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To : All Component Society Local COMELEC
From : PMA National COMELEC
RE : March 12, 2017 National and Local Elections

The National COMELEC in its meeting held on March 3, 2017 discussed the following matters concerning the upcoming PMA National and Local Elections, to wit

1. The COMELEC has been apprised of the presence of some altered, blank and incorrectly numbered ballots included in the bundle. It was noted and found out that the same was due to some printing errors beyond the control of the COMELEC. Kindly mark them as unused and have them signed by any member of the Local COMELEC, then include them in the parcel to be submitted to the National COMELEC, with annotations of the discrepancies/alterations.
2. Please note that all the inquiries during election day will be entertained ONLY thru the local comelec of each societies. A notification via text message indicating the NAME of the Local COMELEC and the Component Society should be sent first before doing a call of the queries. The official number where text messages shall be sent and oral inquiries can be sent is 09178221357, and this shall be answered by the PMA National COMELEC secretariat ONLY.
3. Also, we would like to reiterate the following reminders;
 1. PMA National Election - **March 12, 2017 (Sunday) 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the designated Component Society Precinct.**
 2. The PMA National Election date has been specifically scheduled to be conducted nationwide on March 12, 2017, thus conducting PMA Election in any other date is **not allowed** by the COMELEC.
 3. As per PMA Election Code, Article 5. (Local COMELEC), Section 2 (Duties of the COMELEC).

G. Within 48 hours of ascertaining the results, to send to the National COMELEC by fastest available means all the used and unused ballots, Voters' List, Voters signature, tally sheets and canvass reports signed by the Chairman and members of the local COMELEC. Ballots sent after the 48 hour period shall not be counted unless an investigation by the National COMELEC will reveal that the sending beyond the 48 hour period was for justifiable reasons.

Respectfully yours,

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