



# VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

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# VETERANS DAY

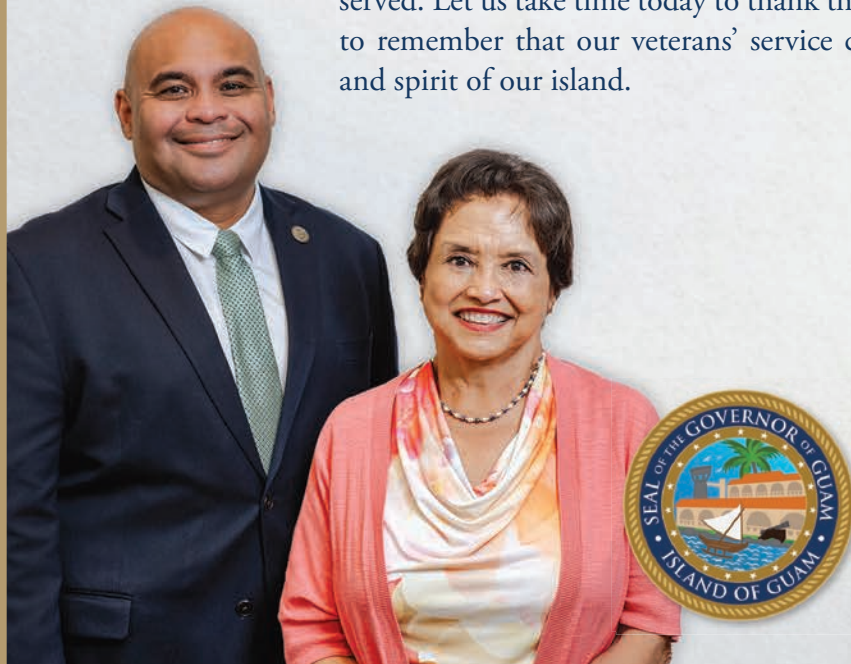
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On this Veterans Day, we honor the brave men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. For the people of Guam, service to our nation is deeply personal. Our island's patriotism was forged through real experiences with war — from the sacrifices of our World War II survivors to the courage of those who continue to defend freedom today.

Because of this history, our sons and daughters have answered the call of duty with pride and distinction. Guam's per capita enlistment is among the highest in the nation, a testament to the loyalty and love our people hold for country and island. Every flag raised, every deployment served, and every life lost reminds us that freedom is never free.



Each of us knows a family member, a friend, or a neighbor who has served. Let us take time today to thank them, to honor their sacrifice, and to remember that our veterans' service continues to shape the strength and spirit of our island.



*Lou Leon Guerrero*  
**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

*Joshua F. Tenorio*  
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## *Guam Veterans Organizations*

American Legion Mid Pacific Post 1  
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Barrigada Veterans Organization  
Brotherhood of Veterans Motorcycle Club  
Dededo Veterans Organization  
Fleet Reserve Association Ladies Auxiliary  
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Gold Star Families  
Got Your Six Seven One (GY671)  
Guam Usaf Veterans Association  
I Hinanao I Magahet Yan I Innina (HMI)  
Korean Vietnam Veterans Association  
Korean War Veterans Association  
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Auxiliary  
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 1315  
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 2007  
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 787  
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Dept. Asia Pacific  
Once A Marine Always A Marine  
Third Marine Division Association, Guam Chapter  
US Navy League  
VFW 1509 Auxiliary  
VFW Ga'an Point Memorial Post 2917  
VFW Hafa Adai Post 1509  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 668 and Associates  
Western Pacific Veterans Community Foundation  
Women Veterans of Guam  
Wounded Warrior Project Guam

# 2025 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

## Program

### PRESENTATION OF COLORS

### NATIONAL ANTHEM / GUAM HYMN

The Guam Territorial Band

### INVOCATION

Chaplain Johan Baik

*Minister, Presbyterian Church in America*

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Krystal Paco-San Agustin

*Communications Director, Office of the Governor of Guam*

### REMARKS

The Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio

*Acting Governor of Guam*

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John M. "JQ" Quinata

*Executive Manager, Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority*

### RECOGNITION OF VETERANS OF THE YEAR

### SERVICE SONGS

The Guam Territorial Band

### CLOSING

Jose San Agustin, MGySgt, USMC (Ret.)

*Director, Guam Office of Veterans Affairs*

### BENEDICTION

Chaplain Johan Baik

*Minister, Presbyterian Church in America*





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**FRANK F. BLAS, JR.**

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*Håfa Adai,*

On this solemn and significant day, we gather as a community to honor the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and those from Guam who have proudly answered the call of duty. Veterans Day is more than a moment of remembrance – it is a profound expression of our enduring gratitude to those who have defended our freedoms and have upheld the values we hold dear.

The people of Guam have a long and distinguished history of military service, marked by courage, resilience, and unwavering patriotism. From the liberation of our island during World War II to the ongoing contributions in today's armed conflicts and peacekeeping missions, Guam's commitment to service is both extraordinary and humbling.

To our veterans – Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your sacrifice, service, and dedication. Your service is the cornerstone of our security and the spirit of our island. We recognize not only the valor of those who wore the uniform, but also the strength of your families who have stood beside you with unshakeable support.

As we commemorate Veterans Day 2025, let us renew our pledge to honor your service not only with words, but with continued action – through advocacy, care, and ensuring that every veteran receives the respect and support they have rightfully earned.

May God bless you, our veterans, and may God continue to bless Guam and the United States of America.

Senseramente,

FRANK F. BLAS, JR.  
Speaker





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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Today, we gather in solemn gratitude to honor the men and women who have worn the uniform of our nation with courage, dignity, and unwavering commitment. Here on Guam, that tribute carries a profound weight.

From the shores of Sumay to the hills of Yigo, our island has long been home to patriots who answered the call to serve. Their legacy is etched not only in the halls of history but in the hearts of our families and the fabric of our communities.

Veterans are living testaments to the values we cherish—justice, liberty, and the enduring promise of democracy. Their sacrifices, whether on distant battlefields or in quiet acts of resilience, remind us that freedom is never free. It is earned, protected, and passed on through generations of service.

On this day, we also recognize the families who have stood behind their loved ones in uniform—the spouses, children, and parents whose strength and support have sustained our veterans through every trial.

May this day renew our commitment to honor their legacy—not only with words, but with actions that reflect the ideals for which they served. And may we always uphold the freedoms they defended with courage and conviction.

**ROBERT J. TORRES**  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam



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November 11, 2025

*Hafa Adai!*

Each Veterans Day, we pause to reflect on what it truly means to serve. Over generations, our veterans have carried the weight of freedom on their shoulders. They have endured long deployments, faced dangers far from home, and returned to build lives, families, and communities with quiet strength.

Here on Guam, that legacy runs deep. From the sons and daughters who fought to liberate our island during World War II, to the generations that followed, serving in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and countless other missions, the people of Guam have always answered the call to duty. Military service is not just a career path here; it is part of who we are. It is woven into our culture and our very understanding of sacrifice.

Every veteran's story matters. Some carry visible scars, others carry silent ones, but all have given a part of themselves so that we may live in peace and security. And for that, we owe more than words can express. We owe them action: a continued commitment to care for their health, to support their families, and to ensure that every veteran, from the frontlines of World War II to the newest generation transitioning to civilian life, receives the benefits, respect, and gratitude they have earned.

To the Gold Star families who have borne the ultimate loss, know that your loved one's service will never be forgotten. Their sacrifice lives on in every freedom we enjoy and in every flag that flies over our island.

On this Veterans Day, let us do more than offer words of thanks. Let us honor our veterans through our actions, our compassion, and our continued commitment to serve those who served us.

On behalf of a grateful island and nation, and as a fellow veteran, I extend my deepest appreciation to all who have served. Guam stands with you—proud of your service, humbled by your sacrifice, and forever committed to honoring your legacy.

Si Yu'os Ma'āse and God bless our veterans!

Respectfully,



James C. Moylan  
Member of Congress







Today, we honor the brave men and women who have served our nation with courage, devotion, and an unwavering commitment to freedom. Each of you has carried the weight of duty, sacrifice, and service, not only for our country, but for the generations who follow in your footsteps.

Our community stands proud of its sons and daughters who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. You have defended our liberties, protected our homes, and represented the very best of what it means to be an American and a member of our island family.

We extend our deepest gratitude and respect to all veterans, active-duty members, reservists, and their families. Your sacrifices remind us that freedom is never free. It is earned through courage, preserved through unity, and honored through remembrance.

May today's observance renew our shared promise to care for those who have served and to ensure that their legacy continues to inspire our youth and strengthen our community.

JESSE L.G. ALIG  
President and Mayor of Piti



MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

# 2025 VETERANS OF THE YEAR

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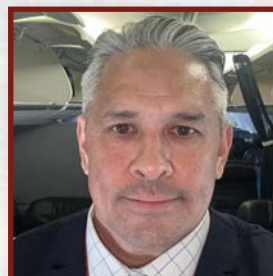
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Barrigada Veterans Organization



**Daniel J. Duenas**  
United States Air Force  
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Sinajana Mayor, Robert RDC  
Hofmann



**Andrew Peter Benavente**  
United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
Dededo Mayor, Peter John S.  
Benavente & Vice Mayor Ann  
S.A. Leon Guerrero



**Kerry Guerrero**  
United States Air Force Reserve  
*Nominated by*  
Piti Mayor, Jesse L.G. Alig



**Augusto F. Cepeda**  
United States Air Force  
*Nominated by*  
Guam United States Air Force  
Veterans Association



**Cynthia Barcinas Kintol**  
United States Air Force  
*Nominated by*  
Barrigada Mayor June U. Blas &  
Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista



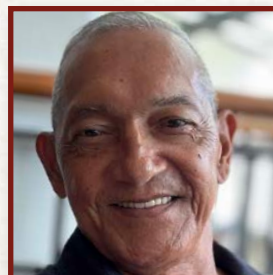
**Joseph I. Cruz**  
United States Marines/Army  
*Nominated by*  
Legends Guam Motorcycle Club



**Jeffrey D. Kosaka**  
United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
Guam Office of Veterans Affairs



**Noel Torres Cruz**  
United States Air Force  
*Nominated by*  
Yigo Mayor Frances S. Lizama &  
Vice Mayor Pedro S. Blas



**Anthony Guzman Lukeala**  
United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Håfa  
Adai Post 1509



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United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
Inaláhan Mayor, Anthony P.  
Chargualaf, Jr.



**Kenneth A. Naputi**  
United States Marine Corps  
*Nominated by*  
Once a Marine Always a Marine  
(OAMAAM)



**Shaun Paul Martinez**  
United States Army  
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Talo'fo'fo Mayor, Vicente S.  
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**Felix F. Palomo**  
United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
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Rudy A. Paco



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Brotherhood of Veterans  
Motorcycle Club



**Edith Mesa**  
United States Air Force  
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**George Cruz Perez**  
United States Army Combat  
Calvary  
*Nominated by*  
Yona Mayor, Brian "BJ" Terlaje



**Marjorie Mesa-Hunter**  
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*Nominated by*  
Guam Office of Veterans Affairs



**Charlie A. Quinata**  
United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 668



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**Raymond Quintanilla**  
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Island Chapter



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United States Air Force  
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Veterans of Foreign War Post 2917



**Alain Chris Rabbetts**  
Royal New Zealand Artillery  
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Guam Hawgs Mortocycle Club



**June I. Taitano**  
United States Navy  
*Nominated by*  
Independent Vietnam Veterans  
Association of Guam



**Jose Champaco Roberto**  
United States Army  
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Assan-Ma'ina Mayor, Frankie A.  
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**Larry I. Taitano**  
United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
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**Randolph Aguon Santiago**  
United States Air Force  
*Nominated by*  
Humatak Mayor, Johnny A.  
Quinata



**Walter Thier, Jr**  
United States Air Force  
*Nominated by*  
Mangilao Mayor Allan R.G.  
Ungacta & Vice Mayor Edward  
J.D Tosco



**Vincent C. Santiago**  
United States Marine Corps  
*Nominated by*  
Malessos' Mayor, Franklin J.Q.  
Champaco



**Peter Trinidad**  
United States Marine Corps  
*Nominated by*  
3rd Marine Division Association-  
Guam Chapter



# 2025 VETERANS OF THE YEAR

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**William Sablan Tudela**  
United States Army  
*Nominated by*  
Military Order of the Purple  
Heart

## 2025 ACTIVE DUTY OFFICER/NCO

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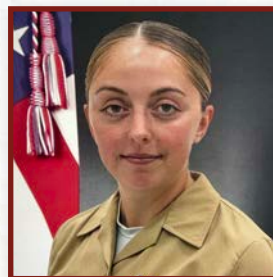
**Petty Officer 1st  
Class Mark Jason C.  
Domemden**  
U.S. Coast Guard  
*Nominated by*  
U.S. Coast Guard Base Guam



**Petty Officer 2nd Class  
William S. Naden II**  
U.S. Coast Guard  
*Nominated by*  
U.S. Coast Guard Forces  
Micronesia/Sector Guam



**Kyle A. Metropoulos**  
U.S. Navy  
*Nominated by*  
Joint Region Marianas



**Lance Corporal Afton  
O. Smiley**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
*Nominated by*  
Marine Corps Base Camp  
Blaz





The warriors of Guam and the Marianas have displayed courage, honor and service for thousands of years. Today, this legacy is embodied by the spirit of our brave Veterans. More than any other place, our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Guardians raise their hands to defend freedom both at home and abroad.

As we continue to face the uncertainties of our region and world, we will increasingly rely on our all-volunteer force to defend the homeland. We must be ready, and we must look to the example and inspiration set by our Veterans.

So to all our Veterans on Guam and the Marianas, on behalf of your Guam National Guard, thank you. Thank you for your service and for your sacrifice, and for the support of your families. We salute you, and we aspire to continue your legacy of honor.





**A Veterans Day message from  
Rear Admiral Josh Lasky  
Commander, Joint Task Force Micronesia and Task Force West**

Today, as Commander, Joint Task Force – Micronesia, I am honored to extend my deepest gratitude and respect to all of our Veterans, past and present. Veterans Day is a solemn reminder of the extraordinary sacrifices made by the men and women who answered the call to defend our nation and its ideals.

Here in Guam and across Micronesia, we are aware of the unwavering commitment and dedication of our service members who are standing the watch, ensuring stability and security in this vital region. But that respect extends far beyond those serving today. We recognize and are deeply humbled by the contributions of our Veterans who served before us, laying the foundation of our continued success.

The Veteran community is especially strong here in Guam. The island's heart beats with a rhythm of resilience and unwavering support to our military community. Guam's deep-rooted connection to the military, and its vibrant community of Veterans, serves as a constant source of inspiration to all of us at JTF-M. Your stories of courage, your dedication to duty, and your enduring commitment to service resonate within our ranks. Thank you for your sacrifices, your strength, and your continued contributions to the well-being of our nation.

Many Veterans returned from service carrying unseen wounds and some never made it home at all – the impact felt by their Veteran families left behind. This sacrifice can never be repaid, but must be honored.

To the Veterans of Guam, and to all Veterans across our territories and Freely Associated States: We salute your service. We remember your sacrifices. And we are forever in your debt.

May God bless you, your families, and the United States of America.



## **A Veterans Day message from Rear Admiral Brett Mietus Commander, Joint Region Marianas**



As Commander, Joint Region Marianas, I join the people of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and our nation this Veterans Day to pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in the United States armed forces. This is a chance to say thank you to those who stepped forward when our country needed them – those who felt the call to serve and took action.

Guam's history is intertwined with the service and sacrifice of its people. Living and serving here, I see every day that military service is more than tradition. It is a way of life. Generations of CHamorus have served with distinction in the military at some of the highest rates in our nation. That speaks volumes about the values this island holds: loyalty, resilience, and a deep sense of duty.

Your families have also demonstrated great sacrifice by their unwavering support for their loved ones in uniform. This bond between our military and the people of Guam is essential to our mission and continued success.

Today, we recognize the enduring legacy of our Veterans – their courage, their resilience, and unwavering dedication to our nation. Your service has shaped our world and inspires us to carry on your commitment to excellence, integrity, and selfless service.

To every Veteran, past or present, whether you served in conflict or in peace, at home or abroad, your service made a difference. We are forever in your debt. Thank you.

May God bless you, your families, and the United States of America.





Håfa Adai,

On this Veterans Day, Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz honors the unwavering dedication and sacrifice of all Guam's veterans who have served our nation with distinction. We are deeply grateful for their service and stand committed to supporting them and their families.

As we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday throughout this month, we would be remiss if we did not take a moment to reflect on our veterans who served during the liberation of Guam during WWII.

We are privileged to serve daily with dedicated service members who are committed to protecting our nation's freedom and ensuring the security of Guam. The foundation of service, professionalism, honor, and commitment was laid by our veterans, and today's servicemembers strive to uphold the excellence of those who have come before and worn our militaries' uniforms.

To our veterans, we thank you for your devotion to duty, your unwavering commitment to our country's ideals, and your willingness to be selfless servants. To those currently serving, we offer our heartfelt support and encouragement. And to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, we will never forget your service and sacrifice.

We also honor the families of those who have served, recognizing the significant contributions they have made to support their loved ones and keep our nation strong.

To all the veterans, thank you for your service and thank you for the leadership and difference you make in your communities every day.

Semper Fidelis,



Robert E. Catching  
Sergeant Major, United States Marine Corps  
Command Senior Enlisted Advisor, MCB Camp Blaz



Richard D. Marshall Jr.  
Colonel, United States Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer, MCB Camp Blaz



On this Veterans Day, I reflect on this year's theme, "Service to Nation." It honors those who dedicate themselves to protecting our country's interests, at home and abroad. As the commander of U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam, I lead a team that embodies service across multiple missions including safeguarding maritime security, conducting search and rescue, and enforcing laws across the Pacific.

In the Marianas and across all of Micronesia, our operational ties run deep, and I am honored to live in a region so dedicated to service. Guam serves as a key hub for these efforts, where our personnel work alongside local communities and responders to ensure safety and stability. This shared commitment aligns with the Chamorro value of *inafa'maolek*, which emphasizes making things better for everyone. Our operations not only protect U.S. interests but also support the Freely Associated States and broader Oceania, deepening regional partnerships.

This year, I highlight operational leaders who exemplify service to nation. Lt. Jay DeInnocentiis, a Florida native, led a three-year multiagency effort culminating in October with the final removal of the Motor Vessel Voyager from the channel adjacent to the harbor of safe refuge. This work safeguards the vital lifeline our premier commercial port provides while preserving marine resources important to Pacific economies. His actions reinforced U.S. commitments to our ports and waterways security, environmental stewardship, and local cooperation.

Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Willam Naden II, a proud son of Guam, played a key role in a rescue operation off Agat on October 10. His quick response and leadership as the coxswain ensured seamless coordination with our Guam Fire Department colleagues, leading to the successful rescue of 45 people from a catamaran that caught fire and the safe tow of the vessel back to port. This mission highlighted our motto "*Semper Paratus*", meaning "always ready", and our focus on protecting lives at sea.

I also recognize Mr. Josh Blocker, a veteran with roots in Louisiana, serving Guam both on active duty and now as a civilian for more than a decade. He helped coordinate a multi-agency exercise simulating a major response in Saipan earlier this year, while also taking our team through more than one local exercise to enhance preparedness for a variety of maritime crises from mass rescue to tsunamis. He continues to shepherd our Area Maritime Security Committee with an eye on cyber vulnerabilities. His expertise ensures seamless integration with local partners.

These individuals show how operational service extends beyond duty stations to defend and sustain a safer nation and region. On this Veterans Day, I am proud to lead our team in this vital work. *Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to all those who serve and have served before us.

*Semper Paratus,*

Capt. Jessica Worst

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam







This year's Veterans Day theme of "Service to Nation" really resonates with me and celebrates the foundational support that enables our military to thrive. As the commander of U.S. Coast Guard Base Guam, I oversee a team that provides essential logistics, facilities, and community support, ensuring our forces remain mission-ready in the Pacific.

Base Guam stands as a pillar in the Marianas, where our infrastructure and services directly contribute to national defense and regional stability. We prioritize U.S. homeland security while supporting operations in the Freely Associated States and Oceania. This work fosters strong community ties, emphasizing collective well-being and mutual respect.

This year, I'd like to spotlight base personnel who demonstrate service through their support roles. Lt. Geoff Snyder, an Army veteran now on active duty with the Coast Guard who hails from Pennsylvania. He plays a critical role coordinating our health and well-being as the acting regional practice manager and liaison with Naval Hospital to care for over 460 members and their families here in Guam. His initiatives strengthened medical community bonds ensuring care for our team and our readiness to perform the missions that safeguard Guam and the nation.

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mark Domenden, a proud son of Guam, transferred from operational responsibilities at Force Micronesia in May to join the Base Guam team and immediately stepped up as a team leader to manage weapons maintenance, assist with field upgrades to our cutters, and run range days ensuring the safe operation of our defense systems. This effort resulted in the timely qualification of several dozen personnel to handle firearms ensuring operational boardings, shoreside patrols, and cutter missions can occur safely in our increasingly dynamic region. His efforts bolstered operational efficiency and national maritime security by sharing the workload and providing leadership where we've had personnel gaps due to transfers.

I also commend our civilian employee Joe Guerrero, another proud son of Guam, who led regular and off schedule maintenance and enhancements to our climate and environmental systems for our 13-acre base footprint. This work was made more complex by our location at the end of the supply chain, the variety and age of the systems, and the unique contracting challenges we face being on a remote island and a 15-hour time difference from the Coast Guard's main logistics hub for the Service and most of our vendors. His work protected critical systems and our personnel, allowing seamless support for frontline missions, and safeguarding national interests in a digital age.

These examples illustrate how Base Guam's operational logistics service underpins broader national goals. On this Veterans Day, we thank all veterans and supporters for their contributions. I am honored to command Base Guam and our dedicated team. *Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for your service to our nation.

*Semper Paratus,*  
Cmdr. Abigail Clark  
Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Base Guam



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Jose A. San Agustin, MGySgt, USMC (ret), Director

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November 11, 2025

*Håfa Adai,*

On this Veterans Day, we come together to celebrate and honor the service and sacrifices of our veterans. We reflect on the contributions and sacrifices they have made in the defense of our country.

Brave men and women from all walks of life have raised their hands, willing to protect our values and our liberties. We honor their bravery, dedication, and patriotism. They are the inspiration for future generations.

Today, we join others across the nation in recognizing the tremendous contributions and sacrifices of our veterans and their families—the men and women who have served this great nation. We honor and thank them for their service, their sacrifices, and their selfless devotion to the service of this country.

To all our veterans and their families: on behalf of myself and my staff, thank you for your service to our nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose A. San Agustin".

Jose A. San Agustin  
Director, Guam Office Of Veterans Affairs



# 2025 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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## *John M. "JQ" Quinata*



John M. Quinata (JQ) is currently the Executive Manager of the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam where he has served since June 2020. He sits at the helm of the self-sustaining autonomous government of Guam agency and only civil airport operator on island with a mission to ensure the safety and security of the travelling public while maintaining superior and reliable levels of airport services and supporting the development of air services and facilities that are key to the growth of Guam's economy. He oversees a workforce of 222 individuals who work in the eight divisions of the airport – Accounting, Administration, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting, Airport Police, Engineering, Operations, Properties & Facilities, and Property Management.

Before stepping into the role of the Executive Manager, Mr. Quinata had served as the Deputy Executive Manager from January of 2019 until his succession as the Executive Manager.

Prior to his current stint with the airport authority, Mr. Quinata served as the Sixth State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Guam Air National Guard serving over 38 years in the U.S. Air Force and the Guam Air National Guard. As the highest enlisted member, he advised The Adjutant General on matters concerning the morale, health, welfare, effective use, training and progress of the enlisted corps of the Guam Air National Guard. He also served as the Adjutant General's representative on numerous committees, councils, and boards and at military and civilian functions.

Chief Quinata had entered the Air Force in September 1981 and graduated from the Administrative Specialist Course in December 1981. His background includes several active-duty Air Force positions at Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas in 1982; NCOIC, Administration and Training Division, Third Air Division; and Chief of Administration, First Combat Evaluation Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. After supporting Operation Desert Storm in August 1990, and then transferred to the Guam Air National Guard as Unit Training Manager, 254 Civil Engineering Squadron. He then was selected as the first Human Resources Advisor for Headquarters, Guam Air National Guard in September 2002. Prior to his becoming the State Command Chief Master Sergeant, he was instrumental in standing up the 254 Security Forces Squadron as the Security Forces Manager beginning in November 2004 and getting the squadron federally recognized two years ahead of schedule.

Mr. Quinata has a long history of public service as well. He entered the Government of Guam as an Administrative Assistant with the Department of Commerce and was then promoted to Management Analyst IV focusing on federal grants and programs for the department from August 1990 – December 1994. In 1995 he was appointed Director of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency where he led the fight against the "War on Drugs". His most recent stint with the GovGuam was his service as a Senator of the Twenty-Seventh Guam Legislature where he was the Assistant Majority Whip and had oversight of the legislative Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Tourism as its Chairman.

# *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*

*Thank you for joining us to honor and  
celebrate our veterans. Your presence  
today helps us recognize their sacrifices and  
dedication. Together, we pay tribute to  
those who have served and continue to  
serve our country.*







