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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

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155 Hesler Place

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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 134-32 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 134 -32 (COR)- "An act relative to recognizing the Office of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency for establishing and maintaining the "Guam Veterans Registry" which shall be utilized for enumerating the population of veterans on Guam, and for the use of such information for increasing or acquiring necessary healthcare and other relevant services to benefit veterans and their families; through adding a new §67110 to Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated".

Committee votes are as follows:

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Respectfully,

SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

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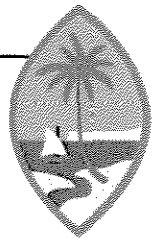
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MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
 Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security,
 Veterans Affairs, and Judiciary

From: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
 Committee Chairperson 

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 134-32 (COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 134-32 (COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of the Appointment
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda
- Related New Reports

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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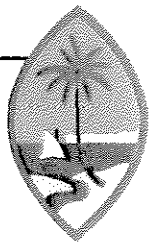
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 134-32 (COR)-"An Act relative to recognizing the Office of Veterans Affairs as the Official Local Agency for establishing and maintaining the "Guam Veterans Registry" which shall be utilized for enumerating the population of veterans on Guam, and for the use of such information for increasing necessary healthcare and other relevant services to benefit veterans and their families; through adding a new §67110 to Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated."

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 134-32 (COR) was introduced on June 4, 2013, by Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary on June 4, 2013.

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary convened the public hearing on Bill No. 134-32 (COR) on June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM in I Liheslatura's Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets for the June 13, 2013 hearing on June 6, 2013 (5-Day Notice), and again on June 11, 2013 (48-Hour Notice). Notices were also published in the Marianas Variety Newspaper for the June 13, 2013 hearing on June 6, 2013 and June 11, 2013.

Senators Present

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairperson
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Appearing Before the Committee

Tom Devlin, Military Order of the Purple Heart
Victor Dungca, US Army Retired, Guam Veterans Center
Albert Park, Veteran
Tom Wilke, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Benefits Office
Carl Gumataotao, WestCare
John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs
Sarah Thomas Nededog, WestCare

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:09 AM.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.:

Opens the agenda on Bill 134-32 (COR), "An Act relative to recognizing the Office of Veterans Affairs as the Official Local Agency for establishing and maintaining the "Guam Veterans Registry" which shall be utilized for enamoring the population of Veterans of Guam, and for the use of such information for increasing or acquiring necessary healthcare and other



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relevant services to benefit veterans and their families: through adding a new §67110 to Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated. Senator Aguon invites those providing testimony to be seated at the front.

He states the idea of the bill came about after the release of the 2010 census. He discovered some numbers that were difficult to reconcile. He describes them as follows:

The Veterans' Clinic provides services to over 3,200 Veterans on island. Looking specifically at the 2010 census that enumerated that there were 8,041 individuals who identified themselves as Veterans.

In conjunction with that, we took a look at how many individuals have utilized the services and benefits and waivers of either the license fee or registration at the Department of Revenue & Taxation. That enumerated about 3,903 to date. Also, we combined that with the gold star plates, which is another benefit provided to some of our family members of our Veterans who have paid the ultimate price. We have to date about 22 individuals that have taken advantage of that particular program.

In conjunction with that, the Chief Executive had highlighted in the State of the Island address back in February, I believe, where, in fact, he had mentioned there were about 16,000 Veterans on island. All this information combined with a representative from US Congress asking that one particular question, "How many Veterans do you have on island?" I had to refer to the Guam census conducted in 2010.

We already know that there are a minimum of 2,700 Veterans serving in either the Guam National Guard, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Navy Reserve, in all those Reserve components, as well as, in active components in those aspects. That's 2007.

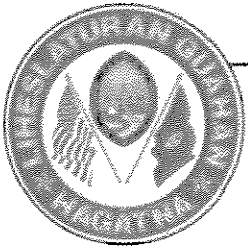
What this would do, more or less, is officially designate the Office of Veterans Affairs to be the recipient of the official Veterans Registry. So if there's any question from a Federal entity or local entity. I want to highlight WestCare representative because this is an issue that they had also shared with us.

The idea is there are services being provided, programs being established for Veterans -- how do we maximize our outreach?

One of the biggest concerns that has been raised repeatedly is whether in fact our Veterans know exactly what services and programs are available. A good number of them have come back and said they weren't aware of certain services. The committee is finalizing an informational brochure that would highlight all the offices, federal agencies, non-profit organizations and the services that they are providing. I did say, hopefully, it would be done by the end of June. I extended that slightly.

The registry would be specifically for enumerating our Veterans on island and also allowing for the proper and timely dissemination of either new programs or existing services to our Veterans.

Senator Aguon concludes his opening statement and invites Mr. Devlin for his testimony.

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***Tom Devlin, Military Order of Purple Heart***

He identifies himself as a member of the Military Order of Purple Heart and a producer of the K57 Vet Talk radio show. He expresses he doesn't have a problem with the registry but is concerned if additional funding is needed. He asks how is it going to relate with the Federal side. He states a lot of federal responses contain privacy issues. He states we need to get on the same table as the Federal side and discuss what are their legal issues and what we're trying to accomplish. He states they (Federal side) may have the information but may be legally bound not to release the information.

He cites an interview he had with General Shinseki a few years back saying General Shinseki doesn't have an issue with what Guam is trying to do but he has to enforce federal laws. He goes onto to say that General Shinseki stated he will have to enforce federal laws until they are changed on the federal side.

He states that he has a complaint in regards to the Veterans website that he hasn't received an answer from General Shinseki, the Congresswoman, or Senator Aguon. His complaint is where is the information (facts and statistics) about Guam. He states the information seems to be in with Hawaii and no one wants to release the information from there.

He states he accessed Hawaii's Veterans Office websites payroll system by mistake. He states he made it aware to Hawaii's representatives that he had a copy of their payroll system in a meeting with them. He explains it is done in tiers and color coated. He states Hawaii has their own separate pay system they do not like to discuss. He states the question he asked to the Hawaii representatives, "How can somebody come out to Guam and get paid less as a doctor then in Los Angeles or Hawaii or Washington or New York City?" He states the response he received explained that each pay scale is different and autonomous to itself.

He goes onto reiterate his previous comments said thus far suggesting that we may get "stonewalled" when questioning for the information and trying to "reinvent the wheel" in the process.

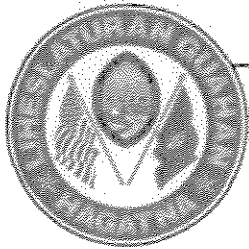
He states that in the past, island leaders and the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart suggested that the members of the Order go around door-to-door to gather the information needed. He states in may be funny in nature, but, it becomes serious when he lacks accurate information needed during his radio show and Hawaii parties to be state they everything is numbers.

He says he has a report that shows the population of Veterans on Guam decreasing after year 2015 or 2016. He states he gave a copy of this report to all the Senators about three years ago via the mail. He states the report didn't make sense and they had visitors come for Hawaii in regards to it. He states that he presented the report to the visitors from Hawaii stating it is from the actuary who made the report in Washington, D.C. He states he was informed that we get the budget based on population. He cites the report saying Guam's Veteran population is on the decline and at that time we were still fighting two wars. He questioned whether they can find out who did the report and what information did they gather the report from. He states to this day he hasn't received an answer.

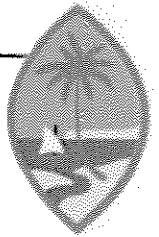
He concludes his testimony by wishing the Senators luck in "fighting the uphill battle".

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Devlin for his comments.

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***Victor Dungca, US Army Retired***

He introduces himself as being US Army retired and office manager for the Guam Veterans Center. He states that he has no comments at this time.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Dungca for being there this morning.

Albert Park, Veteran

He opens by stating he is in favor of Bill 134-32 and poses the question of how are you going to get the Veterans to register. He states that until they get the Veterans to come down and register, the registry will do no good. He reiterates Mr. Devlin's question on whether the Federal side will accept this registry. He questions how will you know about Veterans that leave the island. He states another issue in regards to when a Veteran passes away and their records being needed to be saved for the spouse.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Park for his testimony.

Tom Wilke, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Benefits Office

He introduces himself as being from the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Benefits Office. He states that from the Departments' perspective the registry would be great. He confirms that Mr. Devlin's statement is correct with regards to the Federal Government not sharing information due to privacy issues. He reiterates previous statements that the biggest issue is collecting the data of who is a Veteran and keeping it current and consistent. He states that he is a Veteran -- not a retired Veteran. He says that they are all for anything that facilitates the Veterans to know where offices are located and what benefits they offer. He is amazed at the number of Veterans don't know that there are VA offices on island.

He encourages Veterans to become registered. He states there are such means as car registration, the VFW, and American Legion that may be able to provide such information, but, they may be reluctant to release the information due to privacy issues. He states that some Veterans may not want to be on the registry. He concludes his testimony by stating from their perspective he wants the Veterans to know that they are out there and come to them to see what benefits they are entitled to.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Wilke for his testimony.

Carl Gumataotao, WestCare

He begins by recognizing the efforts of Tony Nangauta and Carmen Calvo as being at the forefront for the specific outreaches made to the Veterans. He reads his testimony verbatim (See written testimony).

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

He extends his thanks to Mr. Gumataotao and all the gentleman who have provided testimonies. He invites Mr. John Unpingco to provide his testimony.

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***John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs***

He introduces himself as the Administrator of Veterans affairs and states he is there to testify against Bill 134-32. He states he is testifying against the Bill for the simple reason of lack of resources. He states that you will need at least two full-time clerks in order to carry out the mandates of Bill 134-32. He states his office does not have the people with which to maintain its current operations and execute the mandates in Bill 134-32. He compares his office manning to that of "Wartime" manning consisting of only person per function while doing other functions as well.

He estimates the mandates of the bill will require the services of two full-time employees. One they will have to input the current Veterans already registered. Currently, they keep they're documents by scanning into a computer.

Secondly, to handle the "scrubbing" process of those Veterans who no longer live on island or have passed away. He poses the question of are we forgetting that there are surviving spouses and eligible minor children that continue to receive benefits under the Veteran's name. He states should they not wait until all the Veterans' eligible dependents no longer exist before they scrub their records. He states that if they scrub these Veterans records who have passed away then their dependents have to scrubbed as well. He states that they cannot deprive them of their record of benefits. He says there is no mention of how this is to be done.

Thirdly, he asks how are they to find out which Veterans have moved off-island?

Fourthly, he states that the providing of current information to Veterans on benefits and activities is enough of full-time job itself. He states Secretary Shinseki is flooding them with new VA programs. Some of which do not apply to Guam because of location, lack of facilities, or are non-inclusive in the statute given rights of entitlement.

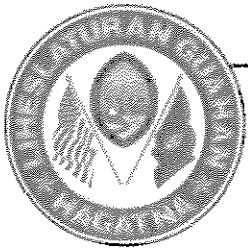
Fifthly, he states the mention of a webpage on page two of the act. He states that the design (in good taste), the maintenance, and the updating of the webpage require funding.

Sixthly, he states the most important question is in regards to the resources or funding with which the unfunded mandates of Bill 134-32 are to be carried out. He addresses all Senators when saying that once the Bill is passed, the Veterans will hound them with its enforcement.

He states the bill is bare of any funding appropriations for computers, clerks, contracts for running a website, or for grant writers.

He states he didn't return the phone call of his colleague, Sarah Nededog (WestCare), knowing it was regarding her request for representation from his office for their outreach program. He states he doesn't have the people to support it. He states his office does a different type of outreach -- home visits to those Veterans who are wheel-chair bound and home bound.

He cites an instance of going to Veteran's apartment that reeks of sweat and unwashed body and is filthy with no food onsite. He states this Veteran has income coming in from his retirement and VA benefits that is used for a power of attorney to pay for his necessities. He states the person that is bound to execute these actions is not successfully doing so. He states that person is squandering the money. He advised the Veteran to revoke these privileges from that

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person and bought that Veteran groceries, prepared a hot meal, and asked for the status of where his money is going. He states that Veteran is very comfortable, weight has returned to his body, and is grateful to them. He states that that is the type of outreach that they do.

He states that for every person that goes out for outreach, he has to get comp time for them in the form of time off during their duty day. He says with only two Veteran counselors available, how can he stretch the resource any further. He responds to the hypothetical comment of there being other people in the office that can help with outreach by saying they are too thinly manned. He states the main office consists of himself, an administrative assistant, an administrative clerk (who is out ill), and two service counselors. He states something has to give when giving them additional duties.

He reiterates his previous statement in regards to funding resources of the unfunded mandates of the bill. He states that the best of intentions of future funding or grants are empty promises. He states the biggest issue is getting the answer to when will they be funded.

He states he knows these are hard times for obtaining funding as he has gotten a grant for the cemetery. He states they are at a critical juncture with being faced with sequestration and the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs office being stingy with his funding. He goes onto to say that his funding is filled with so many strings and here we are proposing a statute filled with unfunded mandates.

He concludes by saying not all Veterans want to register or be involved by choice of the Veteran. He cites that some Veterans come back with PTSD and want to be left alone. He states that this panel has yet to realize that.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Unpingco for his testimony and invites Sarah Thomas Nededog for her testimony.

Sarah Thomas Nededog, WestCare

She begins by stating Mary Okada (WestCare - Pacific Islands Representative) had to leave but provided written copy of her testimony. (See written testimony)

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

He acknowledges receipt of Ms. Okada's written testimony.

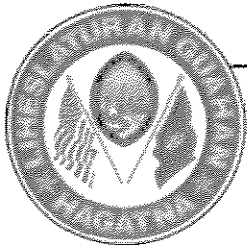
Sarah Thomas Nededog, WestCare

She introduces herself as Vice President of WestCare - Pacific Islands and begins reading her testimony verbatim. (See written testimony)

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Ms. Nededog and all others for their testimonies and provides comments as follows:

Highlights comments and ideas brought up such as the virtual village and dissemination of the information Judge Unpingco receives to his office on regular basis through the ways of the virtual registry or his office.



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Senator Aguon states he is more concerned about the outreach component in regards to reaching all 8,041 Veterans who identified themselves in 2010. He questions how are we reaching all of them through current entities that exist federally and locally, do they know that these services are readily available, and are they able to qualify for some of these services and programs.

He acknowledges that there are a couple of outreach programs that have been administered or meetings held by WestCare or sponsored by them. He states that at some of the meetings he has attended that the numbers don't add up to the some 8,000 identified Veterans. He admits there is a need for additional resources moving in this direction.

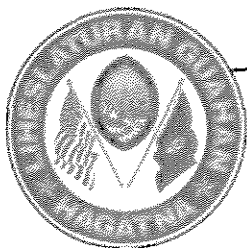
He reiterates the biggest issue of how are we reaching out to our Veteran community. He suggests a way to start is working with our government agencies. He states that the Dept. of Rev & Tax has some 3,903 Veterans that are taking advantage of the program that Senator Tom Ada and the previous legislature had advocated and approved and that is the waiver of driver license fee. He further states that of the 3,903, they are still around and that's a potential registry. He states that the office of Veteran Affairs or if the desire is to partner with a non-profit organization such as WestCare, the government can reach out to the Veteran community and provide information.

He acknowledges another excellent program is the K57 Vet Talk. He poses the question as to how many Veterans are you able to reach and is there another forum or venue that we can ensure our Veterans are up to date in terms of what programs are available.

He brings up the idea and challenge of the 600 plus soldiers returning shortly that will be needing the services of our federal partners or needing the services of the Veterans Office. He states we need to anticipate that. He advises that after they are given the presentation on services available upon their return that we need to provide follow up and make sure that they know beyond the first and second year that those services are still available to many of our Veterans. He states that that's the intent behind the registry.

He states that he considers his perspective on the registry to be different from the Veterans' folders and files established out of the Veterans Affairs Office. It is more a less a registry to acquire contact information and email addresses in the event anything comes down from the Congresswoman's success in dissemination of additional services and applying it to our Guam Veterans. That at least at the press of a button most of them can be notified. He cites an example of a notification to show how the Veterans will at least know that those services are available to them. He states that there are a number of Veterans that are not making themselves available to services available because they have stated that they do not know what is available. He states that through WestCare and the Veterans Affairs Office outreach programs that more Veterans are being made more knowledgeable but that it does not add up to the minimum 8,041.

He closes by stating that the community outreaches with the aid of the media could have seen triple or quadruple the numbers if they had been able to disseminate the information properly. Again he thanks everyone for their testimony and perspective. He offers the Vice Chairperson Senator Tina Muna-Barnes to provide comments.

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**Senator Tina Muna Barnes**

She opens by thanking Senator Aguon and all panel members for their testimony. Based on testimonies provided she asks Mr. Devlin if the Federal component accept information gathered for other Veteran program from a non-profit organization such as WestCare.

Tom Wilke, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Benefits Office

Responds to Senator Barnes' question stating he is not too sure if it can be accepted but it can be utilized. They in turn can use that information to contact the Veteran to notify them to contact their office. He states the Veteran has to be represented by a power of attorney or come to them directly to utilize their services. He continues by saying unless the non-profit organization has a grant from the Federal administration, the best they can do is utilize that information. Based on privacy issues they cannot disclose information they gather.

John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs

He provides comment on both Mr. Wilke's remarks and Senator Barnes' question. Stating the critical road block is the ability of the Federal Veterans Center to disclose information provided by a non-profit organization (WestCare) based on Privacy Act issues. He states that many Veterans prefer their medical history not be shared between organizations. He states another hurdle is the ability for the Federal component to provide assistance due to needed clearance from their headquarters.

Senator Tina Muna Barnes

She interjects stating she has a meeting at the end of the month in Hawaii in which she will bring up the issue presented by Mr. Unpingco.

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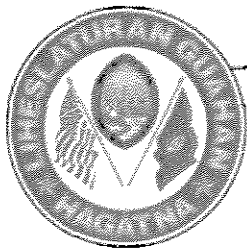
He adds comment on the discussion stating the purpose of the registry is to provide outreach in the form of contact information and not to acquire personal identification information. Personal identification information is the portion gathered at the respective offices. He outlines the contact information to include address, contact numbers, email addresses, and what branch of service are you in or have served in. He states there was an island-wide get together in Mangilao latter part of last year, in which, he was approached by several Veterans outside of organizations who had no inclining of what services were available. He provides examples of types of information that can be disseminated with the registry information.

John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs

He responds to Senator Aguon's comments stating creating a registry is not cost effective. He states it would be easier to create a profile for each Veteran that states their information and history that can be utilized by the different agencies.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Unpingco for his comments and invites Vice-Speaker Cruz and the remaining panel for comments.

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***Tom Devlin, Military Order of the Purple Heart***

Provides remarks stating that Veterans have a responsibility as well. He states Veterans have too many excuses and need to be told by another Veteran that enough is enough. He provides himself as example of a combat Veteran who has assimilated into society. He recalls a meeting he and Senator BJ Cruz were sitting in at a Guam Veterans Affairs office in which the Senator offered to pay for the office's website out of his own pocket. He says not one Veteran leader got in touch with the Senator to follow up. He repeatedly refers to Senator Cruz asking if he's correct.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

States for the record that Senator Cruz is not involved in this conversation. Thanks Mr. Devlin for his comments and offers Ms. Nededog a chance to comment.

Sarah Thomas Nededog, WestCare

She clarifies that WestCare is non-profit and how it applies to the Federal government. She states at the moment they have a contract with the Veterans Administration to do outreach. She states that they provide them with all of their information and are subject to all the Federal restrictions when sharing information. She states that they do not keep that information within WestCare. She states that their contract with them expires in September 30th of this year. She states that Congress received a report stating there were 10 entities (Guam included) that showed low participation of Veterans in terms of services and programs. She states that this contract has already concluded in the states and Guam is the only remaining entity still providing this service due to they were the last to start. After September 30th, there is no conduit in place locally to build of the data they've collected.

John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs

He clarifies for the sake of the local Veterans that Ms. Nededog is referring to the Federal Veterans Center in her comments.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Acknowledges Mr. Unpingco's remarks and states that just for Guam to be identified as one of the 10 districts under utilizing services says a lot.

John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs

He states that there is a line between what is available State-wise and Federal-wise.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Unpingco for his comments and concludes testimonies for Bill 134-32 and opens agenda for Bill 135-32.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary hereby submits these findings and reports out Bill No. 134-32 (COR) by the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs and Judiciary, with a recommendation _____.



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I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 134-32 (COR) was introduced on June 4, 2013, by Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary on June 4, 2013.

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary convened a 2nd public hearing on Bill No. 134-32 (COR) on July 31, 2013 at 5:30PM in I Liheslatura's Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets for the July 31, 2013 hearing on July 24, 2013 (5-Day Notice), and again on July 29, 2013 (48-Hour Notice). Notices were also published in the Marianas Variety Newspaper for the July 31, 2013 hearing on July 24, 2013 and July 29, 2013.

Senators Present

- Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairperson
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Committee Vice Chairperson
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Senator V. Anthony Ada
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Senator Christopher M. Duenas
Senator Thomas C. Ada

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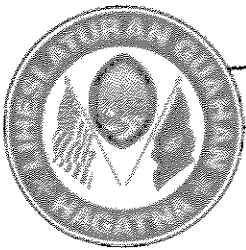
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The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 6:38 PM.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Opens the agenda on Bill 134-32 (COR), "An Act relative to recognizing the Office of Veterans Affairs as the Official Local Agency for establishing and maintaining the "Guam Veterans Registry" which shall be utilized for enamoring the population of Veterans of Guam, and for the use of such information for increasing or acquiring necessary healthcare and other

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revenue services to benefit veterans and their families: through adding a new §67110 to Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated. Senator Aguon invites those providing testimony to be seated at the front.

Lolita Munoz, WestCare - Pacific Islands

Ms. Munoz identifies herself as a member of WestCare - Pacific Islands and notifies that WestCare - Pacific Islands is in favor and will continue to support Bill 134-32.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Ms. Munoz for her testimony.

Retired SGM Joe Moore, Dededo Veterans Organization & Veterans of Guam Motorcycle Club

Mr. Moore identifies himself as a member of the Dededo Veterans Organization and Veterans of Guam Motorcycle Club and states that they are in support of the Bill. The problem is getting Veterans out to register. You took the first step by doing that at Lalahita Park. Continuing to have someone there is always effective. I am in support of this bill.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Moore for his comments.

Joe San Nicolas, Dededo Veterans Organization

He identifies himself as a member of Dededo Veterans Organization. What the main part of this is to include allied veterans on island to be registered with the organization. First of all, they have served in Vietnam and Korea War and all that. I don't know why we cannot include them in the veterans listing on Guam. Some of these Veterans have served in the US army after their Korean service for their country. There's basically about 7 to 6 of these Veterans that are here on the island that have served with us in Vietnam and some of them even in Korea. And so having them to be listed is also to encourage that we also include them also on our drivers license and license plate. I think you have that on another bill. Some of this justification that is needed. In order for the Veterans to come out really and register. Some of the problems that have been occurring is that Veterans will go to certain Veterans offices (i.e. Reflection Center, Vet Hospital, Asan State Office) and there's several problems occurring there. I ask that if we start this registration that we be more efficient in servicing our Veterans by ensuring they know what are these other offices' responsibility. And then when they register they should be given a guideline on how to pursue disability claims that they are asking for. And reasons for filling out certain forms and why they are getting a medical card if they are entitled to it. Several veterans have gone down there and giving the information to go online to register and file their claim. I don't think that's right. The office needs to ensure when they come there they be guided in every area they need. Whatever disability claim they want or just information on whatever Veterans organization on island. We want to make sure they are registered. But we need to make sure they are given the proper information. Thank You.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. San Nicolas for his testimony. Recognizes and thanks Senator San Nicolas, Senator Tony Ada, Senator McCreddie, and Senator Tommy Morrison for their attendance. Invites Chairman Cundiff for his testimony.

Bill Cundiff, Chairman, Guam Veterans Commission

Mr. Cundiff thanks the Senators for being there and begins his testimony. (See attached)



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Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Cundiff for his testimony.

Robert Gallinari

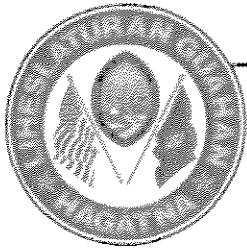
Identifies himself and thanks Senators for their time and the opportunity to come. I didn't really come to testify. I came for support. After the comments that were just made the recommendations I think you have a good picture. My main thing is there was a comment concerning and questioning why do we need to make or look at new laws. It's just like I tell my own kids about citizenship. It's something that every generation has to stay on top of. So what we ask of you Senators is as we bring up issues and we do our part that we just need you to have a continuous do diligence. We can't just pass one law and expect everything to be corrected. So I appreciate that as a Veteran and I appreciate sitting at this table with these fine fellows. Thank you.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Gallinari. Invites Mr. Upingco for his testimony.

John Upingco

Begins his testimony by stating he needs the tools and manpower to implement what is asked of his office. He responds to Mr. Cundiff's comments regarding his TV interview where he stated that he cannot enforce this law. He states what he was asking for in his interview was the tools with which to make this work. He states he lacks tools and manpower again. He states that his budget is in the whole with regards to power and water. At present, his staff does not all have computers or air conditioning. He states that he has made the same comments as Mr. Cundiff to the administration in regards to the possibility of Veterans' DDForm214s being stolen and their office's lack of proper equipment to store them. He states procedures taken by counselors when taking notes in each Veterans file. He states that they do not keep records of data to the specifics asked of by chairman Cundiff due to lack of resources. He states his office lacks time and people. He states that the bill is good in meaning but still needs the resources in which the person to comply with it. He states the chairman is asking him to stop counseling Veterans and other things he feels of top priority. He states their mission is to direct Veterans and file claims and cover up what other organizations have failed to do. He states they report to Chairman Cundiff and his committee, but, states they're lucky if they can get 5 people from the commission to show up. He states that some Veterans don't know how to properly write up claims in regards to medical language. He states the Hawaii Judication Officer asks for rationale behind most claims. He asks if they are to give up their primary function in servicing Veterans with these needs for a website and statistics of costs and time of each burial. He states that short coming of complying with Chairman Cundiff's list is based of judgment. He states that his office is shorthanded and struggling for resources. He states the bids for cemetery contracts have come in below budget. He states he has an artist rendition of the cemetery. He says they are down one counselor due to medical leave and that they need a clerical typist and a receptionist. He states the receptionist is a volunteer he can come and go as they please. He states the Veterans office consists of six people and the cemetery. He asks if registering a website is as important as the business of providing the service the Veterans need. He states that thirty to sixty people a day visit their office. He states they keep a log to support these statistics. He states they work six out seven days to keep a float not to get ahead. He uses the analogy of a hand in a dike to relate to nay sayers' comments. He states Senator Aguon asked him for a pictorial drawing of the cemetery during a previous hearing. He invites all the Senators to visit his office to show them the operation first hand to include a home visit. He states they do outreach through home visits but can't afford to do them too often. He states they do not get reimbursed for gas or wear and tear on their vehicles. He thanks the Senators.



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Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Mr. Unpingco for his testimony and invites Mr. Tabios for his testimony.

Victor P. Tabios, Combat Disabled Veteran

Mr. Tabios identifies himself a Combat Disabled Vietnam Veteran. He states he is frustrated by Mr. Unpingco's lack of support and manpower he needs. He states that the people to be taking care of the Veterans needs need to be updated through annual training with current disabilities arising. He states he supports the bill. He states Guam is lacking doctors which relates to the lack of Veterans registering through the VA system. He states there is better service at Naval hospital. He hopes that more retirees register this fiscal year to get numbers up and provide for more funding. He states that the Honolulu VA office always denies the first initial claim. He cites an instance of a member claiming PTSD is denied before even seeing a doctor. He states the registry is an ongoing issue since Tony Unpingco's term. He states 100% disabled Veterans are no longer using the facilities at Naval Hospital due to shortage of funding. He commends the Mayors' offices on having Veterans registry available at their offices.

Senator Frank B. Aguon

Provides history of the legislation. Stating the following:

There are certain other agencies that are also giving the designation of the official registry for the island. Whether it deals healthcare issues, public health, whether it be CSC registry -- just using that as an extreme example. In this case, the idea originated from our Veterans. This is not a proposal that just came from my office. But it was an idea looking at making sure we can confirm and reaffirm the numbers. You look at those who are benefitting from the Veterans Clinic, about 3,200 was the last count. You look at the 2010 census, there were 8,041 Veterans registered. You listen to the comments that were shared earlier, approx. 15,000. So there are 15,000, even if there's 13,000. We need to make sure we confirm and reaffirm some of those numbers. That's a little bit of history on this proposal.

In regards to the budget, the Chief Executive is given a 10-15% transfer authority. In the last FY alone, there was a \$30 million surplus. So some of those resources, whether they be minuscule, could have been allocated to trying to provide additional support to our Veterans office, Mr. Unpingco. Also in conjunction with that, we just concluded some of the discussion on the respective Government of Guam agencies. The budget submitted by the Chief Executive, which to great extent, he will be granted based on initial discussions and conversations what he may have requested. That budget did not reflect any increase on the part of the Veterans Affairs Office. So, when you take a look at that there is additional requirement for personnel, additional requirement for resources, for training for our people who are providing appropriate services to our Veterans in the community. It has to be matched with request. Because when you have a surplus and you have transfer authority it means that, in fact, an individual could have utilized that transfer authority to be able to provide additional resources. You're not going to find this body reducing the additional personnel provided to the Office of Veterans Affairs if, in fact, it's a part of the staffing pattern and if it was transferred or the budget increased by virtue of the transfer authority provided through the budget.

Senator Aguon thanks everybody for their testimonies and invites the Senators to provide any comments.

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**Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas**

He begins by stating he has learned a lot in the last half hour or so on the challenges regarding our Veterans. He asks Mr. Unpingco what is his current operating budget for his six employees and the services they provide.

John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs

He responds to Senator San Nicolas by saying the current operating budget is \$300,000. He states that how much is released to them is up to the administration.

He responds to Senator Aguon's comments by saying the following:

I do not know what budget figures your statement is based on. I do know there are different budget figures floating around.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

He responds to Mr. Unpingco by saying:

That was based on the OPA's close out audit report that came out very recently with regards to entire Government of Guam. Respectfully, a lot of those resources were given back to our people in the form of tax refunds. There's no question there. But in terms of flexibility that was provided and continues to be provided because I don't anticipate that flexibility to be taken away from the Chief Executive. Based on that flexibility there's always that opportunity to get additional resources to the critical agencies. In this particular case, certainly the Veteran Affairs Office would fall into that category.

John Unpingco, Administrator Veterans Affairs

He responds to Senator Aguon's comments by asking that they be included in the next budget hearing. He states the administration does not include them in budget hearings. He states he gets no response when he asks to be included. He states in regards to their budget, their salaries are good. He states in regards to operations they had \$8,000 this past year. He states they went through that \$8,000 in the first half of the first quarter.

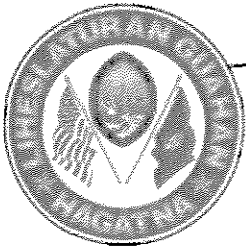
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

He thanks Mr. Unpingco for his comments. He states his shock in response to the \$300,000 budget. He states that we are spending \$20 on every single Veteran per fiscal year by dividing the \$300,000 budget by the 15,000 Veterans. He states those numbers are embarrassing based on the hardships and horrors they endure. He states he will be working with Senator Aguon in regards to this issue. He states he needs to familiarize himself with how the Veterans Affairs Office works. He thanks Mr. Unpingco for his comments.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Thanks Senator San Nicolas for his comments and concludes testimonies for Bill 134-32 and proceeds onto the agenda for Bill 135-32.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:24 AM.



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III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary hereby submits these findings and reports out Bill No. 134-32 (COR) by the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs and Judiciary, with a recommendation TO PASS.

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Bill No. 134-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR.



AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS THE OFFICIAL LOCAL AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE "GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY" WHICH SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR ENUMERATING THE POPULATION OF VETERANS ON GUAM, AND FOR THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION FOR INCREASING OR ACQUIRING NECESSARY HEALTHCARE AND OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; THROUGH ADDING A NEW §67110 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Establishment of a Guam Veterans Registry.

§67110 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the Office of Veterans Affairs is hereby added to read as follows:

“§67110. Guam Veterans Registry.

The Office of Veterans Affairs (the “Office”) shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veterans Registry (the “Registry”) which shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the Registry shall entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on Guam, and the scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who no longer reside on island or who have passed away are deleted from the Registry. The Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purposes of providing Guam veterans and their families with current information on veteran benefits and activities, through the use

1 of its webpage or other means deemed necessary that would ensure the maximum
2 dissemination of veteran-related information; and for the validation of Guam's
3 veteran population to further strengthen the Office's ability to pursue financial
4 resources and support in the provision of services or programs for the benefit of
5 Guam's veterans and their families.

6 All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render
7 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions
8 contained herein. ”

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

10 The provisions contained herein shall be effective upon enactment of
11 this Act.

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**SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR
CHAIRMAN**

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013 at 9:00AM

Bill No. 134-32 (COR) – An Act relative to recognizing the Office of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency for establishing and maintaining the “Guam Veterans Registry” for information purposes and for enumerating the population of veterans of Guam

NAME (Please Print)	Agency/Organization	Contact Number	Oral Testimony	Written Testimony	In Favor	Not In Favor
CARL GUMARTAO	West Care	929-8824	✓	✓	✓	
Victor Dimaica	GUAM Vet Center	472-7161				
ALBERT PARKER	MOTORCYCLE VETERANS OF GUAM CLUB	565-7758			✓	
TOM DEULIN	K-57 VET TALK	727-1495	✓		✓	
TOM WILKE	VETERANS ADMINISTRATION	468-0080				
ANTHONY NANGATA	WESTCARE	727-5534			✓	
JOHN UNPINGO	VA	487-5505	✓	✓		✓

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**SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR
CHAIRMAN**

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 5:30PM

Bill No. 134-32 (COR) – An Act relative to recognizing the Office of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency for establishing and maintaining the “Guam Veterans Registry” for information purposes and for enumerating the population of veterans of Guam

NAME (Please Print)	Agency/Organization	Contact Number	Oral Testimony	Written Testimony	In Favor	Not In Favor
✓ LOLITA MUNOZ	WESTCAPE PACIFIC ISLANDS	472-0018/9			✓	
✓ Bill Cunniff	Vet. Commission		✓		✓	
* Rodney Tenorio		653-3817			✓	
✓ Joe San Aicla	Adelido Def Org	482-4350	✓			
✓ RL Gallinari		678 2555			✓	
✓ JOE MOORE	Veterans of Guam Inc	637-6597	✓		✓	

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The Honorable Frank Aguon
Chair, Committee on Military Relocation,
Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Judiciary
32nd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Hafa Adai Senator Aguon and members of the Committee on Military Relocation,
Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Judiciary:

I am Mary Okada and I am here today as the Chairperson for the Pacific Islands' representation on the WestCare Foundation Board. I am also a wife of a veteran having served 23 years of service to our country. I also have first hand experiences of the life of a military family and that of a retiree and a veteran.

Today I am here to share with you my support for Bills 134 and 135 that you have recently introduced and of which are the focus for today's public hearing. I support the intent of these bills and our organization does as well. But what we would like you to consider is how can we get to the same place but perhaps in a different and more advanced technological direction?

The focus of Bill 135 is in providing a place that is improved services for veterans and their families at a location that will be easily found, accessible and require the least amount of time, energy and fuel. Agree?

Imagine this. Getting to the same place with the least amount of energy and frustration at a fraction of the costs.

The direction we propose is twofold.

Let's develop a virtual village rather than a concrete structure. A structure that can be accessed by anyone, anywhere, 24 hours a day at their homes, offices, at a relative's place or an office. Creating a computerized system that will allow veterans and their families to "walk through" the steps and at each point, getting information and submitting applications and moving towards the next service entry. They do not have to get up and down and all around to find these hot spots where they can get and submit important information. Imagine the savings of fuel, time and the reduction of frustration. With the growing numbers of veterans and the aging of our veteran populations we are seeing persons with disabilities who may be more successful in connecting to services than ever before.

An intense and comprehensive outreach effort by a non-profit organization that can build in-roads to veteran groups and subgroups forming or which will form in the coming years. Connecting with these groups, teaching them how to maneuver the virtual village and to help them engage in inter-generational programs where vets help other vets and family members collaborate to support veterans. Non-profit community based organizations are a true model for accessing and motivating our citizenry to action for themselves, their families and their communities.

As a finance person, I am always interested in the financial savings and benefits. I am familiar and have been quite successful in the leveraging of financial and human resources. So, what would this model look like? How can we best forge the partnership and co-location of the local and federal veterans affairs offices and operations that we currently have? What mechanisms do we need to employ to assist in this effort? What's the ROI, the return on our investment? If the Legislature allocates \$300,000 a year for the development and maintenance of a comprehensive outreach effort that includes information and referral and the development of a virtual village where would be the benefits and savings? Mental health services for a projected 5,000 veterans and their families a year x a conservative \$500 day for 10 days for hospitalization and in patient care for untreated and delay intervention for just 5% of this population or 250 is already \$1,250,000. Homelessness, substance abuse and domestic violence costs taxpayers millions each year in government-sponsored programs and in loss of wages to families and companies.

That's just an example of the savings. The benefits are the gainful employment of veterans who may not have sought or kept a job or completed college/career and technical training due to poor adjustment as a result of traumatic experiences in the war they fought in. Marriages and families that are kept intact despite challenges of returning soldiers who come back with "different" experiences that forever change them. Our human capital is protected as a valuable resource for today and for future generations to ensure true community sustainability.

In summary Mr. Chair and members of the Committee, Bills 134 and 135 have incredible potential and should be passed with amendments that will ultimately result in getting more done with less. I say, yes, let's have a central registry established at the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs. They need the resources to do this and the possibilities include having a non-profit organization on the ground and in the community that will help meet their mandated mission. Yes, we need an expanded commission that will plan and develop a veteran's village, but not a building, but a virtual village.

These ideas may sound different than what you may have expected to hear, but they are "outside of the box" as Guam is preparing to receive home over 600 soldiers from the Middle East in about 9 months. Each with an average of 3 family members adding to the thousands upon thousands of veterans and their families we already have on our small island. We need to be prepared with updated and innovative ways that will appeal to the soldier from the Korean War and Vietnam to those who recently returned from the Global

War on Terrorism and other more recent conflicts. Once again, I support the intent of Bills 134 and 135.

I am available to you should you have any questions or comments.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,

Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D.



June 13, 2013

The Honorable Frank Aguon
Chair
Committee on Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs & Judiciary
32nd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Committee Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am Sarah Thomas-Nededog, a resident from Dededo, and a private citizen. I am also currently the Vice President of WestCare Pacific Islands. We are a locally incorporated non profit with ties to a national foundation of non profits based in Nevada with projects and offices in 15 states, the Virgin Islands and here on Guam. I am also the wife of a veteran who is a retiree of over 23 years of U.S. military service. I am a daughter of a deceased veteran and the mother of a son who is currently in active duty in the U.S. Navy having returned recently from the Middle East. My testimony is relative to ***Bills 134 and 135 of which we support with recommendations for amendments.***

WestCare is an organization that is committed to uplifting the human spirit. In the nation, we have hundreds of programs serving hundreds of thousands of people all over the country in substance abuse treatment, shelters, emergency mental health facilities, prisons and in rural and urban centers. On Guam, we have programs that work with persons with mental illness, with the homeless, with girls in the schools and in the villages and in the prevention of HIV, STDs and other communicable diseases. On Guam and in the nation, we work with veterans – reaching out to them and to their families through our national AmeriCorps programs and direct services to ensure that they have access to services that they need so they can be happy, productive, and contributing family members and employees. Just last month, WestCare sponsored a national conference in conjunction with the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) focusing on combat trauma, addiction, suicide prevention, reintegration and resiliency. Our CEO Richard Steinberg, who has been to Guam many times, is himself a veteran and wrote to me regarding this public hearing. “Sarah, as you know, veterans issues...and the unfortunate lack of appropriate services for veterans is a near and dear topic to me and many of our WestCare family” and he continues to remind me that the Foundation is available to provide support to us here on Guam. Steinberg is a Vietnam veteran who came to WestCare nearly 4 decades ago building it from a small non profit to a national

entity with hundreds of programs, thousands of employees and millions of federal, state, county and private dollars to bring quality care to the most vulnerable in our communities.

Bill 134 proposes to add an additional subsection to the existing mandate of the Office of Veterans Affairs giving that office the responsibilities of a central veterans registry. Guam definitely needs this registry so that the numbers that we have can be more reflective of the numbers we believe we have.

This is what we know. We know that we are patriotic and that we have an over presentation of persons joining the military and going to combat. This is verified by PBS in New York contacting us recently because they had information that Guam had the highest number of soldiers joining and the highest number per capita of theatre fatalities.

- *The U.S. Veterans Administration Statistics note that there are over 22 million veterans around the world from all of the different branches of military service. Of that number, it is estimated that about 8 million are participating in services and benefits that are offered. The United States population is about 313 million, therefore 22 million veterans represents about 7% of the US population.*
- *We have a local population of 160,000-170,000 and 7% would equal to about 12,000 veterans. This is a higher number than the 8,000 in the US census of 2010. Given our high levels of US military service entry, we could very easily see that the numbers are much higher. If we do have about 12,000 veterans and following national trends, have only 1/3 receiving services, then that would be equivalent to about 4,000 veterans receiving services now and about 8,000 who have not yet accessed any service or benefits entitled to them. This is a pretty close number to the 5,000 veterans that the Guam Vet Center tells us they have served since 1996 in their offices for readjustment counseling. We are not sure what the numbers are that the federal and local governments actually have of veterans served in benefits and services from Guam as the home of record.*

Although we support Bills 134 and 135, we want to encourage our good legislators to consider other ways in which we can get to 8,000 veterans in the coming years to make sure they are connected with services they are eligible for and services that will provide them the support they need to do well at home, on the job, in school, and in the community.

We therefore suggest the **virtual village** which would be a computer based structure that veterans and their families can access anywhere, anytime to learn of benefits and services and to submit applications for such. Secondly, we recommend a **comprehensive outreach and information and referral system** that is community-based to reach and connect veterans and their families.

We offer that a **partnership with a non profit is a viable and efficient way** to go about locating and connecting these veterans with each other, with their families and other families who have common issues, and with service providers who are non profits and governmental entities.

- *Non Profits create value because it can increase revenues, eliminate costs or both while improving social benefits to a community (Rothchild, 2012). Non profits can leverage \$115 to \$1 of grant money according to the National Communities for Responsive Philanthropy who conducted 7 studies of 110 non profits in 13 states over 3 years. Although comparable studies have not been done on Guam, one can speculate that minimally, local non profits at least triple the dollar of government funding through contracts and grants and from private donations.*

Other specific recommendations we would like to make include:


Bill 134-32: Provide for the Office of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements with various local and federal agencies and non profits that can assist in acquiring information and necessary services such as health care and other vital services and benefits for veterans and their families.

Bill 135.32: We ask that you consider adding the Guam Women's Veterans organizations to the list of members of the Commission and that widows, widowers, orphans and surviving adults family members of a fallen hero or deceased veteran be considered for membership on the Commission.

An appropriations measure must naturally accompany these bills should they become law to give the OVA the resources it needs to have a suitable and appropriate data base set up to collect, maintain and keep "clean" its data in a Veterans Registry, to store information such as DD214s and to secure staff to ensure that these activities are carried out. These additional staff can also assist the Commission in its endeavors to facilitate a venue for veterans, their families and supportive services so they can voice their opinions and to contribute to policy updates and improvements. Funds for outsourcing outreach and to maintain a comprehensive outreach and information and referral service system is vital to the success of this endeavor as well.

Thank you for listening and we look forward to further discussion and consideration of our recommendations.

With best regards,



Sarah M. Thomas-Nededog
Vice President



June 13, 2013

The Honorable Frank Aguon
Chair, Committee on Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Judiciary
32nd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Aguon:

My name is Carl Gumataotao and I come to you today as a private citizen from the village of Agana Heights. I am also a volunteer board member representing the Pacific Islands for WestCare, a national non profit organization. Sir and members of the Committee, I am also a veteran and sit on WestCare's Foundation Board's Veterans' Committee.

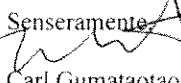
I do submit herein my testimony in support of Bills 134 establishing a Veterans Registry at the Guam Veterans Affairs Office and Bill 135 that would expand the membership of the Veterans Commission and have that entity plan for a Veterans Village, a centralized location for veterans and their families to find benefits. However, I would like to make some recommendations for your consideration.

Relative to Bill 134 Veterans Registry. The Office of Veterans Affairs is truly the best place for the collection of and safe keeping of veterans' names and their vital information. Also, that office should keep up with the count working closely with federal agencies to keep the data current. But they will need the funding to do this. Getting the veterans and his/her family to that office and to services is another area which I believe falls nicely with non profits to do outreach and information and referral. Developing and implementing veterans helping veterans program and initiatives to bring private businesses and other non profits together can best be done by another non profit. This will take money from government coffers but I believe a great investment in reaching out to the thousands of veterans we know are out there.

Relative to Bill 135 Expanding Commission Membership and Planning a Veterans Village. Getting more members that represent the growing and diverse veteran population is a good thing to ensure adequate representation on this Commission. We just need to make sure that the member organizations that are identified are still in existence and that the law provides for flexibility in getting the right persons from the appropriate groups on this Commission that is appointed by the Governor. Although a building may be something to look forward to in the future, what is most important is that veterans and their families have a virtual village where they can go to seek information and submit applications. Developing, maintaining, and promoting this concept also fits well with a non profit so that the government dollar can be multiplied and added on to as a benefit for our tax payers' money and most importantly to the veterans from Guam who need to have access. This will be an extraordinary help to our fellow Micronesians who do not have their own services in their respective islands and have to either do without or travel to Guam, Hawaii or the mainland to obtain information on much needed services.

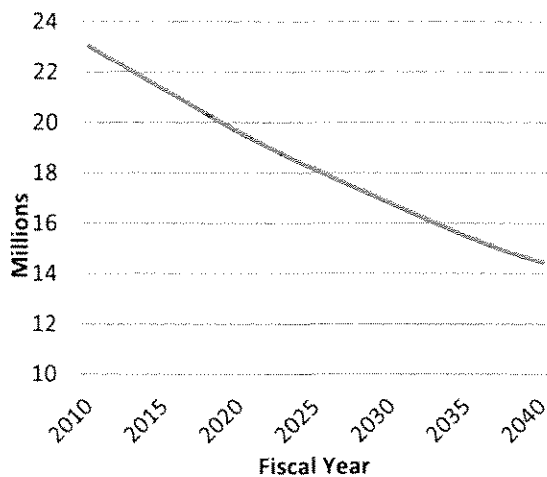
As a veteran and an advocate for veterans services, I ask that you stand with us in developing these ideas that will be real and practical solutions to the current challenges our veterans and their families now face.

Thank you Senator Aguon and members of the Committee. I am available if you have any questions for me.

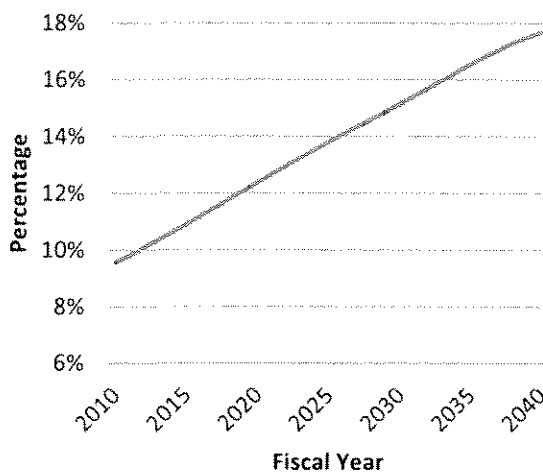

Senseramente
Carl Gumataotao

Veteran Population Projections: FY2010 to FY2040

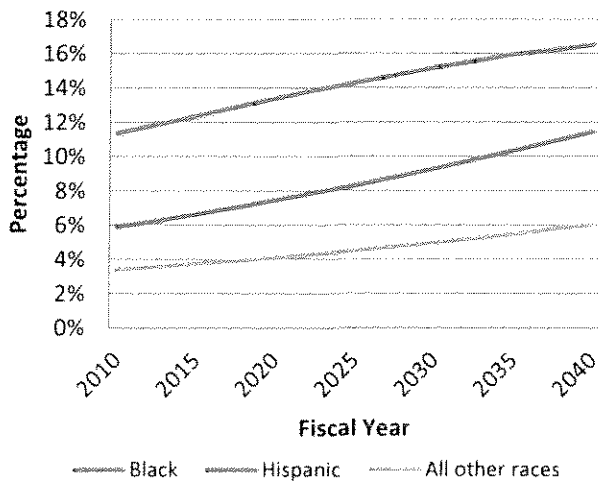
**Projected Total Veteran Population
2010 to 2040**



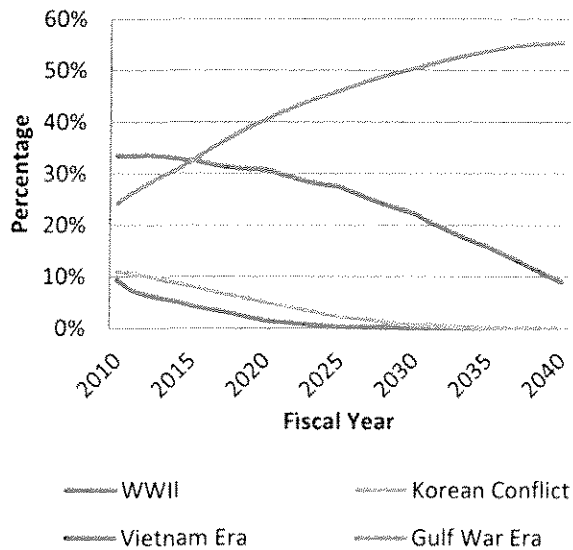
**Projected % of Female Veteran Population
2010 to 2040**



**Projected % of Minority Veteran Population
2010 to 2040**



**Projected % of Total Veteran Population by
Period of Service, 2010-2040**



Note: Categories are mutually exclusive.
'All other races' includes American Indian/Alaska Native,
Asian, Pacific Islander, and Other.

Source: Office of the Actuary, Veteran Population Projections Model (VetPop2011) tables 1L, 3L and 2L.



June 21, 2013

Hafa adai Senator Aguon and members of the Committee on Veterans Affairs,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 134.

I support the intent of Bill 134. However, *it's a crying shame* that we have to go this far in order for the Office of Veterans Affairs to do its job ensuring Guam has an accurate accounting of the number of veterans. Having accurate accounting of the number of veterans is important data for increasing veteran services and receiving grants.

In addition to maintaining an accurate count of veterans, recommend the Guam Veterans Affairs Office *shall* perform the following duties as well:

1. Develop and maintain a web site, by which veterans and their dependents, through a single portal, can access multiple sources of information and interaction with regard to the rights of, and the benefits available to, veterans and their dependents. The Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO) may enter into agreements with state and federal agencies, with agencies of political subdivisions, with state and local instrumentalities, and with private entities as necessary to make the resource as complete as is possible. A web site is a great tool to register veterans as well. It has endless opportunities such as making inquiries to the U.S. Veterans Affairs, and making a complaint to the U.S. Veterans Affairs Inspector General (IG).

Right now, the current web site is obsolete and the last time any input was made was in 2010; a lost opportunity.

2. Plan, organize, advertise, and conduct outreach efforts, such as conferences and fairs, at which veterans and their dependents may meet, learn about the GVAO and its operation, learn about Guam Veterans Commission, and obtain information about the rights of, and the benefits and services available to, veterans and their dependents.

3. Develop partnership with agencies, most especially the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, the Vet Center, and federal benefits office, Agency for Human Resources Development, and the Department of Labor, that provides services to veterans to address homelessness, indigence, employment, and other veteran-related issues. Important statistics must be kept to support requests for grants in order to improve or support these programs.

4. All DD Forms 214 received must be immediately scanned and electronically filed in alphabetical order. A fail safe electronic duplication file must be made every six months. DD Form 214s, in paper form and copies of electronic file must be kept in a theft and fire proof office equipment.

Right now, there are no back-up files for DD Form 214s and they may be at risk for theft and fire.

5. All visits to the Veterans Affairs Office by veterans and their families for any form of service must be recorded in a memo for record form and must be filed in the veteran's DD Form 214 file. A copy of the memo for record must be provided to the veterans or dependents after each visit. This is critical for follow-up purposes.
6. The Director of Veterans Affairs must maintain a professional working relationship with clients, many who have complex physical and mental health issues and come from diverse and economic background, employees of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, other federal and Guam agencies working with veterans, and veteran service organizations.
7. The Office of Veterans Affairs must maintain accurate data on the number of veteran and dependent burials, at the Guam Veterans Cemetery, on a monthly basis, starting January to December of each year. The data must include man-hours expended per burial, date of burial and the cost of supplies and equipment per burial. Data report must be provided not later than the last work day of January each New Year, to the Governor of Guam, Guam Legislature Chairperson on Veterans Affairs, and the Guam Veterans Commission.
8. Expenditure made and donations received by GVAO must be accurately recorded. Expenditures and donations must be reported on a yearly basis (Jan-Dec) not later than last duty day of January of the following year, to the Governor of Guam, Legislative Chairperson of Veterans Affairs and the Guam Veterans Commission.

9. Ensure customer service is at its very best when serving our veterans and their families. Anything less is unacceptable.

The implementation of these recommendations are important to ensure that the GVAO keeps veterans and their families well informed of up-to-date and accurate information and services, statistics are kept to back-up requests for improved services and grants, have a good working relationships with partners that will benefit veterans and their families, records are kept safe, and visits are properly recorded for follow-up purposes. This information may also be used to request for additional man-power.

The GVAO must stay in tune with real time 21st century information and services and provide the same to ensure our veterans and families are served accurately and with respect. Our veterans and their families deserve nothing less.

Thank you.

Bill Cundiff
Chairman, Guam Veterans Commission

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TESTIMONY ON
BILL 134-32
by
JOHN S. UNPINGCO

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY BEFORE YOU ON BILL 134-32. IT IS BOTH AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY.

I CAME TO TESTIFY AGAINST BILL 134-32 FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON, LACK OF RESOURCES. YOU WILL NEED AT LEAST TWO (2) FULL-TIME CLERKS IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY CARRY OUT THE MANDATES OF BILL 134-32. OUR OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DOES NOT HAVE THE PEOPLE WITH WHICH TO MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXECUTE THE MANDATES OF BILL 134-32. WE HAVE WARTIME MANNING IN ALL OF OUR POSITIONS, I.E., ONLY ONE (1) PERSON MANNING THE FUNCTION. AND, IN MOST CASES THE ONE PERSON IS DOING NOT JUST ONE (1) FUNCTION BUT ANOTHER OR MANY OTHERS AS WELL.

I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THE MANDATES OF BILL 134-32 WOULD REQUIRE THE FULL-TIME SERVICES OF TWO (2) EMPLOYEES. FIRST, HE OR SHE WOULD HAVE TO INPUT THE CURRENT VETERANS ALREADY REGISTERED. WE ONLY KEEP THEIR DOCUMENTS AND AS YET WE HAVE TO SCAN THEM IN COMPUTERS. SECOND, THE SCRUBBING OF VETERANS FILES TO ENSURE THAT THE VETERANS WHO NO LONGER LIVE ON-ISLAND AND THE ONES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY, NEEDS TO BE RETHOUGHT. FOR SCRUBBING, ARE WE FORGETTING THAT THERE ARE SURVIVING SPOUSES AND ELIGIBLE MINOR CHILDREN THAT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE VA BENEFITS UNDER THE VETERANS NAME? IF WE WERE TO SCRUB THESE VETERANS, THE DEPENDENTS WOULD ALSO BE SCRUBBED. WE

CANNOT DEPRIVE THEM OF THEIR RECORDS TO THEIR BENEFITS. SCRUBBING OF VETERANS AFTER THEY HAVE PASSED SHOULD NOT BE UNTIL ALL ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS NO LONGER EXISTS. DEPENDENTS RECEIVING BENEFITS CONTINUE TO FALL UNDER THE VETERANS NAMES AND FILE NUMBER, BUT, THERE IS NO MENTION OF HOW SCRUBBING IS TO BE DONE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. THIRD, HOW ARE WE TO FIND OUT WHICH VETERAN HAS MOVED OFF-ISLAND? ARE WE TO STAND AT THE AIRPORT AND QUERY EACH DEPARTING PASSENGER? HOW DO WE TURN THIS INTO A SIMPLE AND EFFICIENT ACTION PLAN. FOURTH, THE PROVIDING OF CURRENT INFORMATION TO VETERANS ON BENEFITS AND ACTIVITIES IS IN AND OF ITSELF A FULL-TIME JOB. SECRETARY SHINSEKI IS LITERALLY FLOODING US WITH NEW VA PROGRAMS, SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO US BECAUSE OF LOCATION, LACK OF FACILITIES OR OUR NON-INCLUSION IN THE STATUTE GIVING RISE TO THE ENTITLEMENT. FIFTH, THERE IS MENTION OF A WEB PAGE ON PAGE 2 OF THE ACT. WE HAVE TO DESIGN A WEB PAGE AND IT HAS TO BE IN GOOD TASTE. MOST OF ALL IT HAS TO BE MAINTAINED. AND THE WEB PAGE HAS TO BE UPDATED. ALL OF WHICH REQUIRES FUNDING.

SIXTH, WE COME TO THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THE RESOURCES OR THE FUNDING WITH WHICH THE UNFUNDED MANDATES OF BILL 134-32 ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT. ONCE THE BILL IS PASSED, EVERYONE EXPECTS ITS MANDATES TO BE FULFILLED. VETERANS ARE MERCILESS IN THEIR HOUNDING MY OFFICE FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT AND RIGHTLY SO. YET THE BILL IS BARE OF ANY FUNDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMPUTERS AND FOR CLERKS OR CONTRACT MONEY FOR A WEB SITE OR GRANT WRITERS. WE HAVE WESTCARE ASKING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR OUTREACH PROGRAM. I SAID NO, BECAUSE I AM SHORT HANDED. IN FACT, WE DO A DIFFERENT TYPE OF OUTREACH. FOR EXAMPLE, WE VISITED A WHEELCHAIR BOUND AND HOMEBOUND VETERANS. IN FACT WE VISITED A RETIRED NAVY COMMANDER WHO HAD ENTRUSTED HIS ENTIRE RETIREMENT CHECK AND HIS DISABILITY CHECK TO A CAREGIVER FOR ALL HIS NEEDS. WE FOUND THAT HIS APARTMENT REEKED OF UNWASHED BODIES AND WAS FILTHY AND HE HAD NOT HAD A FULL MEAL

IN SEVERAL DAYS. WE IMMEDIATELY CANCELLED HIS POWER OF ATTORNEY TO THE DISHONEST CAREGIVER. NOW, HE HAS ADDED SOME MEAT TO HIS BARE FRAME AND HIS FINANCES ARE IN ORDER. THE BEST OF INTENTIONS THAT THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL BE FUNDED IN THE FUTURE OR THAT FEDERAL GRANTS WILL FUND IT ARE EMPTY PROMISES. WHAT DO WE DO WE NOW IS THE ISSUE. THIS IS THE QUESTION WE MUST ANSWER. WHEN ARE WE TO BE FUNDED? A NEBULOUS PROMISE OF FUTURE FUNDING IS NOT ENOUGH. WE CAN'T LIVE ON UNFUNDED MANDATES. WE CANNOT RELY ON THEM. GOOD IDEAS ARE FINE BUT IT IS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEM, THE MAKING OF GOOD IDEAS INTO REALITY THAT IS THE TEST OF A GOOD PROPONENT OF AN IDEA. ANYBODY CAN HAVE A GOOD IDEA. BUT, VERY FEW CAN TAKE AN IDEA AND MAKE IT WORK.

THESE ARE HARD TIMES FOR OBTAINING FUNDING. THIS COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A VOTING DELEGATE ARE TWO UNDENIABLE OBSTRUCTIONS TO OUR GETTING FUNDING. YET, WITHOUT FUNDING THE PROPOSED STATUE WOULD BE AN UNFUNDED MANDATE.

LASTLY, SOME VETERANS DON'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED. JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.



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July 30, 2013

Memorandum

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: Fiscal Notes

Hafa Adai!

Attached please find the fiscal notes for the bill numbers listed below. Please note that the fiscal notes, or waivers, are issued on the bills as introduced.

FISCAL NOTES:

Bill Nos. 134-32(COR), 139-32(COR), and 159-32(COR)

Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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JUL 30 2013

Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules
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The 31st Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
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Hafa Adai Senator Respicio:

Transmitted herewith is Fiscal Note on the following Bill Nos.: 134-32(COR), 139-32(COR), and 159-32(COR).

If you have any question(s), please do not hesitate to call the office at 475-9412/9106.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Rios".

JOHN A. RIOS
Director

Enclosures

cc: Senator Vicente (ben) Pangelinan

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 134-32**

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS THE OFFICIAL AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE "GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY" WHICH SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR ENUMERATING THE POPULATION OF VETERANS ON GUAM, AND FOR THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION FOR INCREASING OR ACQUIRING NECESSARY HEALTHCARE AND OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; THROUGH ADDING A NEW § 67110 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Veterans Affairs Office	Dept./Agency Head: John S. Unpingco
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	691,794
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	-
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$691,794

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2012 Unreserved Fund Balance			
FY 2013 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2013 Appro. (P.L. 31-233)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2013 (if applicable)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Specify Special Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? // Yes No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? // Yes No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ // Yes No
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? // Yes No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? // Yes No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? // Yes No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? // Yes No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: // Yes No
// Requested agency comments not received by due date // Other: _____

9/7/13

Analyst: Matt Quinata Date: _____ Director: John A. Rios, BBMR Director Date: JUL 30 2013

Footnotes:
The intent of this bill is to establish the "Guam Veterans Registry" to be maintained by the Office of Veteran's Affairs. The bill currently does not provide for funding for any additional resources such as personnel and supplies to establish and maintain the registry and the creation of a website to disseminate information. The Office of Veterans Affairs recommends two (2) clerks to carry out the proposed



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June 4, 2013

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MEMORANDUM

Senator
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Member

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Senator
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Member

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 134-32(COR)**

Vice-Speaker
Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Member

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 134-32(COR)**.

Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Member

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Senator
Frank Blas Aguon, Jr.
Member

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

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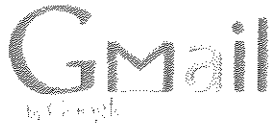
Attachment

Senator
Aline Yamashita
Member

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Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
134-32 (COR)	Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS THE OFFICIAL LOCAL AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE "GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY" WHICH SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR ENUMERATING THE POPULATION OF VETERANS ON GUAM, AND FOR THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION FOR INCREASING OR ACQUIRING NECESSARY HEALTHCARE AND OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES; THROUGH ADDING A NEW §67110 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	06/04/13 12:38 p.m.	06/04/13	Committee on the Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs, and Judiciary			



Re: FIRST NOTICE: Public Hearing at 9:00AM on THURSDAY

Office of Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. <committee@frankaguonjr.com>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Thu, Jun 6, 2013 at 1:54 PM

Please note the following correction:

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary has scheduled a public hearing starting at 9:00AM, ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday, June 5 13, 2013, at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room in Hagåtña.

On Thu, Jun 6, 2013 at 11:15 AM, Office of Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. <committee@frankaguonjr.com> wrote:

June 06, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary

SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE of **Public Hearing** on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM

Buenas yan Hala Adai!

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary has scheduled a public hearing starting at 9:00AM, Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room in Hagåtña, on the following:

- **Bill No. 99-32 (LS)** - An act to amend §80.60 of Article 4, Chapter 80, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, relative to clarifying minimum sentences for crimes.
- **Bill No. 107-32 (COR)** - An act to add a new Section to Chapter 80, Title 9, Guam Code

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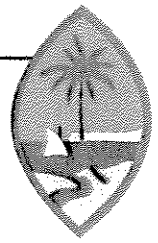
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June 06, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary 

SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM

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The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary has scheduled a public hearing starting at 9:00AM, Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room in Hagåtña, on the following:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary

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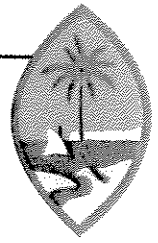
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RE: Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM

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Ambrosio Constantino
Advisor, Guam Homeland Security
221B Chalan Palasyo
Agana Heights, Guam 96910
Sent via email to ambrosio.constantino@ghs.guam.gov

RE: **Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM**

Dear Mr. Constantino,

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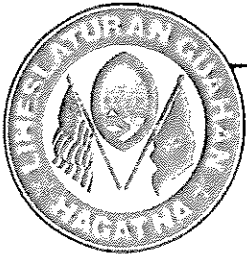
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James T. McDonald
Administrator, Office of Civil Defense
221B Chalan Palasyo
Agana Heights, Guam 96910
Sent via email to jim.mcdonald@qhs.guam.gov

RE: **Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM**

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The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo
Congresswoman of Guam | Guam Delegate
120 Father Duenas Avenue Suite 107
Hagåtña, GU 96910

Sent via email to cecilia.blas@mail.house.gv

RE: **Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM**

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo,

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Mark Calvo
Special Assistant to the Governor on Military Buildup & Infrastructure
513 West Marine Corps Drive
Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex
Hagåtña, Guam 96910
Sent via email to mark.calvo@guam.gov

RE: Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM

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The Honorable John Unpingco, Esq.
Administrator, Office of Veterans Affairs
172 S. Marine Corp Drive, Asan
P.O. Box 5178
Hagåtña, GU 96932
Sent via email to john.unpingco@qvaq.guam.gov

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The Honorable F. Philip Carbullido
Chief Justice, Judiciary of Guam

Suite 300, Guam Judicial Center
120 West O' Brien Drive
Hagåtña, GU 96910

Sent via email to fpcarbullido@guamsupremecourt.com

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CC: Joshua Tenorio



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The Honorable Leonardo G. Rapadas
Attorney General of Guam

287 W. O'Brien Drive
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Sent via email to law@quamaa.org

RE: Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 9:00AM

Dear Attorney General Rapadas,

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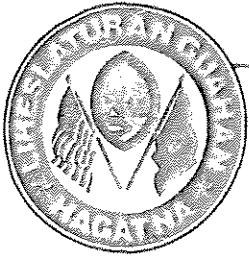
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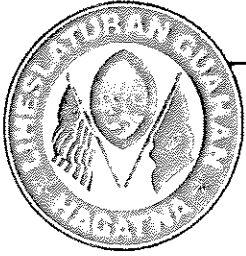
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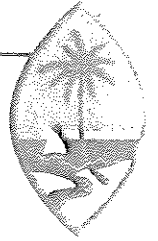
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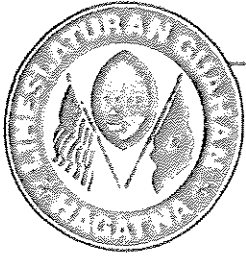
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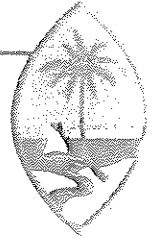
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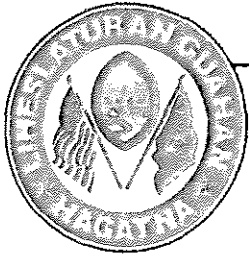
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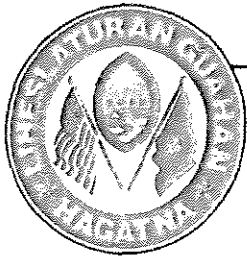
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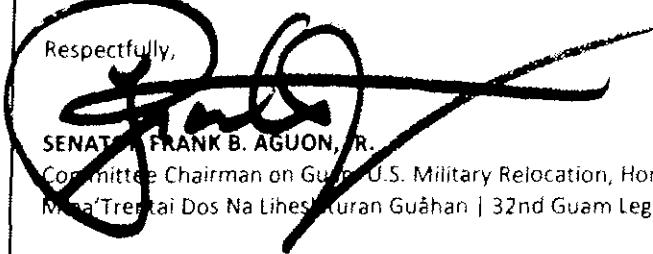
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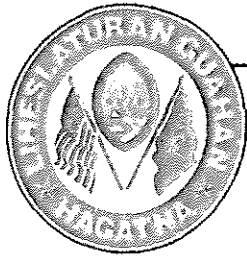
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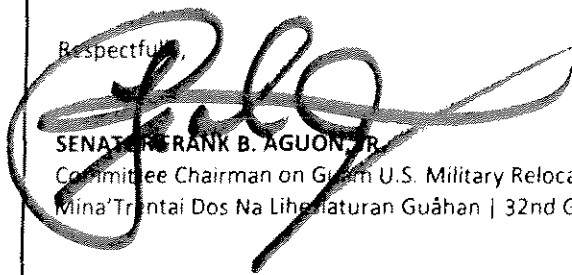
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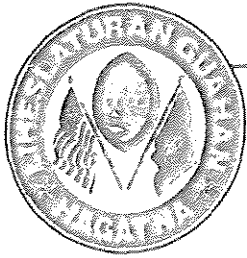
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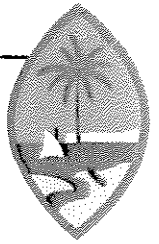
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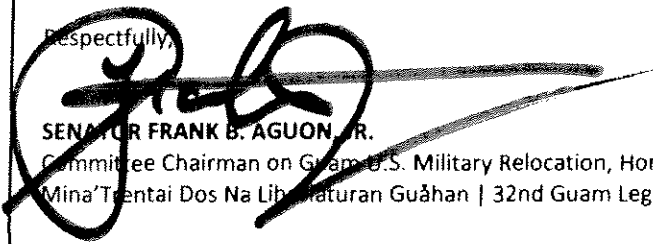
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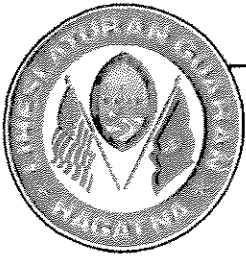
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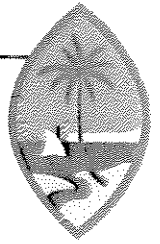
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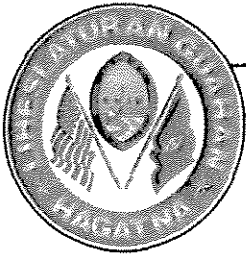
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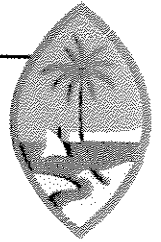
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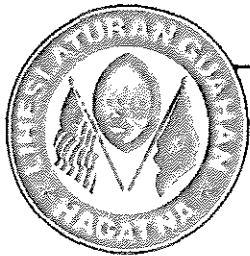
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Respectfully,

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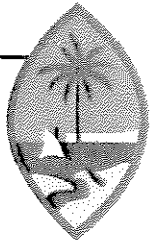
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PUBLIC HEARING

June 13, 2013, Thursday at 9:00AM

I Liheslaturan Guahan's Public Hearing Room, Hagatna

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- V. Adjournment**



FIRST NOTICE: Public Hearing at 5:30PM on WEDNESDAY, July 31, 2013

Office of Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. <committee@frankaguonjr.com>

Wed, Jul 24, 2013 at 10:11 AM

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary

SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE of **Public Hearing** on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 5:30PM

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July 23, 2013

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SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 5:30PM

Office of Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. <committee@frankaguonjr.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2013 at 10:39 AM

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July 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary

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Cc: *Clerks | MIS | Sgt-at-Arms*

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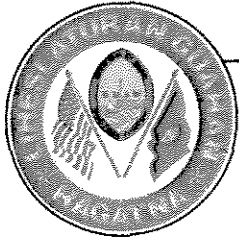
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July 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary

SUBJECT: SECOND NOTICE of **Public Hearing** on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 5:30PM

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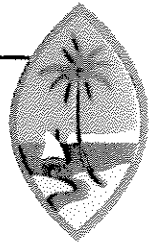
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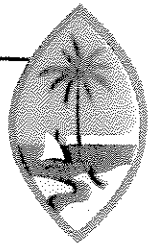
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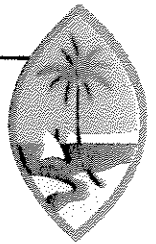
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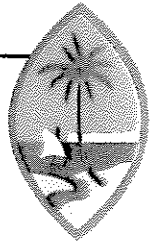
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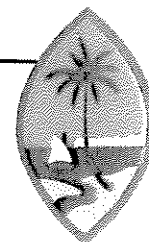
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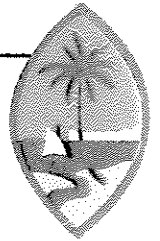
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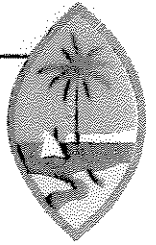
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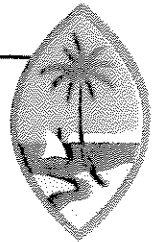
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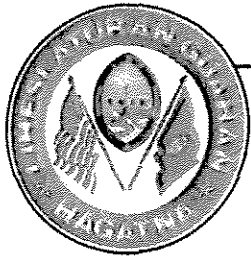
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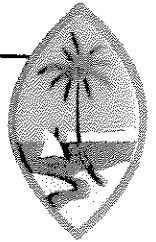
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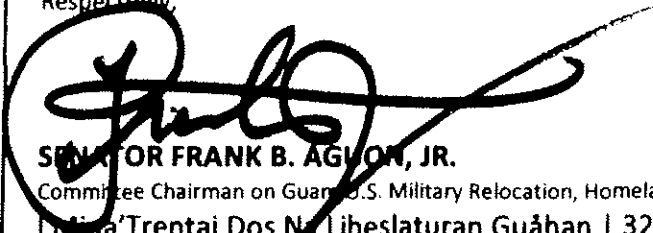
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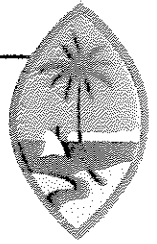
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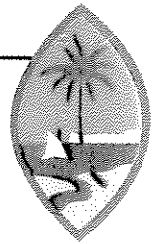
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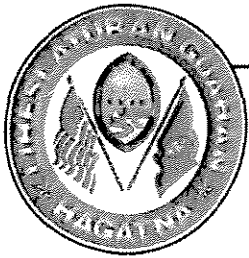
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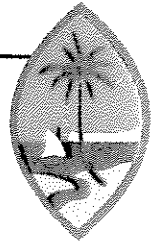
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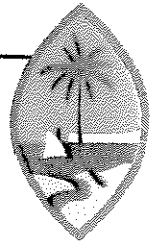
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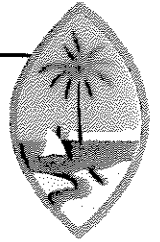
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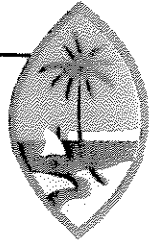
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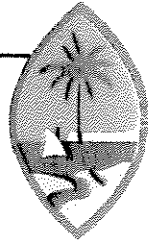
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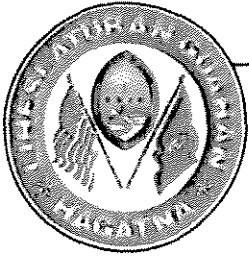
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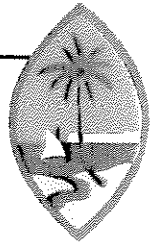
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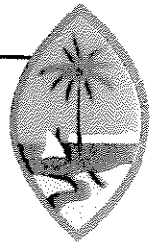
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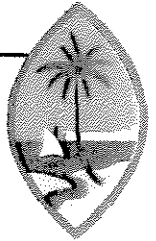
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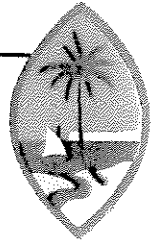
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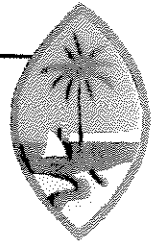
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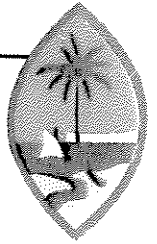
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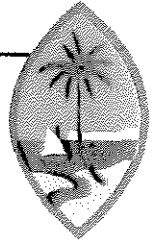
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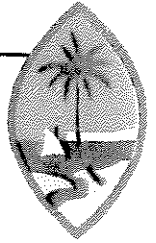
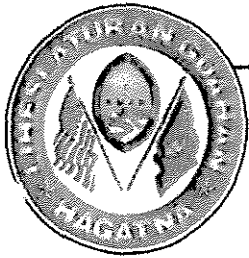
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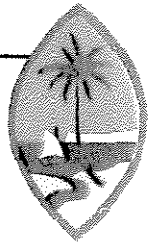
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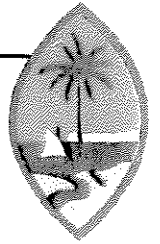
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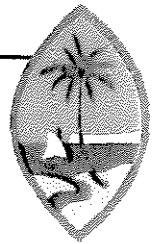
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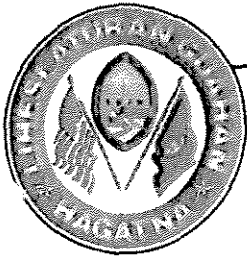
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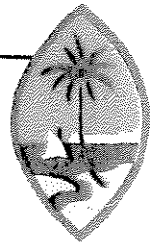
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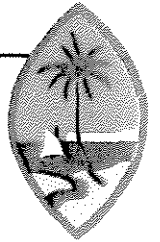


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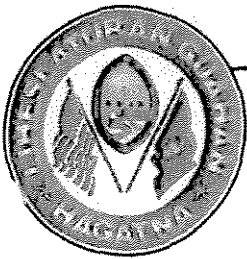
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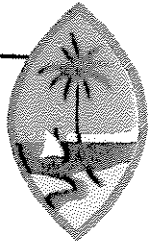
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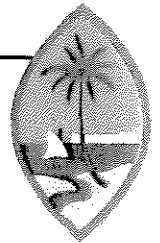
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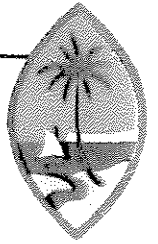
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GovGuam works to help veterans

Written by Frank B. Aguon Jr.

Jun. 16, 2013 |

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What more must the government of Guam do to help the island's military veterans?

As chairman of the Committee on the Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Judiciary of the Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan, I would like to highlight several of the benefits and services that have been extended to island veterans by their local government, and further enumerate several proposals that have been introduced that continue to recognize the unique service that many of our men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces have provided in the defense and preservation of freedom.

The government of Guam presently provides the following services, benefits or programs for Guam's veterans:

- Veterans license plates;
- Waiver of license plate fees for 100-percent disabled American veteran or legal guardian;
- Waiver of driver's license fees (operator, chauffer or motorcycle), process eased through the provision of official documentation directly to Revenue and Taxation;
- Waiver of motor vehicle registration for 100-percent disabled American veteran and individual unemployable;
- Preferential points for government of Guam employment;
- Waiver of fees for special Gold Star License Plates for parents, widow/widower of deceased veteran; and
- Burial spaces at the Veterans Cemetery.

In addition, your leaders in the Guam Legislature continue to consider additional services or benefits for our veterans to include the following:

- The establishment of a Fallen Heroes Monument for the War on Terror (to be entertained by Liheslaturan Guahan in the upcoming session);
- The creation of a Guam Veterans Registry, which will directly assist in further advocating for much-needed local and federal services and programs for our veterans;
- The eventual establishment of the "Sengsong Betaranun Guahan" or Guam Veterans Village, which will serve as a one-stop service center for veterans and a permanent home for the Office of Veterans Affairs; and
- The expansion of the waiver of the driver's license fee, to be applicable to all classes and endorsements.

The committee is in the process of finalizing the aforementioned information and much more, in both a written brochure format and an electronic format, which will be made available to all of Guam's veterans through my office.

As can be noted with the information provided above, your government has worked diligently over the years in providing our veterans with much needed services and benefits. These efforts will continue in the years ahead, as I can attest to the tremendous support for veterans by members of the Legislature, who acknowledge and appreciate the special service provided by Guam's veterans--retired, active duty, or reserve.

I would like to close by mentioning ongoing efforts by the committee in bringing together primary veteran service providers in our community. This includes our local veteran organizations, our partners in the federal government (Guam Vet Center, Veterans Benefits Office, Outpatient Clinic, and others) and nonprofit organizations, i.e. WestCare.

It is through collaboration and understanding the needs of our veterans that we can altogether work toward ensuring the proper services and programs are identified and made available for our veterans.

Frank B. Aguon Jr. is a senator in the 32nd Guam Legislature and chairs its Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary.

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LOCAL

Bill 134 seeks to create Guam Veterans Registry

By Jerick Sablan

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Sen. Frank Aguon, Jr. this week introduced two bills aimed at improving services to active and retired military veterans on Guam.

As oversight chairman of the legislative committee on veterans' affairs, Aguon proposed legislation with the goal of developing a comprehensive database of veterans on Guam and a one-stop center of services for veter-

ans and their families.

Bill 134 seeks to create a "Guam Veterans Registry" to identify the island's veteran population and for the purpose of creating a more accurate database, which in turn would be used to provide veterans and their families current information on health care, benefits and activities. The bill designates the Office of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency responsible for maintaining and updating the registry.



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Representation increase

Bill 135 seeks to increase the representation of the number of veterans serving on the Guam Veterans Commission from six members to nine. The bill also initiates efforts toward the planning and development of the "Sengsong Betaranun Guahan" or Guam Veterans Village, which would be utilized as the permanent home for the Office of Veterans Affairs and as a one-stop center for veterans to acquire services or information on benefits, programs and activities.

Concerns raised

"Concerns have been raised with the way information is being disseminated to our veterans regarding what veteran services are available on our island and it is critical that we reach out and modernize those services to meet the long-standing and future needs of our veterans," said Aguon, who also is a member of the Guam Air National Guard.



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 - **Bill No. 146-32 (LS)** – An act to add a new Article 3 to Chapter 37 of 9GCA relative to Castle Doctrine.
- IV. **Closing Remarks**
- V. **Adjournment**

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Bill 134 to create veterans database

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RESPONDING to the need to create a more accurate database on the island's veteran population, Sen. Frank B. Aguon Jr. yesterday introduced Bill 134, a measure seeking to create a "Guam Veterans Registry."

Aguon, who chairs the Committee on Veterans Affairs, proposed the legislation in order to develop a comprehensive record of veterans on Guam.

Aside from facilitating the process of identifying the island's veteran population, the registry would be used to provide current information on health care, benefits and activities.

The bill also designates the Office of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency responsible for maintaining and updating the registry.

Additionally, Aguon said the establishment of the Veterans Registry is needed to accurately capture the total number

of veterans on island to ensure Guam's ability in securing vital services from the federal government.

The need to solidify the figures relating to the number of veterans on island was raised during a recent roundtable discussion convened to discuss programs and issues affecting the island's veteran community.

During the meeting, Aguon said the 2010 census reports 8,041 veterans. However, he said figures provided by the Office of Veterans Affairs peg the number at 13,000-plus.

A firm and definite number, according to Aguon, would help reinforce critical funding and programs for Guam's veterans.

Representation

Meanwhile, Aguon also introduced Bill 135, which seeks to increase the representation of the number of veterans serving on the Guam Veterans Commission from six members to nine.

The bill, according to a release, also initiates efforts

toward the planning and development of the "Sengsong Betaranun Guahan" or Guam Veterans Village which would be utilized as the permanent home for the Office of Veterans Affairs and as a one-stop center for veterans to acquire services or information on benefits, programs and activities.

"Concerns have been raised with the way information is being disseminated to our veterans regarding what veteran services are available on our island, and it is critical that we reach out and modernize those services to meet the longstanding and future needs of our veterans," Aguon said.

"I echo these concerns and want to ensure that our veterans — whether active or retired — are receiving the essential services they need through the development of this one-stop 'Sengsong Betaranun Guahan,' which would be an efficient integration of services available by our government agencies," he added.