

There might not be sufficient time for all the AAs to present their reports and highlight their accomplishments. We encourage every ACNA alumni association to share their achievements by putting together a tri-fold presentation. The posters will be displayed during the general assembly on August 31. The trifold poster may be 48" wide by 36" high or smaller. Be creative and informative. For logistical preparations, APO Hawaii requests AAs planning to display trifold posters to express their intention.

The four-day event concludes with a Centennial Gala, celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fraternity. Delegates and guests are enjoined to relish the live music, presentations, and dance the night out. Post-evening program fellowships may continue in the hospitality rooms. -/rliongson

### ACNA IHMDO: A Journey to Love, Care, Compassion and Joy

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that there were 1124 beneficiaries of the 2025 IHMDO! There were 182 Circumcisions (Tuli), 22 minor surgeries, 60 OB Gyne consultations, 69 blood typing, 174 Pediatrics and Adult consultations, 200 Optometry Consultations and prescription eyeglasses, 85 Oral Prophylaxis, 321 dental extractions and 11 Legal consultations. In addition, ACNA distributed 200 grocery bags to families identified by the Barangay officials.

Snacks and ice cream were provided to the patients, the Barangay provided lunch for the Professionals and volunteers. The one day joint outreach mission by ACNA was undertaken in cooperation with the APO ANDA AA and APO Philippines ended at about 5:00 PM. When all is said and done, we gathered to offer our gratitude and prayers and as always we formed the circle of brotherhood and raised our voices to the APO Toast Song.

Barangay Captain Glenn Escovilla, in an interview, was almost in tears as he thanked APO ACNA for the "hulog ng langit" mission which was the "biggest and grandest" they have ever received and experienced.

The buses, vans and cars of volunteers were then escorted to Ritz Hotel Garden Oases Restaurant for a well deserved appreciation dinner of Filipino and Davao specialties. ACNA President Ving Adriatico and officers then presented tokens of gratitude to the many professionals and volunteers who made the event worthwhile and memorable.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the team who coordinated the IHMDO Mission including ACNA Organizer Egay Ninofranco, ACNA Officers Ving Adriatico, Aprille Mae Simbulan, Thom Pascual, ACNA BOD AA Presidents Cristina Patricio, Glory Pisuena, Jen Evangelista, Raul Lastimosa, Marc Barcelona, Mission Co-Chair Lem Banaga, Davao Coordinators, June Adriatico, Ian Beltrano, Dr. Mildred Espino, Capt. Glenn Escovillo, all the Medical Doctors, Dentists, Optometrists, Surgeons, Nurses, and APO brothers and sisters and families. A special thank you goes to the many generous donors for their invaluable support and all those who in one way or another helped us make a difference in the lives of the residents of Barangay Megkawayan

We will do this again! Cheers and Mabuhay!



## **Pictures from ACNA IHMDO Mission in Davao City**



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## APO ACNA International Humanitarian, Medical, Dental, Optical Mission in Davao City



At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back.

Maraming Maraming Salamat APO ACNA, I am TRULY HONORED and GRATEFUL to have been part of the IHMDO (Davao) 2025 that gave value to dental service for the community who need it most and serve the underserved.



"Volunteers
are not
paid - not
because
they are
worthless,
but because
they are
priceless"



## YOYA C. TARRIELA-GUIAO, RDH, DMD, MMPHA, FPFA

Nu Chapter, 1999

APO ACNA - Davao 2025 - IHMDO Service - Team Lead (Exo Team)
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Periodontics • Orthodontics (Certified Specialist for AccuSmile & Orthero Aligners)
• Implant Dentistry

# Pictures from APO ACNA Spring Meeting and Centennial Celebration

Hosted by APO Arizona @Arizona Grand Resort & Spa Phoenix, AZ • April 11-13, 2025















## **APO Alberta at your Service**

**September 22, 2024** APOAAA - Water and Gatorade

Station #9 Route Cyclist - Bro Raul Lastimosa

- 2024 Inter Pipeline Half and Full Marathon Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada





**October, 2024** Delivered relief supplies (Ayuda) to the affected people of Typhoon Kristine thru Bro Alex Ibasco and Beta Omicron Chapter/Alumni in cooperation with APO VCNAA, Vinzons, Camarines Norte, Philippines

**November 3- 9, 2024** ACNA Synchronized Service -APO Alberta Member Self Care Wellness @Sanctuary Massage and Osteopath Clinic, Edmonton, Alberta, c/o Bro Buenavista Ang

**December 7, 2024** 99th International Founding Anniversary

Party Quality Conference Center, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada



January 29, 2025 Service to Bro. Cesar Morallo -Benevolent - Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

March 1, 2025 Torch & Trefoil Special Edition, Advertisement Support, APO Alpha Chapter, 75th APO Philippines Founding Anniversary, K of C, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada







**April**, **2025** Torch n Trefoil SIGLO Edition Advertisement support

APO Phils 36th National General Assembly "Isang Siglo ng APO" SMX Lanang District, Davao City, Philippines



May 17, 2025 APOAAA - Annual Charity Walk for a Cause Proceeds in support of local charities and APO Phils Terwillegar Park, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada





May 28, 2025 Outreach Activity - APO ACNA Centennial

IHMDO Mission 2025, APOAAA - Bro. Raul Lastimosa, Volunteer, with Bro Ruben Lazaro Brgy Megkawayan, Davao City, Phils.



May 28, 2025 -

Outreach Activity - APO ACNA Centennial IHMDO Mission 2025.



Lastimosa, Volunteer, with Bro Ruben Lazaro, Brgy Megkawayan, Davao City, Phils.



May 29, 2025 - APOAAA Outreach Activity - Davao City

Distribution of essential needs to senior citizen PDLBJMP, Davao City, Philippines



**June 7, 2025** - with ACNA (75 to 75) - APO Building Fence Repair 1010 Taurus St, Tandang Sora, Quezon City Philippines



**June 28, 2025** - Event Marshalls - Lakbay Alalay Alberta Walk for a Cause, Proceeds in support of Heart and Stroke Foundation, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada





**June 29, 2005** - Service to Sis Leah Samillano - Benevolent - Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada

July 4-6, 2025 - Annual Camping and General meeting Bro Daniel Accreage Sherwood Park, Edmonton, Alberta







**July 17, 2025** - Donation/Support - Beta Zeta Chapter Anniversary T-shirt Fundraising, San Jose City, NE

**July 24, 2025** - APO Camping - featured in the newspaper, The Alberta Chronicle, July Issue - c/o Bro Mario Asuncion

**July 25, 2025** - APO Nasugbo, Balik Eskwela Program of DepEd, waste bins for segregations

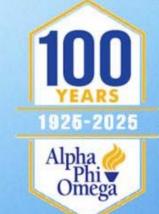
July 25, 2025 - APO Nasugbo, Balik Eskwela Program of DepEd, waste bins for segregations

August 3, 2025 - Donation/Partnership - Mega Service -APO Gamma Nu Chapter, San Agustin, Canaman, Camarines Sur, Philippines

August 30, 2025 - Donation/Support - APO NEAAA Induction Anniversary, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija

## **Greater Washington Alpha Phi Omega AA**





## RIPPLE EFFECTS OF LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE

Greater Washington Alpha Phi Omega (GWAPO) was founded on May 11, 2003 and was granted on April 17, 2007 as the 175<sup>th</sup> Alumni Associaton of Alpha Phi Omega (Philippines) Incorporated. The Founding President was the late Bro. Chito Refuerzo (2003 and 2004). Its current President is under the leadership of Bro. Gaylord B. Arata since 2022.

GWAPO, with its qualitative leadership, is the producer and main coordinator, for over 15 yeas, of the annual largest Filipino art and culture festival in the Pacific Northwest, the Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival celebrating Philippine Independence, arts, culture and history at the Seattle Center. GWAPO sponsored as well Philippine groups, such as, the De La Salle University Chorale, the Nightingales, the Integrated Performing Arts Guild of the Mindanao State University-Iligan, the UST Singers, and the Saranay. These activities reinforce GWAPO's role as a patron of arts and culture within the Puget Sound Region of the State of Washington.

#### **SERVICES**

- PRODUCER AND OVERALL COORDINATOR OF THE ANNUAL LARGEST FILIPINO ART AND CULTURE FESTIVAL IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, THE PAGDIRIWANG PHILIPPINE FESTIVAL.
- PARK SERVICE PROJECTS.
- MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS.
- FUNDRAISERS TO BENEFIT PHILIPPINE INDIGENTS.
- PROVIDER OF WINTER SOCKS TO MORE THAN 1,000 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN THE KING COUNTY AREA OF THE PUGET SOUND REGION OF WASHINGTON STATE.

## **APO Metro Phoenix AA News**

### Mini Community Immersion in Linang, Davao: A Full Circle Moment

By Rex and Josie Dacoco

Our community immersion in Linang, Davao brought us face to face with something we never expected — a full circle moment in our volunteer work with APO Metro Phoenix Alumni Association and *Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)*.

Meeting a child who directly benefited from an FMSC meal pack was incredibly rare—and deeply moving. We never imagined that we would have the chance to personally encounter someone whose life was touched by the very efforts we support from afar. But in that unforgettable moment, it happened.

To hug that child, to look into their eyes, and to be physically present with them — even for just a moment — was a memory that will stay in our hearts for a lifetime. It gave a face to the impact of our service.

This experience rekindled something powerful within us. We return to FMSC with renewed purpose, knowing now — more than ever — that the work we do truly reaches and uplifts our fellow Filipinos.

Thank you, ACNA, for making this encounter possible. It stands as a living testament to the power of compassion and commitment — and a reminder that even the smallest act of service can change someone's life in ways we may never fully realize.











## **APO Dallas - Fort Worth AA News**

### APO DFWAA 131 Congratulates ACNA Past President Bro. Aleks Garcia



APO DFWAA 131 & Bro. Aleks Garcia received recognition from APO Learning Center, Angono, Rizal



APO DFWAA 131 Congratulates ACNA Past President Bro. Aleks Garcia for the recognition he received during the 36<sup>th</sup> National General Assembly held in Davao City, Philippines. He received Presidential Medal of Excellence for his services and contribution to APO Phils and recognition for ACNA.

Delegations from APO DFWAA were Bro. Nestor Santos, Alpha, Batch 1958; Bro. Jairus Yap, Gamma Lambda 2003 and Bro. Aleks Garcia.











ACNA PP Bro. Aleks Garcia received recognition from NGA Convention Committee headed by Sis RD. Mimi Mellejor







## **APO Midwest Alumni Association News**

36th National General Assembly awardee as the Best Foreign-Based Community Alumni Association

By Bro. Gary P. Hernal, APO Midwest Secretary

Alpha Phi Omega Midwest Alumni Association Inc. (APO Midwest), a dedicated 501(c)(3) organization, stands as a powerful force for positive change within the communities it serves. Through a multifaceted approach, APO Midwest addresses a spectrum of pressing needs, from education and healthcare to disaster relief and community support.

By providing essential tools like Chromebooks and school supplies, APO Midwest empowers



young minds to reach their full potential. This commitment to education fosters a brighter future for indigent children, leveling the playing field and creating opportunities for academic success. Moreover, the organization's dedication to nurturing artistic talent through the donation of musical instruments ignites passions and cultivates a rich cultural fabric within communities.

APO Midwest's impact extends beyond education. The organization's medical and dental missions in rural areas bring vital healthcare services to underserved populations, improving overall well-being and quality of life. In times of crisis, APO Midwest's disaster relief efforts provide critical support, offering hope and assistance to those affected by unforeseen challenges.

The organization's commitment to community engagement is further exemplified through its involvement in food banks, soup kitchens, and the annual Chicago Marathon. These activities not only address immediate needs but also foster a sense of unity and compassion within the community.





APO Midwest stands as a living embodiment of Alpha Phi Omega's guiding principles - Leadership, Friendship, and Service. Through impactful service, strong member engagement, strategic organization, and sustainable financial practices, we are proud to represent the very best of what a community alumni association can be.

As we continue to serve both our local communities in the U.S., our brothers and sisters in the Philippines, and more importantly the under-privileged children, the sick, and the elderly. we remain committed to building a future rooted in compassion, connection, and commitment.

APO Midwest continues to shine as a beacon of Leadership, Friendship, and Service. From the heart of the Midwest to communities across the Philippines, our programs empower

youth, uplift families, and protect the environment. Through our united brotherhood, innovative spirit, and servant leadership, we reaffirm our purpose: to be of lasting service to humanity. - Bro. Gary P Hernal, APO Midwest Secretary





## **APO Alumni Association of British Columbia**

In Action at the 100th Isang Siglo ng APO - NGA 2025 in Davao City



































## **APO Montreal - Ottawa Alumni Association Update**



## PHA PHI OMEGA

**MONTREAL - OTTAWA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** 



Montreal "Salutations à l'occasion du 100e anniversaire de la fondation de notre très chère Alpha Phi Omega de la part de vos frères et sœurs de Montréal et d'Ottawa, Canada."

**Philippines** "Pagbati sa ika-100 anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag ng ating pinaka mamahal na Alpha Phi Omega mula sa iyong mga kapatid sa Montreal at Ottawa Canada."

Ottawa "Greetings on the 100th anniversary of the founding of our dearest Alpha Phi Omega from your brothers & sisters from Montreal and Ottawa Canada."



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Jhoe Hernandez Member



**Noel Castillo** Member



Dennis Galacga Member

## APOGLA Delegation at the 36th NGA, Davao City



# Alpha Phi Omega DC Celebrate Two Decades of Service at 50th Marine Corps Marathon

This October, the Alpha Phi Omega DC Alumni Association (APODCAA) will mark its 20th consecutive year of service at the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) in the nation's capital. As the MCM celebrates its historic 50th anniversary, APODCAA will once again provide critical support to thousands of runners at Water Point 6, located at Ohio Drive and Hains Point SW in East Potomac Park.



This annual service project is a proud tradition and serves as a heartfelt tribute to APODCAA

members who have honorably served in the military. It is an opportunity for the alumni association to honor their dedication and sacrifice. The effort is also a powerful reminder of Alpha Phi Omega's core principles of leadership, friendship, and service.

"Our long-standing presence at the Marine Corps Marathon is one of the most meaningful events on our calendar," said an APODCAA representative. "It's a perfect way for our association to give back to the community while honoring our military veterans, whose selfless service embodies the spirit of our fraternity."

This year, APODCAA expects to field its usual enthusiastic contingent of 35 to 45 volunteers. In addition to their duties at the water station, the association will once again participate in the MCM's "Adopt-a-Mile" program. This initiative compensates groups for cleaning up event-generated debris along a designated mile of the course, helping to keep the city pristine for all residents.

Alpha Phi Omega has a long and proud tradition of acknowledging its members who have served in the armed forces. APODCAA extends its warmest thanks to all APO military veterans for their selfless service.

Respectfully, Bro Lemuel Bañaga





## **APO sa Mount APO - The Centennial Climb**

By Sis Aprille Mae Simbulan

The 36th NGA Precon Climb at Mt. APO was a remarkable journey, hosted by the APHIO Trekkers in Service and Adventure.

Before the climb began, the group engaged in a meaningful community outreach activity. This included tree planting, gift-giving to local children, and the installation of solar lights - three of which were generously sponsored by APO ACNA.

The climb itself was a grueling three-day, two-night hike to the summit of the Philippines' highest peak. Among the climbers was Bro. Marc Barcelona, a proud adviser of APHIO Trekkers and a true embodiment of the values of Alpha Phi Omega. It wasn't his first time ascending Mt. APO, but his presence made a profound impact on many of us.

I've always known Bro. Marc as kind and generous, someone who truly lives by the 12 Jewels and the Three Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service. But during the climb, I saw those principles come to life in the most inspiring ways. Despite the physical challenges, he offered his water to others without hesitation and extended a helping hand even when he, too, was struggling. I don't think many noticed, but I had to fight back tears - not out of worry, but because my heart was overwhelmed with pride and gratitude. In those moments, he reminded me of what it truly means to be a brother in Alpha Phi Omega.

One of the most unforgettable parts of the climb was when we sang the APO Toast Song at the summit of Mt. APO. Surrounded by brothers and sisters from different chapters and alumni associations, the song felt more powerful than ever. I met new friends who now feel like family. It wasn't an easy climb, but it was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

As we hummed our song under the open sky, I felt the true spirit of Alpha Phi Omega come alive - Leadership, Friendship, and Service. In that moment, I couldn't hold back my tears. I was, and always will be, so proud to be part of the one and only Alpha Phi Omega.

- Sis. Aprille Mae Simbulan, APO ACNA Secretary 2024-2025



















## **APO Alumni Association of Northern California**

## Honoring the Legacy of Brother Dr. Cesar Andal

### A Pillar of Humanitarian Leadership and Lifelong Service

By Sophia Oldham, APO-NorCal

#### A LEGACY ROOTED IN SERVICE

Brother Dr. Cesar Andal - a distinguished physician, devoted servant-leader, and proud initiate of Alpha Phi Omega's Pi Chapter at the University of Santo Tomas (Class of 1967) - lived the fraternity's cardinal principles of **Leadership**, **Friendship**, **and Service**. As a founding member of APO-NorCal and one of the visionary leaders behind the Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Council of North America (ACNA), Bro. Andal left an enduring mark on the fraternity and the communities it serves.

One of his most lasting contributions began in Northern California, where he led an early medical and dental outreach effort to support underserved populations. Deeply committed to his roots, Bro. Andal extended the program to Baguio City, Philippines, forging one of the first cross-Pacific service initiatives within the fraternity. This pioneering mission laid the foundation for what would evolve into ACNA's signature program: the **International Humanitarian Medical and Dental Outreach (IHMDO).** 

#### FROM LOCAL ROOTS TO GLOBAL REACH

Guided by Bro. Andal's vision, this small-scale outreach expanded across North America and the Philippines, uniting alumni and volunteers in a mission of global compassion. In recognition of its growing reach and significance, ACNA formally adopted and institutionalized the program, transforming it into the IHMDO—a long-term initiative committed to sustainable, high-impact community service.

Today, IHMDO stands as a flagship program delivering free medical and dental care across underserved regions of the Philippines, spearheaded by the Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Council of North America. It serves as a living testament to Bro. Andal's legacy and APO's ongoing commitment to service without borders.

#### CORE AREAS OF IMPACT

#### 1. Medical and Dental Services

Providing critical healthcare to remote and underserved communities:

- General consultations and health screenings
- · Dental extractions and oral care education
- Minor surgical procedures (e.g., circumcision)
- Vision testing and eyeglass distribution
- Free medicines and hygiene kits

#### 2. Nutritional Support and Wellness

Combating malnutrition and promoting long-term health:

• Feeding programs for children

- Distribution of multivitamins and nutritious food packs
- Basic health education for families

#### 3. Community

#### Development and Disaster Relief

Supporting long-term recovery and resilience:

- "Adopt-a-Barangay" initiatives for sustained impact
- Post-disaster relief and rehabilitation
- Renovation of schools, clinics, and community spaces

#### 4. Global Collaboration and Empowerment

Fostering international solidarity through:

- Partnerships with APO alumni, government agencies, and healthcare professionals
- Mobilization of volunteers and medical teams from the global APO community
- Shared resources and knowledge from the APO diaspora

#### LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY

As one of ACNA's founding presidents, Brother Dr. Cesar Andal helped lay the groundwork for the council's global service mission. His foresight and compassion guided APO's expansion into international humanitarian work and remain at the heart of ACNA's identity.

Since becoming a charter member of ACNA in 1992, APO-NorCal has played an instrumental role in carrying out Bro. Andal's vision. Through continued participation in IHMDO and related initiatives, the chapter honors his enduring spirit of servant leadership.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE

As we commemorate APO-NorCal's 40th anniversary as an officially recognized nonprofit entity in California, we reflect on the profound accomplishments and contributions of Brother Dr. Cesar Andal. His leadership helped launch a far-reaching movement—one that ignited the spirit of service among APO members not only in Northern California but throughout the broader Alpha Phi Omega network.

With every IHMDO mission, the life and legacy of Brother Dr. Cesar Andal are reaffirmed—in the patients cared for, the volunteers inspired, and the communities uplifted. His impact lives on not only in memory, but in the hands and hearts of those who continue the work he began. May his vision continue to inspire new generations of APO brothers and sisters to lead with purpose, serve with humility, and unite the world through compassion.



## Alpha Phi Omega

#### **Philippines**

#### ALUMNI COUNCIL OF NORTHAMERICA, INC.



"A Century of Steadfast Commitment to L75"

#### ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT – January 2024 to July 2025, PLAN OF ACTION for August to December 2025

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- 1. Timely Election of the Chairman of the Board and Board Secretary, Jan 2024 and Jan 2025 through Special BOD Virtual Meetings.
- 2. Finance/Accounting: Timely transfer of ACNA Bank Account and signatories, January 2024; Creation of ACNA Zelle Account for US-based AAs, and appointment of Assistant Treasurer for Canada to assist Canadian-based Alumni Associations.
- 3. Corporate sponsorship from SMDC in exchange for 30-minute presentation at the Spring Meeting 2024 in Vegas. The amount of \$500.00 was sent to Project Budhi on behalf of APO ACNA.
- 4. 34 Paid Alumni Associations by year-end report 2024, considered 100%.
- 5. Leadership Development: Alumni Associations and Executive Officers were given Robert's Rules of Order pocketbook; Parliamentarian experts and consultant at every Council Meetings. 3 series Leadership session: For the Good of the Council at the Spring 2024 (Social Graces by Bro Art Rivera, 1<sup>st</sup> VP), Fall 2024 (Organizational Planning: Best Practice 100-Themed Service Sis Crystal Geiger, Florida), & Spring 2025 (Best Practice: Benefits and Advantages of 501C3 Bro Larry Layao, Midwest).
- 6. Submitted Proposal Policies to the Board of Directors, Events Decorum & Attendance Sponsorship, Conflict Resolution Policy, Code of Conduct, Event Hosting Policy, all approved; Submission of Convention Planning Guide
  - 7. Filing of federal and state income tax returns for 2024, payment of \$928 fees (through EFTPS) last 4/10/2025.
  - 8. Application of 501c3, assistance of an external accountant expert, presentation to the Board
  - 9. Creation of different Committees and appointment of Chairpersons including additional committees as deemed necessary.

    10. Ongoing 501c3 Application

#### HIGHLIGHT: APO ACNA was awarded the Presidential Medal of Excellence by APO Philippines for the 1st time, National President, Bro Kevin Dy, for Development Year 2023-2025! To all ACNA brothers & sisters, WE DID IT!!!

#### SERVICE / PROJECTS (Not limited to below)

2024

3/2 - APO PH 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project: 1<sup>st</sup> 100-Themed Service
Category: Health – Deworming; School Outreach

Bldg Repair of Fence at the new APO Building in Tandang

3/2 - APO PH /4" Anniversary Project: 1" 100-Themed Service	3/2 - APO PH /5" Anniversary Project: /5 for /5 APO
Category: Health – Deworming; School Outreach	Bldg Repair of Fence at the new APO Building in Tandang
Collaboration with DEPED for 10,000 students 100 boxes x 100	Sora. Raised of USD\$4,175, CAD\$1,730. Total PhP 301,568.65
in 78 schools in Maasin, Southern Leyte. Project Cost: \$943.13	Funds released; Project completed 6/7/2025
02/14 - Donation for Flood Victims in Davao City	Centennial Half-Marathon for the benefit of PAWS
03/02 - Community Food Pantry on the 74 <sup>th</sup> APOPH	APO Learning Center daily meals for Pre-school
Anniversary	children
03/22 - Career Guidance Service in Tacloban for HS	Livelihood Project with International Care Ministries Davao
students	
04/16 - APO Runners Marathon, NCR	3 Solar Lamps for Street Lighting Project w/ APO
	Trekkers
05/25 - "Serbisyong APO" Mega Service APO	Sewing Session in Partnership with TESDA in
Pasigueno	Angono, Rizal
06/02 - Relief Operations for Tornado victims in Samar	Graduation giveaways for Pre-school APO Learning
_	Center
06/21 - 3 Balikbayan box of Syringes to the Philippines	100 sets of Hygiene Kits for Brgy Inayangan, Davao
	City
Jun to Aug Alpha Tau Fundraising total donations from	5/29 IHMDO Mission in Brgy Megkawayan, Davao
ACNA \$12,682 USD, \$4,890 CAD released to the victims	1120 Recipients: Tuli 182, Minor Surgeries 22, Optometry
through Mindanao RD Sis Stella Gonzales	consult & Prescription glasses 200, Dental Extractions 321, Oral
	Prophylaxis 85, Children & Adult Consultations 174, Blood
	Typing 69, Legal Consultations 11
Relief Operations: 4 locations in Bicol, 1 North Luzon	Mega Service NCAR Valenzuela City
Donated \$500 to BUDHI Project in Mindanao fund	Relief Operations: Central Texas, Metro Manila
coming from a corporate sponsor SMDC on behalf of ACNA	flooding sent to APO PH National Office
11/3 to 11/9 - ACNA 1 <sup>st</sup> Synchronized Service	\$500 – 15 Life Jacket sponsorship for Rescue Team in
participated by 16 Alumni Associations	Bicol

#### **FRIENDSHIP**

- 1. Virtual Fellowship initiated by Friendship Committee on the 74th APO PH Anniversary
- 2. Benevolent donations to 19 brothers and sisters; sponsored funeral expenses for 2 young brothers from Alpha Tau
- 3. Foster relationship with Member Alumni Associations, other APO Organizational Units in the form of support for their Souvenir Program: GLA, Las Vegas, Midwest, T&T 75<sup>th</sup> APOPH Anniversary, T&T NGA APOPH Siglo Convention, Centennial Marathon

Special Meetings (not limited to below)

Date	Details
2024-	Attended Induction of Officers: APO de Montreal (11/2023), APO Metro Phoenix (12/2023), APO CVC & APOSFSV
2025	(12/2024), 74 <sup>th</sup> APO PH Anniversary & GMM APO Las Vegas (3/2024)
2024	Virtual Coordination Meetings with DEP-ED Maasin, Leyte for the Deworming Project
12/7/25	IHMDO Planning Meet & Greet with Davao City Medical Health Officer; series of virtual meetings
	Spring 2024 Meeting in Las Vegas, Fall 2024 Meeting in Vancouver, Spring Centennial Kick-Off Arizona
'24-'25	Executive Officers' Virtual Meetings for 2024, 2025; BOD Special Meetings 2024, 2025
2/19/25	Coordination Meeting with APO PH National President Bro Kevin Dy and Chairperson and Organizer of the 75 <sup>th</sup> APO
	PH Anniversary on March 2 at the new APO Building Site, Unveiling of Bro Librado Ureta bust, & ACNA's Special
	Project 75 for 75 APOPH Building Reconstruction and other specific purpose

#### ACNA PROJECTS

- ACNA Newsletter launched 1<sup>st</sup> released before the Spring 2024 Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition before the Fall 2024 Meeting, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition before the Spring 2025 Meeting, different Alumni Associations have contributed
- 2. ACNA Website launched last July 2024, featured ACNA History, Officers, Events, AA Members, File Archives
- 3. Preserving ACNA's Legacy: Official ACNA History presented and approved by the body at the Spring Meeting 2024. 3-Part Series of Legacy Awards:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Visionary Leaders and founders (Spring 2024 in Las Vegas)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> ACNA Charter Members (Fall 2024 in Vancouver Canada); Contribution to Alpha Phi Omega & Music Industry by an APO Composer & Singer (Spring 2025 in Arizona)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> ACNA Presidents (Centennial Convention in Hawaii)
- 4. 75 for 75 Fundraising Project for APO PH 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the repair of APO Building Fence raised \$4,100 USD, \$1,730 CAD. All donations received by ACNA were released, and the project was completed, unveiling June 7, 2025.
- 5. ACNA Centennial Marker in Davao City during the Siglo Convention, Groundbreaking Ceremony last May 30, 2025.
- **6.** Digitization and Archiving of ACNA Records started in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025, new chairperson appointed in 2025. Records archived in ACNA Website were partial, documents and files for 2024-2025. Still an ongoing project.
- \$100 for 100 Years for ACNA Legacy Projects in Lafayette College, Centennial Marker in Davao, and Adopt-A-Community in either Boracay or Palawan.
- 8. Centennial Marker in Davao Collab with Davao Region & ANDAA Groundbreaking Ceremony last 5/30/2025; target completion November 2025
- Centennial Park Community in partnership with APODCAA, Official Unveiling as ACNA's Legacy project, during the National Service Week in November for the ACNA Synchronized Service
- 10. Quilt APO Blanket Project Recycle APO used shirts to APO Souvenir Quilt Blanket & livelihood project in the Phils

#### **EVENTS**

#### A. Centennial Activities:

1<sup>st</sup> Spring – Kick-Off (100 Kites) Arizona. April 12, 2025

Centennial IHMDO in Davao City; APO PH NGA & Siglo Convention. May 30 to June 1 (approximately 60-70 ACNA attendees) 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer – Centennial Convention Hawaii (aerial banner APO100) August 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Fall — Legacy Service Adopt-A-Park with APODCAA, Centennial Park, Maryland. National Service Week Nov 3-9

4<sup>th</sup> Winter — Oath-taking and Turn-Over Ceremony, and ACNA Centennial Party, San Diego Ca. APOAASD December 6 — APOAAGNY's Centennial Party December 14 – 16. Everyone is invited to attend the celebration

#### ACTION PLANS

- 1. November 3 9, 2025 ACNA Synchronized Service; participate in the APO International Service Week
- 2. Work with AA Members in showcasing services and projects to include in the Video Clip for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 3. 100-Themed Services and Projects exciting prizes for awardees at the Centennial Party
- 4. Partnership opportunity with International Care Ministries for an ACNA Community in the Philippines for BOD approval
- 5. Policy proposals and Implementing Guidelines to add to the existing ACNA Policies and Procedures
- 6. Transition planning for hand-off to the incoming officers at the end of the term
- 7. Ratification of CBL Amendments at the Hawaii Convention (initially presented Spring 2024)
- 8. ACNA Centennial Coffee Book and Accomplishments of 2024-2025 (at cost only)
- 9. Intensify Fundraising Campaign for \$100 for 100 Years for the success of the Legacy Projects
- 10. Proposal to revert back ACNA Convention to an even year (next convention 2028)

This ACNA Leadership envisioned an administration that will continue to preserve the legacy of ACNA – with a stronger presence, unified, and impactful in the communities, and in our nations – in the US, Canada, and the Philippines.

The communities we serve have felt APO's impact, and our brethren have felt ACNA's presence, we do not seek honor or glory, for the joy of serving is, in itself, a great honor. The Medal of Excellence though affirms that our hard work made a difference. – Sis Ving

## Alpha Phi Omega

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## APO ACNA Projects, Activities, Awards & Recogntion

















APO Building Fence Construction Project in Tandang Sora, QC







APO Centennial Landmark Groundbreaking - Calinan, Davao City



Support - APO Learning Center Angono APO Angono AA - Angono, Rizal



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Support - APO Learning Center Angono - Beginners Sewing Training

















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#### Mini-Community Immersion Service at Brgy. Inayangan, Davao City

On May 28, 2025, the Alpha Phi Omega – Alumni Council of North America (APO ACNA), in partnership with International Care Ministries (ICM), conducted a meaningful mini-community immersion in Barangay Inayangan, Davao City. The initiative included the distribution of 100 hygiene kits and an onsite visit to witness the tangible impact of ACNA's donation to ICM's ongoing Livelihood Project.

ICM continues to serve the "poorest of the poor" by fostering sustainable, long-term progress in under-resourced communities. Through this partnership, APO ACNA was honored to contribute to this transformative mission—empowering families not just with material support, but with hope, practical skills, and restored dignity.

The Livelihood Project - facilitated by dedicated ICM volunteers - equips community members with hands-on training in backyard gardening, basic health education, vocational skills, and values formation. Beyond the practical knowledge, the program builds confidence, self-worth, and a sense of pride in each family's journey toward self-reliance.

This immersion was more than just a day of giving—it was a spark for lasting change. It inspired families to take pride in their efforts, believe in their potential, and use their newly learned skills to improve their lives for the long term. The seeds planted today will continue to grow in the days, months, and years to come.

Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time and hearts in service. Your presence made a difference—one family at a time. One community at a time. For additional inquiries on how you can be of help, please reach out to ACNA Executive Officers.















# APO ACNA 17TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Hosted by APO Hawaii

#### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Pre-convention hike (Ka'ena Point) [to be led by Bro Marc Barcelona]

Note: Golf event cancelled.

#### Thursday, August 28, 2025

12pm-5pm Check-in

(Tour Desk 1A, Ground Floor, Ala Moana Hotel)

6pm – 10pm **Beach Reception** (Ala Moana Beach)

Wear: Respective AA shirts

#### Friday, August 29, 2025

8:00am – 11:00am **APO Caravan** (Waikiki & Honolulu) Wear: Blue convention t-shirt for registered APO attendees

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Declaration of the Opening of the Convention (Garden Lanai)

APO@100 Conference

Theme: "APO @ 100: A Century of Steadfast Commitment to Leadership, Friendship and Service"

6:00pm – 10:00pm Aloha Night (Garden Lanai)

Attire: Aloha shirt; Hawaiian dress

#### Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:00am – 5:00pm **ACNA BOD Meeting** (Carnation Room)

#### For non-BOD

9:00am – 5:00pm Experience & Explore Hawaii (click travel links for rates and details)

6:00pm – 10:00pm APO Night - Philippine Theme (Hibiscus Ballroom)

Filipiniana/Barong Attire

#### Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:00am – 3:00pm ACNA General Assembly/Plenary Session (Hibiscus Ballroom)

- \* Curated Exhibit
- \* AA Poster Exhibit

3:00pm – 5:30pm **ACNA Election** (Hibiscus Foyer)

6:00pm – 10:00pm **Centennial Gala** (Hibiscus Ballroom)

#### Monday, September 1, 2025

Aloha 'Oe Brunch



