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Guam Achieves MARAD Double Designation



The US Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) recently announced the designation of six new Marine Highway Projects and a new Marine Highway Route as part of the America's Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The AMHP encourages the use of America's navigable waterways for the movement of freight and people as an alternative to land-based transportation. Under this program, Guam received both designations, making the island eligible for grants when funding is available. Since its inception, the AMHP has designated 46 Marine Highway Projects.

For the next grant season, the project designations include projects in California, Oregon, Washington, Missouri, New Jersey, and Wisconsin, as well as Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. These new project designations region will improve the movement of freight by water all around the nation, including along the coasts, inland waterways, and to Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. By making better use of the nation's inland waterways, America can boost its maritime industry and create jobs while cutting emissions and traffic congestion.

"This is a milestone designation for Guam and the CNMI. It validates Guam and the Port Authority's significance in the ocean transportation of goods

and supplies in our region," said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "I want to recognize and congratulate our Port Planning team for taking the initiative to apply for this designation on behalf of our island, opening up doors to additional federal funding that we would not otherwise qualify for."

The new Route and Project Designations include: **Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Route Designation (M-GNM1)** This Route Designation will allow the expansion of existing containerized freight service between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI) main islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. Nearly all commodities and household and commercial goods needed by local residents are transported through the islands' seaports.

Guam Marine Transportation Enhancement Initiative (Guam): This designation will expand and promote inbound and outbound cargo within the islands. Service providers transporting freight utilize U.S. ports in Hawaii and the West Coast before making their way through Guam and the CNMI.

The Port of Guam operates as the only commercial seaport on the island and serves the regional population of more than 225,000, including communities on the neighboring islands in the CNMI.

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CNMI Freight Improvement Project (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands): The designation of the CNMI project will support the movement of containers between the Port of Guam and Commonwealth Port Authority ports of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The CNMI is exploring the expansion of its maritime capacities for the shipping of inter-island cargo and commodities to increase frequency and reduce shipping costs.

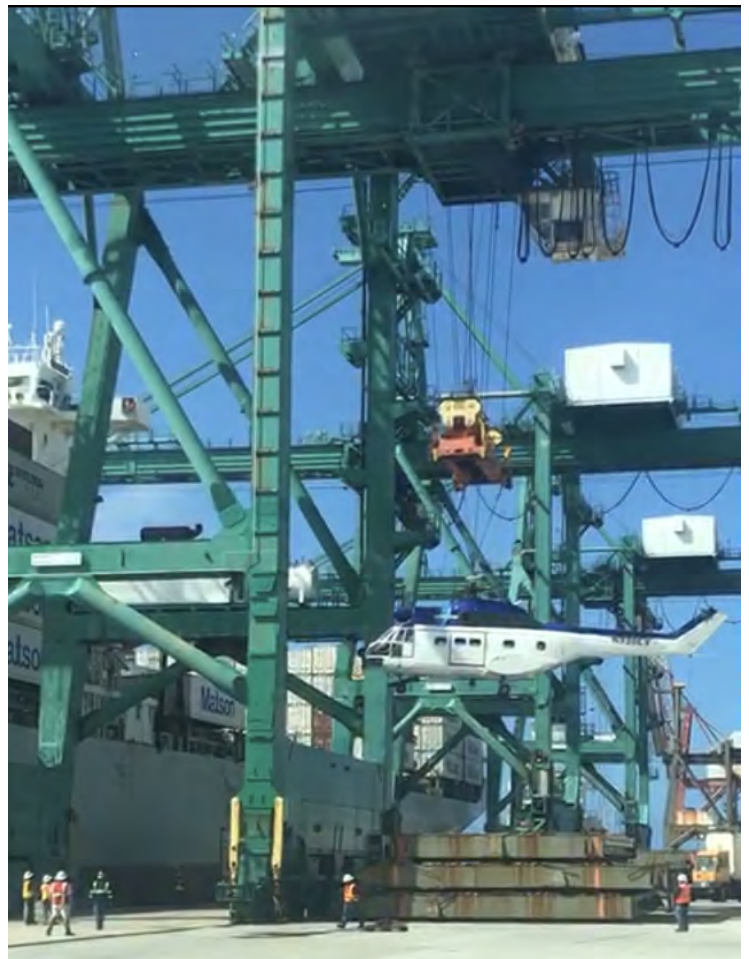
In May 2021, the Department of Transportation announced the availability of nearly \$11m in grant funding through the AMHP.

MARAD's Marine Highway Program has one major goal - expand the use of America's navigable waters. MARAD works closely with public and private organizations to:

- develop and expand marine highway service options and facilitate their further integration into the current U.S. surface transportation system, especially where water-based transport is the most efficient, effective and sustainable option

- highlight the benefits, increase public awareness and promote waterways as a viable (in some cases a superior) alternative to "landside" shipping and transportation options.

MARAD does not directly operate marine highway services. Rather, they promote their use, efficiency and public benefits. Public benefits include: create and sustain jobs in U.S. vessels, ports and shipyards; relieve landside congestion; reduce maintenance costs and improve the U.S. transportation system's overall state-of-repair (wear and tear on roads and bridges); drive the mandatory use of emerging engine technologies; improve U.S. economic competitiveness by adding new cost-effective freight and passenger transportation capacities; and improve transportation system resiliency and redundancy by providing transportation alternatives during times of disaster or national emergency.



Farewell Luncheon for Summer Interns

A certificate presentation and farewell luncheon was held for the 16 summer interns who spent 6 weeks employed with the Port Authority under the Guam Department of Education's 2021 Youth Employment Internship Program.

The program, hosted by the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) and the Department of Youth Affairs, aimed to provide the island's youth opportunities for positive development and valuable workforce experience needed to become responsible, productive, and contributing members of society. Over 400 youths were accepted into the program and placed at various government of Guam agencies and the private sector. Placements were based on career interest, proximity to the worksite, transportation, and worksite space availability, among other factors. At the Port Authority, students were placed in different departments according to their career interests, which ranged from finance to law enforcement.

"The Port Authority is proud to be a part of this joint effort that inspires and motivates our youth to seek their passion and strive to excel," said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "This program exposed our interns to various Port career paths, provided on the job training/experience and hopefully imparted some developmental skills that would benefit them in the future," Respicio said.

A number of interns had parents or relatives currently employed at the Port. Interns had the opportunity to see and observe what daily work was like for them. Hopefully one day, they too will choose a career here at the Port Authority.

Students who participated in the program were paid \$350 a week which was administered by the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Federal Program Division/Grants Office and



the U.S. Department of Education, American Rescue Plan to the Outlying Areas, State Educational Agency (ARP-OA SEA).



General Manager Rory Respicio addressed members of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam at its regular monthly meeting on August 4, 2021, at the Fisherman’s Cove, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an update on the state of our Island’s Commercial Port.

Respicio highlighted milestones that occurred from January 2019 to present, of which includes PAG receiving the first ever local and national award for transparency and accountability; achieving the designation as a Low-Risk Auditee by the OPA during the annual FY2020 financial audit; achieving full procurement delegation of authority from the Government of Guam’s Chief Procurement Officer Claudia Acfalle after losing this delegation for 14 years; and going from Moody’s bond rating of Baa2 negative in May 2020 to Baa2 stable in April 2021 primarily due to the Port remaining 100% operational during the global pandemic, stability of cargo handled and management demonstrating sound fiscal control.

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero praised the Port for how far it has come over the last 2.5 years.

“The Port’s most recent efforts to ensure the stabilization of the agency’s finances is to be commended and is consistent with our Administration’s work with the Government of Guam’s General Fund,” the Governor said. “Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio and I want to congratulate the Board of Directors and the management and staff for yet another major success in the area of their finances. The Port’s work to stabilize finances and provide transparency and accountability has not gone unnoticed and has been recognized on local and national levels.”

The General Manager also shared ongoing efforts with the Port 2020 Masterplan Update and action items which include:

- Stakeholder Outreach – series of meetings to collect stakeholders’ perspective and input on the PAG’s master planning effort

- PAG/PUGG/Customs/WSP Systems Integration – digital implementation of data and information sharing/reporting between stakeholders involved in the cargo supply chain at the Port of Guam

- IT Support – enhancement of the PAG’s IT structure to promote a more efficient interface and operations within the Port
- Customs Inspection Facility Feasibility Study – ascertain and validate Customs’ design requirements and confirm the facility’s integration to planned traffic circulation flows to enhance monitoring and inspection functions
- Area A Feasibility Study – develop potential alternative and best uses of the existing area
- Solar Power Feasibility Study – analysis of the PAG and its facilities to determine suitability and productivity for potential solar power usage
- Tariff Simplification – assess current PAG tariffs and identify solution(s) to simplify the PAG’s tariff structure
- Environmental, Health & Safety Program – further assistance to the PAG to assess/update existing plans to develop a comprehensive EH&S Program
- CIP and Wharves Condition Assessment – comprehensive condition assessment that will lead to upgrades, rehabilitation, and repairs of all PAG assets
- Crane Demolition Project – demolition of 2 Ship-To-Shore (STS) cranes, 2 Rubber Tired Gantries (RTG) cranes, and 1 Mobile Harbor crane (MHC)
- Crane Acquisition Grant Application – development of EDA grant application and USDA loan application to acquire two (2) Ship-To-Shore (STS) gantry cranes

The Rotary Club was also given an inside look at the status of Revenue Bond Projects which includes: Rehabilitation of H-Wharf and Route 11 Access Roadway Repair and Upgrade

- ❖ The IFB was published in the paper Monday, July 26, 2021 and a pre-bid conference was held on August 2, 2021.
- ❖ The remaining CIPS: Golf Pier Repair and Improvements, Waterline Replacement and Relocation; Warehouse I Building Repair and Upgrades are in the procurement planning stage. The A&E for these projects are either at completion or near completion.
- ❖ FMS: The Port has upgraded its financial management system from JD Edwards to Enterprise I, a significant accomplishment which has not been done in the past 20 years.
- ❖ New Admin Building, while this is necessary, it’s least of our priorities when compared to the need to harden the wharf and other priorities to ensure the Port’s resiliencies are first met.



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❖ Port is pursuing grants to fund much-needed projects, such as

- F1/Golf Pier Fuel Connectivity Line
- Fendering System repair
- Crane Demolition Project
- MARAD U.S. Marine Highway Program for Guam and the CNMI, marking this the 27th Route Designation, as well as Project Designation. Guam is the first and only jurisdiction to receive both designations at the same time.
- CCTV and ACS Upgrade
- Owner Agent Services
- Repainting of CMU Wall and Various Buildings throughout the Port
- Upgrades to the Port's welding shop
- F1 to F6 repairs and upgrade – service life extension
- F4 to F6 ground improvements
- Ship to Shore Gantry Cranes Acquisition
- Warehouse 1 Hardening Project
- Fendering System Hardening Project

As part of the master planning process, several Port properties have been identified for further analysis, development potential, and revenue generating capacity. Various stakeholder outreach calls have been conducted to collect perspective and input as it relates to future development and modernization of the Port.

•Area A. Located at the North side of Cabras Highway, this former Mobil site houses a building structure and several empty fuel tanks. The OAE will assess and provide recommendations for the usage of Area A for the purpose of achieving additional revenue.

•Agat Marina, Gregorio D. Perez Marina, Harbor of Refuge. OAE will develop recommendations of any CapEx costs & related revenue generating capacity of any future developments.

•Proposed LNG Facility. OAE will perform an economic evaluation to determine the appropriate financial terms for the property lease and a tariff structure for the import/export of product across the wharf and associated distribution pipelines.

•Old Hawaiian Rock. OAE will assess and provide recommendations for the usage of this location as a recycling area and achieving additional Port revenue.

•Deep Draft Wharf and Fill Improvements. Construction of a new 1,500 linear foot deep-draft wharf along the Glass

Breakwater and fill approximately 17 acres of Apra Harbor to create operational back-lands to support wharf operations and expansion to increase Port revenue.

While ensuring that commodities reach the community, there was COVID-19 and the global pandemic. Respcio shared how the Port had to take all the necessary precautions to ensure that operations goes uninterrupted, at the same time, ensuring a safe environment for all employees and those who do business with the agency. Sixteen months and 25 positive cases later, the Port has refined its response to COVID-19 and has remained 100% operational throughout the global crisis.

The General Manager wrapped up his presentation by recognizing the Port employees, its industry partners and their employees for staying committed to the Port's mission of ensuring that goods and supplies consistently flow into the community. He then shared the Port's video "Port in the Pandemic", but before starting the video, he asked for all to take a moment of silence for our brother +Henry San Nicolas, who is a frontline hero and COVID warrior and for the other 142 COVID related deaths here on Guam and the 4.2 million COVID related deaths throughout the world.



Bee Swarm Found on Dockside



During a routine safety inspection of the terminal yard, Port Environmental Specialist Jeremy Camacho noticed what he thought were bugs flying on the windshield and around his vehicle. He realized it was substantially more than the normal amount he would expect and as he looked closely, he realized they

were bees. Allergic to bees, Jeremy quickly left the area to report to Safety what he had discovered. Joshua Candoleta then went into the yard and followed where the swarm was coming from. After assessing that the swarm of bees had made a nest on a gangway that was stored behind Gantry 3, Joshua called the Guam Department of Agriculture to report the situation.

Within two hours, a team from the Department of Agriculture responded and identified the type of bees within the compound – European honey bees. Christopher Rosario, Agriculturalist III, said the bees may have been looking for a new home and followed the queen bee here to the Port. Swarms of bees are docile and will not attack but in an established colony, bees will defend the honey and their queen, which makes them potentially dangerous. The bees discovered at the Port were not colonized which made their removal quick and easy.

Bees are important as pollinators for many crops on Guam. They are a vital part of agriculture production nationwide and are critical for a healthy food supply chain. The Department of Agriculture has more than 70 European honey bees that are used to populate farms in Guam.

On August 5, 2021, the Port Authority held a zoom conference in conjunction with WSP (Port Owner/Agent) to provide a presentation to Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio on the 2020 Port Master Plan update and Owner/Agent services.

WSP has served as a consulting engineer for the Port Authority of Guam on several major projects for more than a decade, including preparation of its master plans in 2007 and 2013. The most recent master plan focused on phasing of Port improvements, budget allocation and investment priorities. Over \$100 million has been invested in the Port Modernization Program since 2013, with much of the funding coming from MARAD and the Department of Defense. The bond-funded projects will continue this critical updating of the Port facilities.

Items covered during the presentation include:

- Master Plan Status
- Project Planning & Analysis
- Demand Forecast
- Port Modernization – Build Back Better
- Current and New OAE Contract
- Transshipment Task Force
- Diversification of Commercial Activities/Revenue

The purpose of the 2020 Port of Guam Master Plan is to assist the PAG define its near-term and long-term approach to modernization, maintain fiscally sustainable operations, and promote increased awareness and consensus on its approach among all affected stakeholders and the rate payers of Guam.

In updating the 2013 Master Plan, the Port Authority intends to achieve the following goals:



•Provide a comprehensive overview of the Port's current conditions including governance, financial, operational, and physical attributes;

•Assess the current and projected cargo opportunities based on Guam's market drivers, which consist of military realignments, tourism, transshipment and organic growth;

•Determine near-term improvements and operational adjustments to accommodate the peak of the military build-up and future deployments of military assets;

•Estimate the Port's capacity and ability to meet the projected demand and tenant requirements;

•Identify long-term modernization efforts targeted towards continuing operational and economic sustainability;

•Validate the efficient and effective use of the Port's resources and assets;

•Present commercial strategies for PAG to diversify its revenue base and enhance its financial self-sufficiency including a comprehensive tariff assessment and its economic impact thereof;

•Assess the impact of the recommended strategies on Guam's economic conditions; and

•Prepare an implementation program to support a coordinated approach of continuous Port improvement balanced with sustainability.

The Port Authority, along with WSP has been working with all users and stakeholders for a comprehensive update of the Port master plan. The final recommendations and draft report is estimated to be complete by November 2021, final Master Plan by January 2022 and Legislative approval by June 2022.

Interview with Blair Garcia WSP

Blair Garcia's relationship with the Port Authority of Guam dates all the way back when the Port launched its Master Plan update with Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB) in 2007. In 2014 PB was acquired by WSP.

A civil engineer experienced in multi modal freight and passenger planning, Garcia has been intimately involved with PAG's Master Plan update and modernization initiatives as it relates to infrastructure, equipment and Information technology.

Here are some of the things we learned from Garcia on the Port's Master Plan update:

How soon can employees expect to see changes or upgrades and repairs? Crane demolition and H-Wharf improvements will begin in Q4 of 2021.

How will the Modernization Program upgrades and repairs assist Port employees with their day to day work?

Improving the resiliency of the piers and wharves will provide reliable infrastructure for vessel operations. Simplifying the Tariff will improve the accuracy of customer billing efforts and will improve communication between PAG operating/financial systems and customer operating/financial systems. EQMR improvements will provide Maintenance with the covered space and facilities needed to maintain equipment conditions. New gantry cranes will improve vessel service productivity and reliability.

Tell us about your latest visit. Who came to Guam for the visit?

The WSP Team that performed the site visit included Blair Garcia (Principal In Charge and Lead Planner), Jim Reed (Project Manager and Lead Engineer), Shannon McLeod (Deputy Project Manager).

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What was the purpose of the visit? Our team conducted a wide range of meetings with internal stakeholders (PAG Staff) and external stakeholders (Port Users, Guam and Federal Regulatory Agencies, Customs, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Economic Development Agencies, and others) to identify key elements of the Master Plan and other modernization efforts that required input or information to be completed. We also performed a condition assessment and review of the PAG's infrastructure.

What were some of the key meetings and discussions that you held while here on Guam? The interaction with PAG staff provided valuable insight into key elements of the ongoing master plan and modernization project. Commodity and trade data collected from the Bureau of Statistics and Plans is proving to be extremely useful. Engagement with PAG leadership ensured that our visit was productive and fruitful. We completed the site visit week with a status update and Briefing to Governor Leon Guerrero.

What are some of the biggest take-away you have from your meetings with the Port? The port has made a lot of progress on the modernization program and still has several key efforts described above to ensure sustainable and reliable operations during the military build-up and post build-up operations. The improved operating productivity is a sign that PAG operations and maintenance have turned the corner on customer service.

As a global company you deal with other Ports. What do you find special about your interactions with the Port Authority of Guam? There is no substitution for Chamorro hospitality. Working for PAG has always been and continues to be a personal pleasure for the entire WSP Team. PAG is very unique because there's no other ports competing for domestic cargo on Guam.



This characteristic requires a unique approach to planning. While most ports are divisions of a state, county or city, PAG is a division of a US Territory and all staff including operations and maintenance are government employees. This structure enables the PAG to proceed with certain efforts (i.e. implementing new operating strategies) that may take other ports much longer to achieve.

Governor's Executive Order 2021-17



On August 6, 2021, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Executive Order 2021-17 reinstating certain restrictions due to the recent surge in COVID-19 positive cases.

GM's Memo in Compliance with EO 2021-17

On August 10, 2021, General Manager Rory J. Respicio issued a memo to all employees relative to Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's Executive Order 2021-17 requiring government of Guam Executive Branch workers to vaccinate against COVID-19.

The following procedures have been implemented to ensure full compliance to EO 2021-17:

1. As of Monday, August 9, 2021, you are required to

Although the island is now 80% fully vaccinated, the new Delta variant possess an undeniable threat to our community since it has already been detected and is anticipated to cause an increase in the island's positive cases of this variant. According to the CDC, Delta is more contagious than other virus strains and data released in July showed that vaccinated people also can transmit Delta, whether or not they have symptoms.

As of the date of the executive order, Guam's CAR score has jumped to 5.4.

EO 2021-17 mandates that effective August 9, 2021, all employees of the Executive Branch agencies of the government of Guam will be required to receive one of the three authorized COVID-19 vaccines – Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson. Employees must be fully vaccinated no later than September 24, 2021. Employees who decline to receive the vaccination or provide proof of vaccination will be required to test for COVID-19 with a PCR or antigen test once a week. Employees who fail to comply with this order will be subject to disciplinary action.

The full executive order may be viewed on the Governor's website at <https://governor.guam.gov/press-release-and-executive-orders/>

receive one of the three authorized COVID-19 vaccines unless you are exempted from this mandate. All other Employees, who are not exempted from this mandate, must be fully vaccinated with either a single shot of the Johnson & Johnson or the two-shot Pfizer or Moderna series no later than Friday, September 24, 2021.

2. Vaccination Card/Certification: If you have received

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your vaccination, please show proof of your vaccination by providing a copy of your vaccination card to the Human Resources (HR) Division. A copy of your vaccination will be filed in your medical jacket. If you lost your vaccination card, you would have to obtain a certification from the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) or your local provider. For those vaccinated through the Department of Public Health and Social Services, verification can be made by booking an appointment by calling 735-7143, or send an email to immunizationprogram@dphss.guam.gov. Those vaccinated through a private provider, a certification would need to be provided by them. A copy of your vaccination card or certification must be submitted to HR no later than Friday, August 20, 2021.

3. Disability or Sincerely Held Religious Belief Exemption: If

you have a physician's certified disability or a religiously held belief against getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you must submit a request in writing to me for consideration from an exemption, submitted no later than Friday, August 13, 2021, for the following:

- i. A physical/mental disability request must accompany a physician's certification verifying that your disability prevents vaccination.
- ii. A sincerely held religious belief request because of a religious belief, practice, or observance. (This will have to be handled solely on the honor system.)

4. Weekly Testing for Non-vaccinated Employees, including those not approved for exemption from vaccination: If you have not been approved for an exemption, you will be required to take a weekly PCR or Antigen test, and submit your results to HR within 24 hours of receiving your test results. Your PCR or Antigen test must be from a medical clinic or DPHSS. At this time, you are required to coordinate your weekly PCR or Antigen testing.

5. Disciplinary Action: Failure to comply with the above deadlines or weekly testing shall result in disciplinary procedures, which may include disciplinary action.

"Deputy General Managers Luis, Dominic and I strongly encourage each employee who have not been vaccinated to comply with the Governor's executive to protect your family and our co-workers, as well as our island community. I want to thank the employees who are fully vaccinated for taking measures to ensure that our community is protected," said Respicio.

PAG COVID- 19 Cases

In January 2020 the World Health Organization first announced that there was a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan, China. At that time, the new virus didn't have a name yet. Today, 17 months later, the virus has spread globally with over 217 million cases reported and 4.51 million deaths worldwide. Never did anyone conceive the widespread devastation that COVID-19 would cause.

Just when government restrictions were beginning to be lifted and Guam's visitor industry re-opened, the new Delta variant was detected causing a sudden surge in positive cases for Guam and around the globe. Now more than ever, Port employees, families and the general public need to be more responsible in protecting themselves and those they interact with.

For Guam, the numbers continue to rise. As of September 1, 2021, 10,909 cases of COVID-19 have been reported with 150 deaths. For the Port Authority, 25 positive cases have been reported with 1 death – our brother, our COVID warrior +Henry San Nicolas. These 25 cases include both employees who are fully vaccinated and unvaccinated employees.

"We will continue to fully disclose the positive cases at the Port, and use these unfortunate notices as a daily reminder that the Delta variant is aggressive and even infects vaccinated people. The difference is that those who are vaccinated have a far better chance of avoiding severe sickness, hospitalization and even death," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio.



To assist in their recovery process, employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 are given a care package containing Lysol disinfecting spray, Lysol disinfecting wipes, a pulse oximeter, thermometer, masks, and get well card from management.

Pfizer Vaccine Receives FDA Approval

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain individuals with weakened immune systems.

"The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as the world continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Millions have already been safely vaccinated but for those who have been unsure, the FDA approval may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated," said General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency's standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products. For all vaccines, the FDA evaluates data and information

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included in the manufacturer's submission of a biologics license application (BLA). A BLA is a comprehensive document that is submitted to the agency providing very specific requirements such as pre-clinical and clinical data information, as well as details of the manufacturing process, vaccine testing results to ensure vaccine quality, and inspections of the sites where the vaccine is made. The agency conducts its own analysis of the information in the BLA to make sure the vaccine is safe and effective and meets the FDA's standards for approval.

While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product.

Further studies have revealed that additional vaccine doses could be needed to provide long lasting protection - booster shots. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), available data make very clear that protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection begins to decrease over time following the initial doses of vaccination, and in particular with the dominance of the Delta variant. For that reason, HHS has concluded that a booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability.



Port Authority Police Jurisdiction Made Clear

A recent decision made by Judge Benjamin C. Sison, Jr. has reiterated and established Port Police's jurisdiction to effectuate a traffic stop and issue a citation.

On February 16, 2021, Port Police officers issued a citation to John E. Skinner, Jr. for traveling at a high rate of speed and continuing to drive for about one mile until he reached the Navy Base entry gate before stopping. Once inside the Navy base, Skinner pulled over and a Port Police Officer issued him a citation for speeding.

12 GCA Sec. 10111.1(a)(1) establishes Port Authority Police responsibilities to include "the protection of persons and property at the Port Authority of Guam and all related facilities, and which shall coordinate its activities with the Guam Police Department, which shall have concurrent jurisdiction therewith." 12GCA Sec. 10111.1(b) further stipulates that the Port Authority Police "while on Port grounds and acting within their official capacity shall have the powers of peace officers, including, but not limited to the authority to arrest and enforce the Port Rules and Regulations, applicable federal security programs and also the Vehicle Code of Guam." 12GCA Sec. 10101(c) prescribes "Port facilities means channels, waterways, basins, seawalls, docks,



piers, land areas, utilities, warehouses, cargo handling machinery and equipment, tugboats, barges, fire boats and works, properties, structures or other facilities necessary for the development or operation of the port of Guam and recreational boating facilities of Guam."

On April 6, 2021, Skinner filed a motion to dismiss arguing that Port Police only have jurisdiction and control over a small area between Cabras Island and Drydock Islands and does not include Marine Corps Drive and that the Guam Vehicle Code can only be enforced by peace officers within the boundaries under which the government agency has control.

The People of Guam/Port Authority of Guam were represented by Assistant Attorney General Steven J. Haderlie who argued that Marine Corps Drive is a facility necessary for the development and operation of the Port of Guam, and therefore, Port Police have jurisdiction there. Also, the Port Police's ability to enforce the Vehicle Code of Guam is specifically enumerated within the statutory scheme, thus issuing the traffic citation is valid. After hearing arguments from both sides, analyzing legislative intent of the laws and citing previous case laws, Judge Sison ruled that the Port Authority Police were well within their statutory authority to execute the traffic stop and issue the citation. The Court denied the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss on August 6, 2021.



First Annual Greg D. Perez International Sport Fishing Derby

The Greg D. Perez Sportfishing Foundation International sponsored the First Annual Greg D. Perez Sportfishing Derby on Saturday, August 21 commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of Guam's World Record Pacific Blue Marlin caught August 21, 1969.

The Greg D. Perez Sportfishing Foundation's mission is to promote and advance the enjoyment of sport fishing on Guam and the Marianas, through education and competition. "Our father, Gregorio Duenas Perez held the World Record for 13 years which still holds as a Guam record. It was a proud moment for Guam and for our family. Through this derby and other educational programs, we want this legacy to inspire and promote our fishing traditions," said foundation president Greg Perez.

One of the many tales of our island is the tale of the famous Blue Marlin which came to be from the notorious catch of a giant blue fish marlin caught by the late Perez 52 years ago. The blue marlin tipped the scales at the Agana Boat Basin and finally weighed in at 1153 pounds.

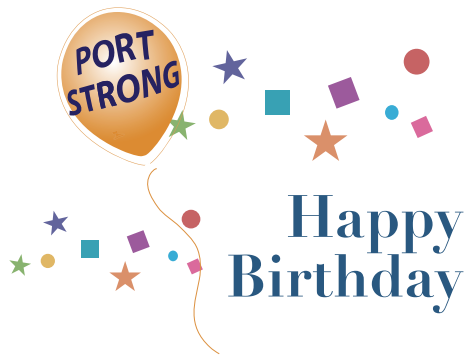
In May 1998 Public Law 24-195 was passed renaming the Agana Boat Basin to the Gregorio D. Perez Marina for his contributions to the development of Guam's sport fishing industry and for the establishment of a world record for catching the largest blue marlin in the waters in Guam. This record was held from 1969 till 1982.

On June 17, 2002, Public Law 26-106 was passed renaming the Port to Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port, after the first Commercial Port manager who was very instrumental in having the United States transfer the Port facilities and properties to the Government of Guam at no cost in 1968.



The categories for this year's derby included Marlin, Yellowfin, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi and Bonita with cash prizes that were awarded. The foundation had a special cash prize of \$50,000 to be given if the Marlin record was broken. A total of one hundred boats participated in the derby which was held at the Gregorio D. Perez Marina and Agat Marina. First place went to Edgar Orallo and Queen Rhoda (boat name) who caught a marlin weighing 413 lbs. Special thanks to the following prize sponsors: Cassidy's Insurance, IP&E, IT&E, Guam Visitors Bureau, Johnstone Supply, Guam Home Center, and Flip Flop Shops. Special thanks to Bud Light, Ambros Inc., Galaide Group, W5 Productions, Nika's Crib Lounge, Winchell's Guam, Papa John's, Submarina Sub Sandwiches, Johnny Cool's Services, Fokai Industries, the Port Authority of Guam, Guam Fisherman's Co-Op, Department of Agriculture - Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, NOAA-Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council and the Agat Mayor's Office who all helped to make this event a success.





September Birthdays
 Rudolph Salas
 Leann Meeks
 Angela Cabrera
 Louis A. Palomo
 Sylvestre Torres
 Benjamin Toves
 Sandy M. Duenas
 Angela Yoshida
 Dominic Muna
 Wayne San Nicolas

Robert L. Meeks
 Arnold Fernando
 Rosa San Nicolas
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