



## **Proposal to Conduct Face-to-Face Graduation Ceremony of Advance and Basic ROTC Graduates of SY 2021-2022**

### **Rationale**

Graduation ceremony of cadets/cadettes both basic and advance ROTC is a symbolic event. It is the time to relinquish command of responsibilities from senior to junior cadet officers. For basic ROTC cadets/cadettes it is both an accomplishment and an induction to the reserve force as reservist.

During pre-pandemic time, we have a graduation ceremony but no induction ceremony to the reserve force. As we re-introduce graduation ceremony to celebrate the cadet/cadettes success, we will also induct the graduates to the reserve force as reservist. Hoping that when there is mobilization, our reservists are aware where to go. In the conversation with Col Castor O Bahin MI (GSC) PA, the Group Commander of 8RCDG, and the Lt Col Noel A Cagasan INF (GSC) PA, the 804<sup>th</sup> CDC Commander at the same time our Commandant, they emphasize to intensify graduation and induction ceremony to echo the AFPs thrust to strengthen our reserve force.

This year's graduating ROTC cadets/cadettes are **1097**. Since we limit to nearby localities, initially, there are **487** who will physically attend the ceremony. Subject to existing protocols, only those who are fully vaccinated can join the event. Furthermore, there will be marshals to guide the students from entry in the VSU Market to the Lower Campus Oval grounds. Once the ceremony will be concluded, students will be dispersed immediately.

In this connection, the undersigned upon the recommendation of the VSU ROTC Unit Commandant, humbly ask the Office of the President for the face-to-face graduation ceremony of the ROTC cadets/cadettes. Moreover, the ROTC Training Staff, asked for meals and snacks support as reflected in the budget proposal in the next section.

We hope this merit your approval. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

  
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