

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**RESOLUTION STATUS**

<b>Resolution No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Intro</b>	<b>Date of Presentation</b>	<b>Date Adopted</b>
<b>35-34 (COR)</b>	Joe S. San Agustin FRANK BLAS AGUON ,JR.	Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Community College Veterans Club for supporting higher education for its fellow veterans, and whose motto is "Today's Heroes for Tomorrow's Leaders"; and to further extending Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the club members for taking the initiative for the betterment of our veteran community on Guam.	02/17/17 3:40 p.m.	02/25/17 9:00 a.m.	<b>2/21/17</b> <b>11:28 a.m.</b>

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Introduced by:

Joe S. San Agustin	Tommy Morrison
<u>FRANK B. AGLUON, JR.</u>	Louise B. Muiña
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William M. Castro	Deruna G. Rodriguez, Jr.
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Community College (GCC) Veterans Club was established to provide a network of support to military veterans, their families, and civilian supporters, as well as to educate the community about the experiences of military veterans and to work with GCC's administration to meet the needs of student veterans and prospective student veterans. The Club strives to cultivate student veterans' concerns through scheduled meetings, advocacy, social and recreational activities, and to foster *esprit de corps* among student veterans and promote an understanding of student veteran issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Community College Veterans Club was established on September 11, 2015; and, its Officers are: Mr. Rodney A. Cruz, Jr., President; Mr. Makisimino Veirau, Vice President; Ms. Jessica Kee, Secretary; Mr. Victor Fernandez, Public Relations Officer; Mr. Justin Rosario, Treasurer; and Mr. Dennis Santo Tomas and Mr. Fred Tupaz, Advisors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Community College Veterans Club consists of active students looking to provide assistance and guidance to incoming and current veteran students; and

**WHEREAS**, over the next five (5) years, more than ten thousand (10,000) service members will become veterans, and together with their families, they will begin their journey in transitioning from a military to a civilian life, with many veterans looking forward to attending an institution of higher learning on Guam. For many veterans and their families, reintegration is a complex, multifaceted process that involves finding a "new normal" in the realm of becoming a student and being an active member of society; and

**WHEREAS**, the GCC Veterans Club is an organization that provides a social group setting to help veterans adjust and become successful in both their civilian and college life. It also serves as a social and informational system that provides a non-political environment in which fellow veterans can meet and build the camaraderie that service members are accustomed to while serving in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Community College recognizes and praises the remarkable contributions and sacrifices made by the members of the Armed Forces, and it welcomes veterans and military families to successfully navigate the academic and administrative pathways of a college education. GCC has been selected by *The Military Times* as a "Best for Vets" institution for two (2) years in a row, and is recognized by the National Chapter of Student Veterans of America (SVA); and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Club work to achieve several goals, such as encouraging college spirit, initiating and cultivating fellowship with students on campus, assisting with providing valuable information to veterans, integrating veteran students into social events and campus activities, and organizing projects and events pertaining to veterans' needs. On July 8, 2014, two hundred forty-two (242) soldiers in the program received enrichment certificates for having gained employable skills; and, depending on their program of study, also earned certificates of completion, national career readiness certificates, and valuable industry certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of this organization is to ensure that veterans, active duty, reservists, and their family members have a voice on campus and are successful at fulfilling their academic, employment, and support needs. Members of this great organization collectively have a total of more than fifty (50) years of active military service in the defense of our country, and the GCC Veterans Club strives to reaffirm its dedication to the principles of "Engage, Educate, and Empower - Today's Heroes for Tomorrow's Leaders"; now therefore, be it

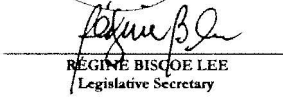
**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Community College Veterans Club for supporting a higher education for its fellow veterans, and whose motto is "Today's Heroes for Tomorrow's Leaders"; and does further extend *Un Dángkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ise'* to the club members for taking the initiative for the betterment of our veteran community on 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 Dr. Mary Okada, President, Guam Community College; to Mr. Rodney A. Cruz, Founder and President, Guam Community College Veterans Club; to Mr. Fred Tupaz, Professor and Guam Community College Veterans Club Advisor; to Mr. Dennis Santo Tomas, Guam Community College Veterans Club Advisor; to Mr. Benedict Rachelug, Guam Community College VA Certifying Official; to Mr. John F. Payne, Program Specialist, Accommodative Service; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'åhen Guåhan*.

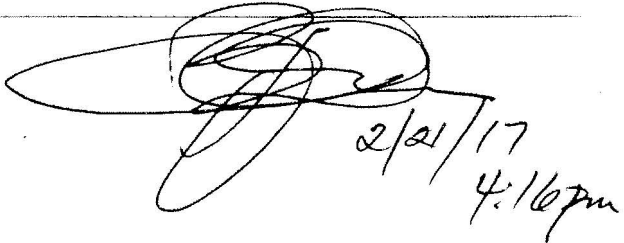
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017.**

  
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ  
Speaker

  
MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
RÉGINE BISCOE LEE  
Legislative Secretary



  
2/21/17  
4:16pm

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**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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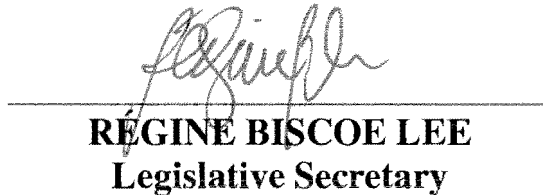
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# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, *Chairman*  
I Mina'Trentai Kuättro na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature



## COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

**Resolution No. 35-34 (COR) – Joe S. San Agustin, FRANK B. AGUON, JR.** –“Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Community College Veterans Club for supporting higher education for its fellow veterans, and whose motto is “Today’s Heroes for Tomorrow’s Leaders”; and to further extending Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to the club members for taking the initiative for the betterment of our veteran community on Guam.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Chairperson	Email	2/21/17	✓		
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	Email	2/21/17	—		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	Email	2/21/17	✓		
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Member	Email	2/21/17	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Member	email	2/21/17	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	email	2/21/17	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member	email	2/21/17	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	JSA	2/21/17	—		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader	email	2/21/17	—		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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**For Sponsor’s Office Use Only**

Sponsor Signature: JSA

Staff Contact Person: Rose Marie T. Mesa, Office Manager

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9 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Debra Figueroa

Date: 2/21/17

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_