

**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
239-36 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing and congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz on his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps; and commending him for his thirty-one (31) years of outstanding service to the people of the United States and the island of Guam.	1/7/22 11:43 a.m.	1/21/22 3:00 p.m.	1/19/22 12:24 p.m.					

Resolution No. 239-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz on his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps; and commending him for his thirty-one (31) years of outstanding service to the people of the United States and the island of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz has served in the U.S. Marine Corps since 1991, dedicating thirty-one (31) years of service and displaying exceptional performance, especially during his service on Guam as the Operations Officer of Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Blaz from July 29, 2019 to March 1, 2022. Throughout this period, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz has played a vital role in supporting the Marine Corps' Pacific realignment of forces from Japan to Guam and has laid the groundwork for the reactivation of Marine Barracks Guam as Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz. He has always displayed exceptional technical acumen, leadership, and unparalleled resourcefulness in developing a fully functional operations department and contributing significantly to successful mission accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz's personal actions were instrumental in ensuring that the successful commissioning of the Marine Corps' first newly-constructed base in fifty-seven (57) years was achieved on time and that the organization transitioned smoothly to Marine Corps Installations Pacific (MCIPAC); and

WHEREAS, as the Operations Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz repeatedly distinguished himself by displaying superior leadership and sound judgment while coordinating a myriad of activities leading up to the successful commissioning of MCB Camp Blaz; and his personal drive and tenacious professional involvement in a multitude of critical issues consistently ensured that MCB Camp Blaz met all assigned tasks; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his normal duties, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz served as the Acting Commanding Officer for MCB Camp Blaz from May 14 through July 18, 2021; and throughout this period, he provided continuous coverage on committees, forums, and working groups associated with installation support, resource planning and management, and civilian/military coordination; and he provided seamless support to both Marine Corps Installations, Pacific and Joint Region Marianas missions; and

WHEREAS, while directing the operations staff, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz oversaw its growth and refined its capabilities ensuring that his small cadre of six (6) Officers, ten (10) Enlisted, and twenty-five (25) Civil Service employees were able to perform at peak efficiency. Providing sound and timely guidance, he led the operations staff in supporting eight (8) visiting Navy and Marine Corps fighter, fighter attack, and electronic attack squadrons. He refined and formalized MCB Camp Blaz's support relationship with the U.S. Army's Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery, ensuring that this critical national asset is protected during heavy weather. Throughout this period, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz continued to foster and mature the Marine Corps' relationships throughout the Joint Region ensuring that MCB Camp Blaz was seen as a fully-engaged partner among the other service components, and the Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, this relationship building was on full display when, on March 26, 2020, the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) was diverted to Guam amid a widespread outbreak of COVID-19 aboard the ship; and this set in motion a massive operational and logistics effort for the Navy and Marine Corps on Guam. Lieutenant Colonel Buntz oversaw the detailing of twenty (20) of the command's twenty-five (25) Marines to Naval Base Guam (NBG) and Joint Task Force-West (JTJ-W) to man Emergency Operations Centers, and support Task Force (TF) Hotel, and TF-Revive; and

WHEREAS, during relief efforts, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz attended synchronization meetings with NBG and coordinated requests for assistance from JRM, all while ensuring the health and safety of his Marines and maintaining their morale. Throughout the period, he continued to direct the efforts of his civilian staff ensuring that neither daily operations nor the build-up were affected by the pandemic. His understanding of command relationships, the governments of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the local communities was invaluable in providing timely and accurate information for the Commanding Officer to make informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, with common sense, political adroitness, and unquestioned integrity, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz routinely engaged with decision-makers across the international spectrum in engagements concerning Guam both before the pandemic and after the island began to open up to visitors. His interactions involved military and civilian leaders from Guam, Washington D.C., and Tokyo which positively impacted the establishment of MCB Camp Blaz and the relocation of Marine forces from Japan. Lieutenant Colonel Buntz's involvement and interaction with civilian personnel, contractors, military members, and Marines assisted in leadership decisions related to force laydown, training range capacity, and quality of life; and ensured that full-scale operational capabilities remained paramount to the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz's superior leadership, managerial acumen, and exceptional planning proficiency materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz' mission. Standing up and organizing the Operations Department, he expertly managed and enhanced relationships within Joint Region Marianas while directing key operational support to visiting Fleet Marine Force units; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz's proficiency as a Planner has been instrumental in Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz' successful activation and transfer to Marine Corps Installations Pacific. His superior performance of duty during this tour is the hallmark of a career devoted to accomplishing broad and diverse tasks in combat and peace, highlighting the culmination of twenty-seven (27) years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps service. By his dynamic direction, keen judgement, and loyal devotion to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service; and after thirty-one (31) years of total service to the U.S. Marine Corps, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz will be retiring in January 2022; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz on his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps; and commend him for his thirty-one (31) years of outstanding service to the people of the United States and the island of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

Theresa M. Terlaje
THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

Amanda L. Shelton
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Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
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Legislative Secretary



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01/21/22 @ 7:40pm

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 239-36 (COR)

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2 period, Lieutenant Colonel Buntz has played a vital role in supporting the Marine
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7 significantly to successful mission accomplishment; and

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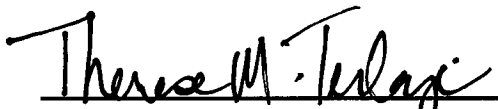
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I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2022.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 239-36 (COR) - Tina Rose Muña Barnes. - "Relative to recognizing and congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz on his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps; and commending him for his thirty-one (31) years of outstanding service to the people of the United States and the island of Guam."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson		1/11/22	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	e-vote	1/11/22	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	e-vote	1/18/22	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	1/11/22	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedro" T. Terlaje Member	e-vote	1/11/22	✓		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member	e-vote	1/11/22	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	e-vote	1/11/22	✓		
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Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: 1/19/22 12:24 p.m.					
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January 19, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
36th Guam Legislature
From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 239-36 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

On my behalf Senator Mary Camacho Torres will be presenting the following Legislative Resolution:

Resolution No. 239-36 (COR) – *Introduced by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes* – “Relative to recognizing and congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Tate A. Buntz on his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps; and commending him for his thirty-one (31) years of outstanding service to the people of the United States and the island of Guam.”

The presentation will take place **Friday, January 21, 2022, at 3 p.m., at a private virtual ceremony**. For more details, you may contact the office of the Vice Speaker.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!