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Millan, Trinidad appointed as DND Officials

Vice Admiral Jesus C. Millan, AFP (Ret.) and Lieutenant General Felicito V. Trinidad, Jr. AFP (Ret.) were recently sworn in by Secretary of National Defense Voltaire T. Gazmin, as Undersecretary for Civil Veterans and Retiree Affairs (CVRA) and Assistant Secretary for Human Resources, respectively.

Undersecretary Millan was a highly decorated and recognized naval professional, who was awarded the Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Commander), Distinguished Service Star (DSS), and recognized as one of The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) 2007 awardees from the Metrobank Foundation and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro.

The Alcala, Pangasinan, native was the 34th Flag Officer in Command of the Philippine Navy (April 30 2014 to August 10 2015), Commander of the Naval Forces in Western Mindanao, Chief of the Naval Staff of the Philippine Navy, Commander of the Naval Reserve Command, Deputy Commander of the Naval Forces of Western Mindanao (plus being concurrent Commander of Naval Task Force 61) and Commander of the Philippine Navy's Naval Air Group (December 2003-September 2004 and April 2007-April 2008).

Usec. Millan graduated with a Masters in Business Administration degree from the Colegio de San Juan de Letran, and had training abroad in multiple topics, including combined force maritime component utility at the commander level, Western Pacific and international sea power, maritime air surveillance and missile cruiser orientation.

Assistant Secretary Trinidad had an equally distinguished career with the Philippine Army. His credentials include his services as First Infantry Division Commander (August 2013 to June 2014). He came to the fore during the September 2013 Zamboanga siege, when he served as the overall ground commander of all Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police troops against rogue Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) elements. The result was a one sided victory for government troops, with 183 MNLF fighters killed and 292 MNLF combatants captured.

ASec. Trinidad has a Masters in Business Administration degree from De La Salle University, and had training abroad in multiple topics, including political warfare, strategic planning, defense resources management, command and general staff training and doctrines, national security and military and peacekeeping operations

Both are graduates of the Philippine Military Academy Sandigan class of 1982.

Defense Secretary Gazmin enjoined both newly appointed defense officials to bank on their knowledge and experience to contribute to the continuous transformation of the Department of National Defense.

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