



MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 2014-19

**CLASSIFYING THE VETERANS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (VFP)
AS A *SUI GENERIS* GOCC**

WHEREAS, the **VETERANS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (VFP)** is a chartered¹¹, non-sectarian, and non-political GOCC under the control and supervision of the Secretary of National Defense;

WHEREAS, while the VFP is a GOCC by operation of law falling within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) and the provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10149, *The GOCC Governance Act of 2011*, the VFP may properly be classified as *SUI GENERIS* GOCC for the following reasons:

- a. The VFP is a non-sectarian and non-political GOCC under the control and supervision of the Secretary of National Defense;
- b. The VFP is created primarily for benevolent purposes, among which is to represent and defend the interests of all Filipino veterans, to promote mutual help among them, to perpetuate their common experiences in war, to undertake acts of charity, and to foster patriotism;
- c. It does not receive funding from the Government;
- d. The VFP is a nationwide federation of several associations of veterans who are empowered by law to select their leaders on the organizational, district, regional, and national levels; and
- e. Membership in the VFP is voluntary.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Council of the VFP, its Governing Board, is an embodiment of the will of its members as it is a product of a nationwide electoral process wherein the members get to elect their various representatives to the Supreme Council;

WHEREAS, Section 5(b) of R.A. No. 10149 empowers the GCG to “[c]lassify GOCCs into: (1) Developmental/Social Corporations; (2) Proprietary Commercial Corporations; (3) Government Financial, Investment and Trust Institutions; (4) Corporations with Regulatory Functions; and (5) Others as may be classified by the GCG, without prejudice to further sub classifications in each category and/or any other classification based on parameters as it may find relevant or material such as, but not limited to, industry type. The classification shall guide the GCG in exercising its powers and functions as provided therein.”

WHEREAS, the application of the provisions of R.A. No. 10149 on the selection and appointment of members of the Supreme Council of VFP will unduly impinge on the collective will of the VFP’s membership who are empowered by VFP’s charter to determine their leadership themselves;

¹¹ Republic Act No. 2640, AN ACT TO CREATE A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE VETERANS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS POWERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, 18 June 1960.