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Philippine Army receives 114 Armored Tanks



The Armed Forces of the Philippines formally turned over 114 units of Armored Personnel Carrier M113A2 (APD M113A2) to the Philippine Army's Mechanized Infantry Division in a ceremony held on February 4, 2016, at Camp O'Donnell in Capas, Tarlac.

Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin witnessed the turnover and blessing ceremony for the M113s acquired through the request for Excess Defense Article (EDA) of the Joint United States Military Assistance Group (JUSMAG) on June 2012.

As one of the most used platform in the world, M113s are primarily used as personnel carrier. Today, some are now being utilized as field ambulance and mortar carriers, while other variants are fitted with anti-air missiles and anti-tank cannons.

According to the Mechanized Infantry Division, the M113A2 units are envisioned to be fitted with available state of the art armaments with gyro-stabilized thermal and infrared target acquisition system, which are already installed on some of the M113s of the Philippine Army. #####