



## **DELFIN N. LORENZANA**

### **Chairman**

Bases Conversion and Development Authority

MGen (Ret) Delfin N Lorenzana became Chairman of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority when he took his oath of office before President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. on July 7, 2022.

Chairman Lorenzana was the immediate past Secretary of National Defense serving from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2022. He brought to the Defense Department his expertise in national defense and security, special operations, foreign affairs, public diplomacy, veterans affairs and strategic leadership.

Secretary Lorenzana was born in Midsayap, Cotabato, on 28 October 1948 of migrant Ilocano parents. He was raised in the town of Parang, Cotabato where he finished his primary and secondary schooling. After high school, he spent two years at the Notre Dame University in Cotabato City. In 1969 he entered the Philippine Military Academy,

graduated four years later and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Philippine Army.

Over the course of 35 years in uniform, Secretary Lorenzana has commanded army infantry units from platoon to Brigade, an Armor Brigade and the Army Special Operations Command. He also served in staff positions at Battalion and Brigade Headquarters, Army Headquarters and General Headquarters. His last posting as active military was as Defense Attaché in Washington DC from 2002 to 2004 after which he retired from active military service.

Upon retirement he was designated as Head, Office of Veterans Affairs at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. a designation he held until June 2016. As Head of the Office of Veterans Affairs he played an important role in lobbying for the passage of two landmark US legislations for the Filipino WW2 veterans who served under the US Army in WW2: the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund in 2009 awarding USD265M to surviving WW2 veterans and the Congressional Gold Medal to Filipino WW2 veterans in 2016.

Secretary Lorenzana is married to the former Editha Aguilar from Caloocan City. They have four children and one granddaughter.