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Officers' Training 2017 by Charity Sabe

I always look forward to the annual Officers' Training Courses organised at the national level. This kind of training gives me opportunity to renew my commitment as a brigade officer. Starting another year of planning, executing program, and evaluating to improve further. It is a blessing to attend officers training because not only do we get equipped, it also serves as time for fellowshiping with co-officers wherein you can share your experiences and learnings with one another in improving your craft.

The topics discussed every year changes. This is to address the needs and challenges of different companies. This year, the said training course focused on developing one's personal skills as officer as well as company program. As most companies exist for several years already, it is nice to evaluate the program they use. Sharing its best practices and mistakes could be a good learning for the beginning companies.

Some of the topics discussed this year were planning for fund raising, mentoring, creative Bible teaching and preparing a one-year plan. One thing that struck me most was the topic on Game theory. We played a game and came up with our own rules. This help me to create and innovate new games that I can use in my company. This is one aspect of brigade that most children look forward to. This is also where they get to learn how to deal with each other whenever there are challenges given.

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by: Aileen Grace Chua

We have been blessed to witness how the lives of each student was changed by the grace of the Lord. We never thought that the Boys' Brigade program could have that impact in our lives. It all started when we were assigned to handle groups of students as Brigade officers. We went to different places for orientation and trainings. As time passed by, with a lot of information in mind, we never really imagined the whole picture of this program. We even remembered ourselves saying, "just follow the syllabus and we're good"—but it was more than that.

It has been a privilege for our school to be a part of the Boys' Brigade in Philippines and be able to share God's words through this program. The program is not just strictly inclined to teaching discipline, it also includes fun activities for students where they could learn how to work together and work under pressure.



In just a year of implementing this program, we have seen a lot of positive improvements from our students. At first, students were having a hard time coming to school early, since our brigade starts at 7 in the morning. Second, they can easily be distracted by the noise of the other students waiting for the bell. But as time passed by, they determined how to deal with those things and learned how to be more responsible in accomplishing their daily tasks.



They have been more cooperative inside and outside the Brigade parade. We also noticed that those timid students have developed the confidence to participate and cooperate during discussions. The boys' brigade program had given us the opportunity to strengthen relationships not just with other brigaders and officers but most importantly, our relationship with God.



Now, as we welcome our second year, the students as well as the officers are looking forward for a fruitful one. We are all excited and enthusiastic to welcome the new batch of brigaders and learn new things from each other as we develop ourselves into what God has designed us to be and grow deeper in His presence. Praise and Glory be to Him!

Mam Aireen has been teaching at United Evangelical Church School in Sta Cruz, Laguna for 3 years now. She is currently teaching Health classes and serves as school nurse as well. She is handling Junior section in their company. She also volunteers as a Sunday school teacher at UEChurch Sta Cruz, Laguna. Her favourite Bible verse is 1 Cor. 15:58 "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."



Officers' Training Course 2017

*"What made an impact on me is that, the Brigade Philippines Training has given me the understanding of the **influence I can give** to the next generation. The BB Training greatly influenced not only in my being a teacher of a Christian school but also in my life. Through this endeavour, I could see that God can use me to mold the children's **character with discipline, create a responsible and God-fearing citizen** of this nation.*

I am thankful that God has given me the opportunity to be a part of this training. Now, I am ready for the next school year to implement and improve our Brigade in our own company. I believe the Lord can use me through this ministry and be more effective in leading our next generation."

-Eilyn Abante from Lighthouse Christian Academy

*"The tips and strategies in improving Brigade programs gave me **more ideas to make creative and interesting activities**. I'm thankful because God called me through Brigade to serve Him and serve others."*

-Kim Audrey Almeda from Wellspring Christian Academy

*"It **promotes leadership & discipline** among children in a Biblical perspective wherein they badly needed in today's generation. Honestly I am so thankful to be part of this ministry that whatever lessons we learned in the training should be applied to our schools in order to fulfil God's plan and purpose."*

-Ma'am Lourdes from Spring of Life

*"As the captain of our company, I am asked to be serious in my commitment, and it means giving my all in everything. I am thankful that I was entrusted with this responsibility of running the Boys' Brigade in our school. Yes it is a big task but then **it is both a privilege and a learning experience**."*

-Blessilda Bernardo from 1st Quezon City Company

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*"The Millennial generation is about to make an impact. The challenge for that generation is not an easy one but **God can give us strength and wisdom** for it. I am thankful for this ministry because I am able to learn a lot of new things."*

-Ma'am Bernadette from Habakuk

*"I am thankful for the opportunity to attend this kind of training because this is my first time and I had new learning, I met a new set of friends and I was equipped on how to handle the Brigade in our school. What made a huge impact on me was **being a responsible Brigade officer** because that is what is needed to lead and manage the juniors."*

-Rica N. Montiveros from Discovery Montessori School Inc.

*"The 2-day training made me realize the importance of **molding the character** of young people for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. I thank God, Brigade Philippines and HCCD for giving me the opportunity to learn a lot of things in **effectively relating to young people** through the Brigade programs and initiatives because these gives me the chance to take part in achieving BB Objectives."*

-Oliver Grayador from 1st Davao Company

*"The BB program can **extend God's kingdom to all** our students even to their families and communities as well. I am thankful to God for this program for it is an answer to our prayers and it helps our students learn more about the Lord and how to live a **life of obedience** to His purpose and will."*

-Evangeline M. Salud from Samuel Christian College

*"The training made me realize that through this program, we, **teachers can contribute a BIG** impact to our students with the guidance of the Lord. I am very grateful because I will be a part of this program."*

-Engr. Jhum J. Pagdunzolan

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Lastly, I look forward for more of a inter-company activities. Such as competition or specialty activities which could let brigaders know about other co-brigader even from other group or company. I think this should also be discussed in the training wherein how one company can collaborate together with another. I look forward to learning more. It is a blessing to be a part of this group that honors God. May God bless all the companies here and abroad!

Mam Charity has been involved with the brigade ministry since 2010. She is currently the Captain of 1st Taguig Company. She personally handles the Junior Section. She also teaches Araling Panlipunan. Her passion is seeing children getting involved in becoming socially responsible citizen in the community where they belong.



GOLD AWARDEES

Lyianne Chan from 1st Santa Rosa Company

I was in 5th grade when I first joined BB Camp and I didn't know what to do but the leaders guided me and I was able to learn a lot. Just a few weeks ago, I was awarded with the Gold Award. I was surprised when my officer told me that I was receiving one. It was a great experience to have this gold award and I am proud of this achievement. I will surely continue to be involved in the Brigade.

I am really grateful that my abilities are appreciated. I have learned so much from BB and I am happy that these experiences have enhanced my skills to be a leader.

Emmanuel Villotes from 1st Santa Rosa Company

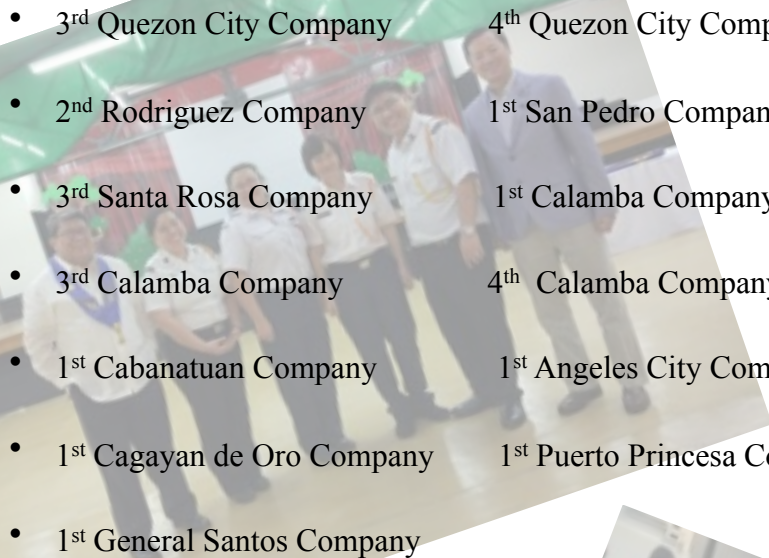
I am very proud that I got the Gold award on May 13, 2017. I can't believe that I got the award that I ever dreamed before. When I started as a junior years ago, I was asking myself if I can get the Gold award despite the fact that I only had 2 more years before Senior year. So, I worked hard to get all the badges in those two years and all of these paid off.

The verse from Hebrews 10:35-36 keeps inspiring me and so do my officers, my family and co-Brigaders. I am very thankful that I am able to receive this award.

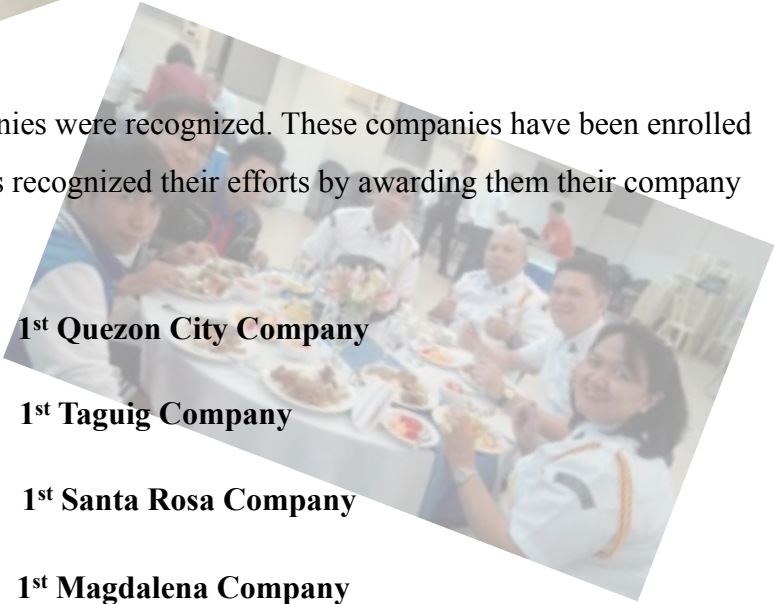


A Night to Remember

A night of appreciation and recognition was held on the evening of May 13 where 17 new Brigade companies were enrolled.

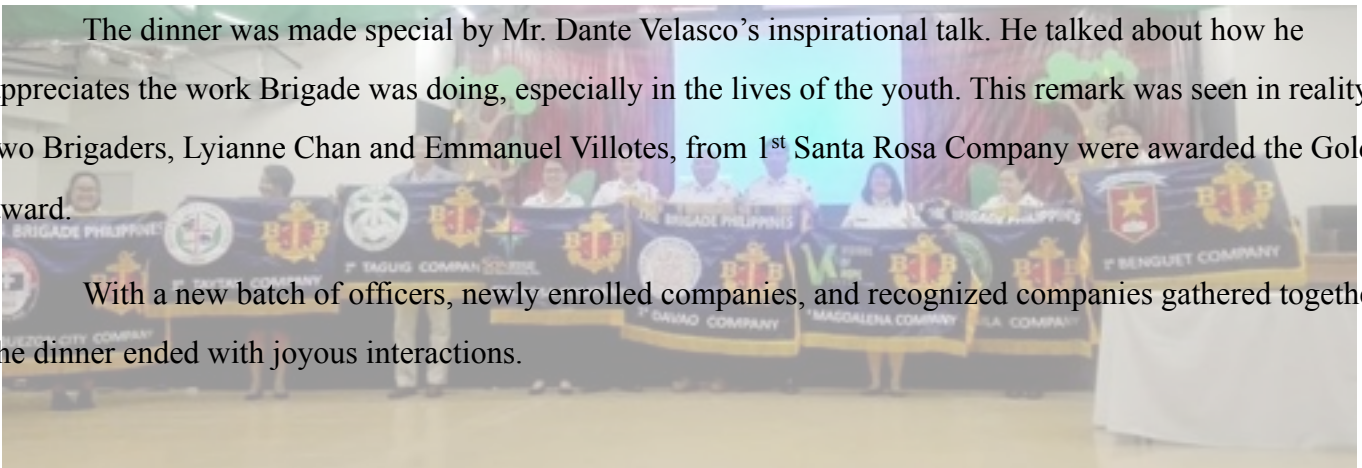
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- 3rd Quezon City Company
 - 2nd Rodriguez Company
 - 3rd Santa Rosa Company
 - 3rd Calamba Company
 - 1st Cabanatuan Company
 - 1st Cagayan de Oro Company
 - 1st General Santos Company
 - 4th Quezon City Company
 - 1st San Pedro Company
 - 1st Calamba Company
 - 4th Calamba Company
 - 1st Angeles City Company
 - 1st Puerto Princesa Company
 - 1st Rodriguez Company
 - 2nd Santa Rosa Company
 - 2nd Calamba Company
 - 1st Santa Cruz Company
 - 1st Malungon Company

On the same note, 8 existing Brigade companies were recognized. These companies have been enrolled for more than 3 years and the National Headquarters recognized their efforts by awarding them their company flags:

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- 1st Benguet Company
 - 1st Manila Company
 - 1st Taytay Company
 - 1st Davao Company
 - 1st Quezon City Company
 - 1st Taguig Company
 - 1st Santa Rosa Company
 - 1st Magdalena Company

The dinner was made special by Mr. Dante Velasco's inspirational talk. He talked about how he appreciates the work Brigade was doing, especially in the lives of the youth. This remark was seen in reality as two Brigaders, Lyianne Chan and Emmanuel Villotes, from 1st Santa Rosa Company were awarded the Gold award.

With a new batch of officers, newly enrolled companies, and recognized companies gathered together, the dinner ended with joyous interactions.



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by: Oliver Gravador



In consonance with the goals and objectives of Brigade Philippines, the First Davao Company provides venues for brigade officers and members where they engage in fun-filled activities, experience the importance of teamwork and apply leadership skills in the context of Christian servanthood. These activities form part of the company's program in molding the character of students in the light of creating a generation of role models and good citizens.

Team-building activities make students realize that through cooperation, tasks can be excellently done. These activities are very helpful because students learn to understand that unity is essential in solving problems and overcoming challenges. Students go through low and high rope courses that test their strength, flexibility, and cooperation. Challenges go as far as climbing up walls and crossing lakes so as to meet certain aims. After every task is accomplished, excellently equipped facilitators process the endeavour in a Christian context.

Conducting a Leadership Camp is our way of enhancing students' leadership skills. Students are put to the test by challenging them to work on various undertakings to achieve a certain goal. The success of a team is measured by how leaders and members carry out every challenge's end. It is seriously impressed on them the importance of attitude and skill to succeed, thus, making them realize to keep watch of their behaviour in dealing with other people.

Acquired skills in a training such as this greatly help students because they can apply all the insights gained in leading their classmates and schoolmates in managing their group especially in the performance of tasks and achievement of objectives.



Sir Oliver is currently the over all Captain of 1st Davao Coy. He has been teaching in HCCD for 14 years.