



## *Message from our Chairman*



Hello fellow COCC graduates and friends. As the year 2023 draws to a close, I cannot help but to account the great strides this Association has accomplished courtesy of the efforts of its Officers as led by the President as well as the Past President. Through concerted efforts in the midst of their chosen vocations, the Officers have collectively managed the Association's resources efficiently and through individual networking has provided the much-needed refurbishment of this Association's funds during the conduct of fund raising activities most notable of which was the golf tournament.

Let me remind every COCC graduate that the ROTC program of the country has provided us with a venue to know each other and created an atmosphere among us blessed with camaraderie and esprit de corps which are inherently present in any military training institution. As we come together to pursue this long-standing advocacy, let us continue to support the well-being of each other so that in more ways than one, we can help in the development of this country.

Let us continue to share some of our time, talent and even treasure that have come to fruition partly because of our training and exposure to military traditions at the very early stages of our college days in Mapua. Let us try to utilize this God-given gift to perpetuate, how small it may seem, our contribution to peace and security of our society.

I share with fellow peace-loving citizens of this country the keen interest to restore the ROTC program that undoubtedly has nourished the moral fiber of the youth over the years.

More importantly, I enjoin each and every member of this Association, friends and supporters to remain active contributors to our endeavors.

May everyone have a great Holy day throughout this Christmas season!

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