## **RAO NEWSLETTER 12-18**



# **RAO CLOSURES**

RAO will be closed on 21 Dec beginning at 12:00 for staff celebration

24-25 Dec for Christmas observance.

1 Jan for New Years observance.

## **Highlites and low lites of Navy Recruiting Visit**

The highlights were that we had 27 possible candidates appear, along with quite a few involved parents.

Low lights were a number of the candidates were previous visitors who were in no way qualified, and it gave the appearance that mom and dad were just trying to find a way to get the kid out of the house. We are really blessed that the services spend the money coming here to recruit. In many cases if a candidate passes the screening it is a life changing experience for them and the families. Not only in the training they will receive and help them mature, but financially. It can make the difference in them be successful in life or becoming another jeepney driver. Problem is, the preparation for qualification has to begin long before the recruiters come. We had some great candidates whose lack of preparation resulted in them being disqualified. From having docs showing U S citizenship but having expired or no Philippine visa. As a U S citizen we all need to have a visa unless we have dual citizenship. Some of the folks who showed became U S citizens 14 years ago but are overstays here, due to having never got a visa. A few had expired U S passports, and also were overstays. We offer an ASVAB PRETEST so candidates can experience the test and prepare and study for areas they are weak in. Also available is a pre asvab practice program you can find at ASVABTESTBANK.COM, Many didn't

take advantage of this and embarrassed themselves on the actual testing (some had scores 7th graders could beat. They wasted their time and the recruiters. In the future we will give priority to those who do take the pretest in making appointments, those who don't could end up not seeing the recruiter. It's not only the candidates who need to be motivated, and prepared but also the families. You have been through this when you joined and can lead your sons and daughters through the process. You know it well. We also had some who scored well but weren't even close to weight standards. I think you'll recall when you enlisted you were likely the same as all of us about 20 lbs lighter, they need to be also. Bottom line is this is a job interview, if you really want the job you show up as the best candidate. If you really want to give them a chance to be successful and have a future, show them how, don't use this opportunity as a day at the daycare center, get them ready for it!

Subic Bay is an extremely fertile place for recruiters, we always outshine Manila and Angeles, most times doubling or tripling the number of qualified candidates, help us keep it that way!

#### THE UNKNOWN EATER

Recently the unknown eater had a real treat! Coming from the east coast, one of the favorites of the eater is oysters. Most places here that have them serve you skinny half dry little things that are totally tasteless and are hard to find in the shell. A place on SBMA called the Schooner Bar just next to Joes steakhouse., in front of the Bajia Hotel, has the kind you loved and enjoyed back home. Full plump juicy oysters, ready for a slathering of horseradish, ketchup, lemon and sucking off the shell down your gullet. They serve them raw or baked as in Rockefeller style. The best part is they are really inexpensive. I was also informed the menu will be going through some changes and they will offer a mostly seafood menu to include crabs, shrimp etc beginning the first of the year. This is a place not to miss Rating 5 stars!

Our 10% club continues to grow. Go to the below businesses and show your RAO ID and get 10% offf
Arizona Resort/Dynamite Dicks/Double D/Easy Click Computers and PC Express/"D"Worx car repair.

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Currently available in Red or Black, more colors coming soon. Dri-Fit material no shrinkage

# **TOYS FOR TYKES**

Fundraising for our Toys for Tykes drive continues, with the donation jars and bake sales on Wednesdays. We are planning a Christmas Party for local kids (200) on Dec 22 at the Barangay Hall on 22 Dec at 10 am.

Have a very merry CHRISTMAS and a safe December! Semper Fi!!!!!