



# NEWSLETTER

## PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

OCTOBER 2022

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### Port Awarded \$5.7M in Federal Infrastructure Funds



The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Maritime Administration (MARAD) awarded Guam \$5.7 million in grants under the America’s Marine Highway Program (AMHP).

The funding in this program helps expand marine highway services on our nation’s navigable waterways to reduce congestion, alleviate supply chain bottlenecks, and move goods more quickly from ships to shelves.

“Our progress at the Port continues with this latest award of federal funds that will be used to continue our efforts to modernize and transform our world-class gateway,” said Port Authority of Guam General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “This work being done is in line with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio’s commitment to modernize our Port as the harbor of

all things coming to Guam.”

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced on October 7, 2022 that the Port Authority of Guam was awarded \$5,703,560 for the Guam Marine Transportation Enhancement Initiative. The America’s Marine Highway Grant funds will go toward expanding the Port’s fleet of specialized container yard equipment. The equipment includes two 40-ton loaded container handlers; three 10-ton empty container handlers; five 5.5-ton forklifts; one 180-foot boom lift; nine container yard tractors; and two 40-plug mobile reefer generators.

“At a time of record demand for goods, it’s more important than ever to strengthen our supply chains so our manufacturers can grow and American families can get the things they need quickly and affordably,”

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said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “Today’s announcement will help improve our marine highway system across the country, alleviating congestion, modernizing port operations, and ultimately lowering the cost of goods for American families.”

Thanks to President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the AMHP received an additional \$25 million in funding this year—the largest single investment in the program ever.

“America’s Marine Highway Program is an innovative program that encourages the use of America’s navigable waterways for the movement of freight and people, reducing congestion on land-

based transportation,” said Maritime Administrator Ann Phillips. “The funding announced today advances our ongoing efforts to help new marine highway services begin operation and to improve existing services.”

Since its inception, the AMHP has designated 58 Marine Highway Projects bolstering jobs and local economies across the country. In this round of funding, projects were awarded to not only strengthen supply chains, but also our national security by adding to the Nation’s strategic sealift resources and providing transportation alternatives during times of disaster or national emergency.

**S&P Global Ratings Maintains Port’s Outlook at Stable**



Credit Profile		
Guam Port Auth port <i>Long Term Rating</i>	A/Stable	Current
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S&P Global Ratings maintains its outlook for the Port Authority of Guam at stable and affirmed its ‘A’ long-term rating on the agency’s outstanding series 2018 Port Revenue Bonds.

“We consider the authority’s management and governance strong, reflecting our view of the port’s strategic positioning, risk and financial management, and organizational effectiveness,” the ratings report released today by Standard and Poor’s Global Ratings stated. “The authority has historically operated in a fiscally prudent manner, implementing tariff increases as needed, building and maintaining cash reserves, and minimally relying on debt issuance to meet capital needs.”

The Port of Guam has been largely stable between fiscal years 2018-2021 with containers growing to 86,780 in fiscal 2021 from 85,143 in fiscal 2020.

“The maintained rating of the Port’s 2018 Revenue Bond affirms that we have been on target with the directives put in place by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio and our Board of Directors,” said the Port’s General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “This news, along with the Port’s low-risk designation over the past three years received earlier this year from Moody’s Investors Service, brings us the credibility needed

to seek funding to replace the Port’s aging gantry cranes, rehabilitate the wharves to ensure resiliency, and replace our aging facilities, so that the Port does not become a choke point for discharging and deploying military assets and commodities, in addition to our charge to keeping the Port 100% operational at all times.”

The report stated that in their view the following were the Port’s key credit strengths:

- Its essentiality to the island economy;
- Strong financial performance, reflecting our expectation that coverage (S&P Global Ratings-calculated) will be maintained above 1.25x; and
- Strong debt and liabilities capacity given the lack of additional debt needs.

In June of this year, Moody’s Investors Service maintained its outlook for the Port Authority of Guam as stable (Baa2), pointing to low leverage, strong liquidity and the Port’s position as the sole commercial port in Guam.

“It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work alongside these hardworking and dedicated Port employees,” Respicio said. “Their excellent work and commitment to moving the Port forward for our island and our region is evident throughout the report.”

## GSA Renews Port's Full Delegation of Procurement Authority

Chief Procurement Officer Claudia S. Acfalle has renewed the full delegation of procurement authority granted to Port Authority of Guam General Manager Rory J. Respicio to serve as a purchasing agency pursuant to the Guam Administration Rules and Regulations and 5GCA Chapter 5 of the Guam Procurement Law.

After 14 years of losing its right to procure goods and services on its own, the Port Authority of Guam in September of 2020 was granted full delegation of procurement authority as allowed by Guam laws which has renewed every year since. In the latest reporting year, Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the Port processed the following:

- 698 requisitions;
- 831 purchase orders;
- issued fifteen (15) and awarded thirteen (13) Invitation for Bids (IFB) (small purchases);
- issued nine (9) and awarded seven (7) IFBs for construction & materials & supplies with the remaining two open; and

- issued five (5) Requests for Proposals (RFP) for professional services, two (2) of which were rejected, one (1) awarded and two (2) open.

For FY 2023, Procurement staff is currently processing 75 requisitions for goods services, and 3 IFB small purchases.

“The Port Authority of Guam being granted its delegation of procurement authority was one of the items raised by the Leon Guerrero Tenorio Transition team prior to taking office on January 8, 2019,” said Respicio. “The Port’s Procurement Team, under the leadership of Annie Sablan, has put in a lot of hard work to gain the trust and confidence of Chief Procurement Officer Claudia S. Acfalle so that we may be able to perform this function independently. We welcome this renewal of full delegation of procurement authority as we are in the midst of procuring critical goods and services in connection with the Port’s Modernization Program.”

## Port Celebrates 47 Years of Service

The Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam celebrated its 47th anniversary from October 24 – 28, 2022 and held a series of events in the month.

The Opening Ceremony kicked off the week’s events starting with a flag-raising ceremony followed by a parade of trucks, proclamation signing by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, and a resolution presentation by members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

“We have accomplished so much these past four years toward improving and securing Port facilities to better serve the community all the while stabilizing Port finances and keeping employee morale and productivity at an all-time high,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “Port Week gives us an opportunity to recognize our Port Strong employees, who are the backbone and driving force of these accomplishments, as well as our Port Users, who also are critical to our success.”

The opening ceremony recognized all retirees from 2019 to present. The entire opening ceremony was broadcast live on the Governor and Port’s Facebook page. Other events for the week



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included employee townhall meetings, various sporting events and the celebration will conclude with a Grand Finale and Employee Recognition Ceremony on Friday, October 28, 2022. “We would like to thank the Leon Guerrero and Tenorio Administration, our Board of Directors, the Port Users Group, as well as the community for their trust and partnership enabling the Port to keep moving Guam forward,” said Respicio. “Our hard work continues as we focus on the critical role the Port plays for the Department of Defense’s Indopacific Strategy and Pacific deterrence efforts. Geopolitical matters make this a pivotal point at the Port and through Gov. Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Tenorio’s advocacy, we are pursuing all funding opportunities available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and are deeply committed to making sure that Port employees’ wellbeing is at the forefront of all that we do.”



## Port Week 2022 Awards

### 2022 Retirees

RETIREES	POSITION	YEARS OF SERVICE
Frankie C. Aguon	Port Police Supervisor	36
Jose P. Bamba	Crane Operator Leader	32
Alfred J. Torres	Preventive Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor	29
Alfredo T. Bordallo, III	Mobile Equipment Dispatcher	27
Edna M. Eclavea	Clerk III	27
Efren B. Niu	Crane Mechanic II	26
Peter R. Cruz	Marine Traffic Controller	25
Gerard M. Duenas	Security Guard (Armed)	25
Francisco A. Belmes	Crane Mechanic II	24
Enrique S. Conde	Engineer III	20
Bartolome B. Sepulia	Heavy Equipment Mechanic II	16
Kirt K. Mizusawa	Security Guard (Armed)	9

### Years of Service

#### 30 YEARS

Kenneth J. Quintanilla, Administrative Assistant  
Albert E. Santos, Crane Operator  
Peter C. Lorenzo, Commercial Specialist I

#### 25 YEARS

Paul A. Cruz, Program Coordinator III  
Glenn B. Nelson, Operations Manager  
Quirino B. Cabe, Stevedore Supervisor I  
Gilbert G. Santos, Stevedore Leader  
Wayne D. San Nicolas, Vessel Planner  
Jose A. Ulloa, Jr., Terminal Superintendent  
Patrick Q. Claros, Transportation Supervisor  
Joann B. Conway, General Accounting Supervisor  
George C. Pecina, Accounting Technician III

### Sick Leave Hours

#### 4500 HOURS

Jose B. Guevara, III, Financial Affairs Controller

#### 3000 HOURS

Virginia C. Payumo, Accounting Technician II  
Eric J. Salas, Port Police Supervisor  
Paul R. Salas, Safety Inspector III

#### 2500 HOURS

Jose A. Ulloa, Jr., Terminal Superintendent  
David S. Roberto, Jr., Crane Operator  
Richard N. Borja, Equipment Operator III

#### 2000 HOURS

Antonio Untalan, Equipment Operator II  
Rita B. Carbullido, Commercial Specialist II

#### 1500 HOURS

Walter M. Santos, Stevedore Supervisor I  
Maui C. Ogo, Equipment Operator II  
Gus Allan D. Aromin, Crane Mechanic II

#### 1000 HOURS

Evangeline O. Castro, Personnel Specialist I  
Annie L.G. Sablan, Inventory Management Administrator  
Melchor B.D. Perez, Plumber II  
Julie A. Siatan, Administrator Officer  
Jesse A. Diego, Crane Operator  
Perry T. Guerrero, Personnel Specialist II  
Rene L.G. Topasna, Stevedore  
Ronald A. Ayuyu, Program Coordinator II  
Jose G. Javellana, III, Chief Planner

**Tuesday  
Nov. 8, 2022  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

# General Election Polling Sites

**Okkodo High School, Dededo (A-O)**  
Precincts 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18E, 18F, 18G, 18H, 18I

**F.B.L.G. Middle Sch., Yigo (A-M)**  
Precincts 19, 19A, 19B, 19C

**Liguan Elem. Sch., Dededo (P-Z)**  
Precincts 18J, 18K, 18L, 18M, 18N

**J.F.K. High School, Tamuning**  
Precincts 17, 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D, 17E

**J.Q. San Miguel Elem. Sch., MTM**  
Precincts 14, 14A, 14B

**D.L. Perez Elem. Sch., Yigo (N-Z)**  
Precincts 19D, 19E, 19F

**Guam Congress Bldg., Hagåtña Precinct 1**

**P.C. Lujan Elem. Sch., Barrigada**  
Precincts 15, 15A, 15B, 15C

**Agana Heights Elem. Sch.,**  
Precincts 13, 13A

**G.W. High School, Mangilao**  
Precincts 16, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D

**Asan-Maina Comm. Center, Precincts 2, 2A**

**C.L. Taitano Elem. Sch., Sinajana Precincts 12, 12A**

**Jose Rios Mid. Sch., Piti Precinct 3**

**Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School, Precincts 11, 11A, 11B**

**Harry S. Truman Elem., Santa Rita-Sumai Precincts 5, 5A**

**Oceanview Middle Sch., Hågat Precincts 4, 4A, 4B**

**M.U. Lujan Elem. Sch., Yona Precincts 10, 10A, 10B**

**Humåtak Mayor's Office, Precinct 6**

**Talo'fo'fo' Elem. School Precincts 9, 9A**

**Malessso' Martyrs' Mem. Elem. Sch., Precincts 7, 7A**

**Inalåhan Middle School Precincts 8, 8A, 8B**

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**I VOTED TODAY!**

The bearer of this note voted in the  
**2022 General** Election  
(Year) (Primary or General)

in Hagåtña at 12:30 am/pm.  
(District or Precinct) (Time)

M. Pangelinan 11/8/2022  
Precinct Official (Print name and email) (Date)

The 2022 General Election will occur on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the polling sites pictured. All polling sites will be open for registered voters on Tuesday, November 8 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Be sure to head over to your registered polling site to cast your vote!

All Port employees will be allowed two hours of administrative leave to be afforded the opportunity to vote as is specifically stated in Title 3 Guam Code Annotated (GCA) Chapter 9 Conduct of Election §9125:

“§ 9125. Leave of Absence From Employment to Vote. (a) Every voter shall be entitled, on the day of every election at which he or she is entitled to vote, to absent himself or herself from any service or employment in which he or she is then engaged or employed for two (2) consecutive hours between the time of opening and the time of closing of the polls. The voter shall not be liable to any penalty, nor shall any deduction be made on account of such absence, from his or her usual salary or wages, nor shall the voter be suspended or discharged from his or her service or employment. Any violation of this provision shall be

reported to the Guam Department of Labor for enforcement, and may subject an employer to pay a fine. (b) A voter who unilaterally absents himself or herself from employment for the purpose of voting shall provide to his or her employer evidence from GEC that he or she had voted during the hours of his or her absence.”

## October Photo Highlights

### 3rd Quarter Award Recipients



Employee of the Quarter Category I: Jovanne Ybarra-Reyes, Category II: Kevin Sanchez and Matthew Sanchez; Supervisor of the Quarter Category II: Derrick Balajadia; Outstanding Work Center of the Quarter Category I: Harbor Master, Category II: Transportation; and Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Quarter Category I: Human Resources and the General Manager's Office, Category II: Operations

### 4th Quarter Award Recipients

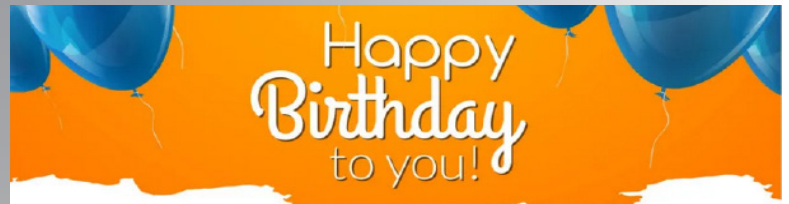


Employee of the Quarter, Category I: David Untalan, Port Police II, Category II: Anthony Francisco, Mobile Equipment Dispatcher; Supervisor of the Quarter, Category II: Jacob Aquiningoc, Crane Operator Leader; Outstanding Work Center of the Quarter, Category I: Harbor Master's Office, Category II: Welding Shop; and Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Quarter, Category I: Planning, Category II: Transportation Division

## October Photo Highlights



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Ted R. Cruz             | Ignacio A. Benavente   |
| Roy P.C. Flores         | Michael J. Barcinas    |
| Roy C. Mendiola         | Joshua V. Candoleta    |
| George S. Duenas        | Anthony P.D. Manibusan |
| Raymond B. Santos       | Norberto D. Datuin     |
| Kenneth J. Quintanilla  | Shawn D. Flores        |
| Paul M. Tedtaotao       | Eric J. Balajadia      |
| Frances A. Candoleta    | Frankie A. Cruz, II    |
| Theresa Rose T. Reyes-  | Jose J. Tajalle        |
| Manibusan               | Ernesto D. Madahan     |
| Jonathan L. Aguon       | Kyle J. Gaspay-Paulino |
| Chauncy J. Perez        | Brandon M. Naputi      |
| Joseph K. Mesa          | Peter J. Babauta       |
| Luis M. Diaz            | Joshua M. Manglona     |
| Julieto A. Sontillanosa | Mark L. Blas           |
| Maria T. Llanes         | Kieth W. Hattig, Jr.   |
| Frank V.A. Cepeda, Jr.  | Ernest C. Castro, Jr.  |
| Craig-Thomas D. Palomo  | Joshua J.M. Mantanona  |