

TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.92-10

## CREATING THE WORLD WAR II REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS, on December 8, 1941 the island of Guam was invaded by the Japanese Imperial Armed Forces who continued to occupy the island until July 21, 1944; and
- WHEREAS, during the three year occupation the people suffered through oppression, slavery and torture; and
- WHEREAS, throughout the occupation many people of Guam fought the occupying forces valiantly, many losing their lives, as they awaited freedom; and
- WHEREAS, on July 21, 1944 the American Armed Forces returned to Guam to recapture the island; and
- WHEREAS, many lives were lost during the battles that became the cornerstone in the history of our island and her people; and
- WHEREAS, as we commemorate the events of fifty years ago culminating on July 21, 1994 it is necessary to form a committee to coordinate activities related to World War II in the Pacific arena; and
- WHEREAS, the most significant event in the commemoration will be the Golden Salute to the men and women on Guam and from abroad who returned freedom and democracy to Guam after World War II.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

- 1. There is created the World War II Remembrance Committee consisting of fifteen members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;
- The members shall include veterans and public members as well as representatives from the Office of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Armed Forces and other government of Guam agencies;
- 3. The Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Committee but may appoint a Chairman Pro Tempore;
- 4. The Committee shall be responsible for the planning and holding of activities commemorating landmark events in the Pacific arena during World War II;
- The Committee shall coordinate construction of appropriate memorials honoring the people who fought to restore freedom and democracy to Guam;
- 6. The Committee shall be responsible for hosting returning veterans during the Golden Salute to be held on Guam during July 1994;
- 7. The Committee may form such task forces as it deems necessary to accomplish its responsibilities.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this <u>20th</u> day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Two.

COUNTERSIGNED:

OSEPH F. ADA Governor of Guam

FRANK F. BLAS Lieutenant Governor of Guam