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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker, Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
155 Hessler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 277, which has been signed into law this  
date as Public Law No. 21-31.

Sincerely,

FRANK F. BLAS  
Governor of Guam  
Acting

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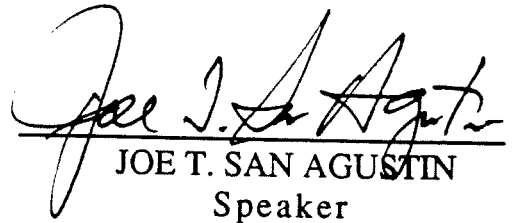


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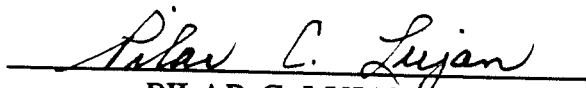
TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

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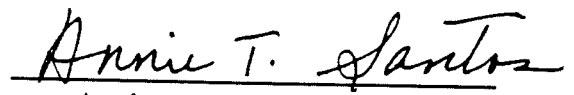
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JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN  
Speaker


Attested:

  
PILAR C. LUJAN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 10 day of MAY,  
1991, at 3:10 o'clock P.M.

  
Annie T. Santos  
Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
FRANK F. BLAS  
Governor of Guam  
Acting

Date: MAY 17 1991

Public Law No. 21-31

TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
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Bill No. 277 (COR)  
As substituted by the Committee  
on Ways and Means and as further  
substituted by the Committee on Rules

Introduced by:

E. R. Duenas  
C. T. C. Gutierrez  
E. M. Espaldon  
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3 living on Guam have made significant sacrifices and contributions in war and

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3 distinction in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and more  
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21 the Guam Veterans Memorial Building. Design, construction and furnishing of  
22 the building shall be coordinated with the Committee.

23 **Section 7. Land availability.** The Department of Land Management (the  
24 "Department") is directed to provide the Committee, within ninety (90) days  
25 from enactment of this Act, a listing of government of Guam land which may be  
26 suitable and available for the construction of a Guam Veterans Memorial  
27 Building. The Department shall work closely with the Committee to so identify  
28 land for the Guam Veterans Memorial Building.

29 **Section 8. Appropriation for Insular Guards.** (a) Two Hundred Thousand  
30 Dollars (\$200,000) are hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the  
31 Department of Public Works to augment an earlier appropriation made in Public  
32 Law 20-214 for the design and construction of a memorial monument in honor  
33 of the Guam Insular Guards.

1 (b) Because of limited time left to meet completion of the project for  
2 official dedication on December 10, 1991, the Department of Public Works is  
3 authorized to waive the bidding procedures in soliciting a contractor to  
4 undertake the project.

5 **Section 9. (a) Findings.** The Legislature finds that shortages of  
6 personnel and equipment for the operation of the Guam Veterans Cemetery  
7 under the Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department") have  
8 contributed to the inadequate appearance of Guam's first and only veterans  
9 cemetery. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Guam Veterans Cemetery  
10 (the "Cemetery") be well staffed and equipped so as to provide services to  
11 Guam's veterans with the respect, honor and dignity that they rightly deserve.

12 (b) **Appropriation.** Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred  
13 Fifty Dollars (\$282,250) are appropriated from the General Fund to the  
14 Department to fund the operations of the Cemetery as follows:

15	a. Personnel services	\$131,400
16	b. Contractual services	\$ 4,000
17	c. Equipment	\$ 9,300
18	d. Capital outlay	<u>\$137,550</u>
19	TOTAL	\$282,250

20 (c) **Future needs.** The Department shall incorporate the needs of the  
21 Cemetery in future budget requests under the entry "Parks Division, Memorial  
22 Services Section", beginning with Fiscal Year 1992.

23 (d) **Korean War monument.** The Department of Land Management in  
24 conjunction with the Department shall make available an area within Skinner  
25 Plaza (Guam Heroes Park) large enough to accommodate a granite monument  
26 honoring the sacrifices of Guam's sons and daughters who fought in the Korean  
27 War.

28 **Section 10. Streetlights.** Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) are  
29 appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Power Authority to install  
30 streetlights from the junction of Route 4 to the junction of Route 5.

# Twenty-First Guam Legislature

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Chairman, Committee  
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**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
Senator

April 29, 1991

Honorable Speaker Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker, Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler St.  
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:


The Committee on Ways & Means wishes to report out its findings on **BILL NO. 277 "AN ACT CREATING A VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,750,000) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING OF A GUAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING AS A TRIBUTE TO ALL GUAM VETERANS, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR II, KOREA, VIETNAM AND THE PERSIAN GULF"**, to the full Legislature with the recommendation to do Pass as Substituted.

The Committee Voting Record is as follows:

TO PASS:	<u>14</u>
NOT TO PASS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>0</u>
INACTIVE FILE:	<u>0</u>

Copies of the Committee Report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information.

Sincerely,

  
**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
Chairman, Committee on  
Ways & Means

Twenty-First Guam Legislature  
 Committee on Ways & Means  
**VOTING SHEET**

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	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Carl T. C. GUTIERREZ Chairman	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Herminia D. DIERKING Vice-Chairman	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator John P. AGUON Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Elizabeth P. ARRIOLA Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator George BAMBA Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Anthony BLAZ Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Doris F. BROOKS Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Ernesto M. ESPALDON Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Marilyn MANIBUSAN Member	✓ mdm 4/29/91			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Don PARKINSON Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Michael J. REIDY Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator Martha C. RUTH Member	✓ mcr 4/29/91			
<i>[Signature]</i> Senator David SHIMIZU Member	✓			
<i>[Signature]</i> Speaker JUAN A. CRISTIN	✓			



# **COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT ON**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bill is to create a Veterans Memorial Committee consisting of nine members all of whom are to be veterans. The Committee is to prepare plans for the construction and furnishing of a Veterans Memorial Building designed to include a museum, office spaces, conference room and auditorium. The Department of Land Management is directed to find suitable land for the construction of the building.

The Committee on Ways and Means conducted a public hearing on Thursday, April 25, 1991 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Legislative Public Hearing Room to gather testimony on Bill No. 277. Senator Carl T.C. Gutierrez, Chairman of the Committee conducted the hearing, being joined by Senators Anthony C. Blaz, Michael J. Reidy, Doris F. Brooks, Elizabeth P. Arriola, Martha C. Ruth, and David L.G. Shimizu.

## **TESTIMONY**

Director John O. Blaz, of the Guam Veteran Affairs office, submitted written testimony which he read into the record. The testimony indicated that he was in favor of the bill, however requested that the section concerning the composition of the Veterans Memorial Committee be changed to include at least four nominees from the Veterans office, two of which shall be appointed, and reduce the number of persons nominated from Retirees Associations, because veterans who are not retirees represent a disproportionately high number of former Armed Services members who would be utilizing the building. Additionally, Mr. Blaz indicated that the money appropriated should be directed to a government agency to manage the capital improvement project. He also indicated that the Department of Land Management may incur some costs for necessary

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land and inquired whether this would be included in the appropriation contained in the bill.

General Edward Perez of the Guam National Guard testified orally on the bill. General Perez indicated the danger that members of the Armed Forces expose themselves to by virtue of belonging to the Armed Forces. He indicated that service people, especially those who have given their lives in their service of their country, should not be forgotten. A veterans memorial is very important to preserve the memory of the contribution that the service persons give to their society.

Director F.L.G. Castro of the Department of Land Management submitted a written testimony indicating that the department would be happy to comply with the provisions of the bill and suggested property upon which to locate the Veterans Memorial, and that they had already located a site in Yigo on Lot No. 10119-R8 which may be suitable for the needs of the veterans. Director Castro also indicated that \$11,000 is necessary for the surveying, mapping and topographical requirements and should be indicated in the bill.

Senator A.C. Blaz pointed out that Guam has experienced two casualties of the recent Persian Gulf War. Senator Blaz criticized a recent letter to the editor disputing this fact. General Perez indicated that he had made a response, not yet published, to this particular public criticism and would see to it that the response was made.

Senator E.R. Duenas, the sponsor of the bill, submitted written testimony in favor of his bill, and specified that there are 15 veterans organizations on Guam with no permanent meeting places. He expressed many of the advantages of the building. Copy of the testimony is attached.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee recommends that a substitute bill incorporating the suggestions of Director John O. Blaz of the Veterans Affairs Office, be reported out to the legislature with the recommendation to do pass.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
AGANA, GUAM 96910

April 25, 1991

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty First Guam Legislature  
Agana, Guam 96910

Subject: Legislative Bill No. 277

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Land Management is in full support of the intent and purposes of Bill No. 277 and with that in mind, we are encouraging passage of the said Bill.

Relative to Section 7 of the said Bill, we are standing prepared that when it becomes Law, we shall be providing the Committee with the requirements as cited and within the time frame as indicated.

However, I would like to point out at this point in time that under the Governor's Executive Order No. 90-20, a copy of which is attached hereto, Lot No. 10119-R8, containing an area of approximately 120 Acres and situating in the corner of Route One and Wusstig road in the Municipality of Yigo, has been designated as an area reserved for "NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION USES". Attached as outlined in yellow, is a rough sketch of the said site.

In my view, the said area will be an appropriate site and if held the same by others, this should be the site for the Guam Veterans Memorial Building. Infrastructure such as paved roads, power, water, sewer and telephone are available within the area and that in itself should be considered. On the contrary, if no one agrees with me on said site, then we should stand prepared in providing other alternate possibilities.

If the subject area is found suitable by others concerned, then I am recommending that a 10-acre site within the basic lot be reserved for the Memorial Building. With the said size, there will be ample space for future expansion, parking

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez  
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and green area. I am further recommending that the total amount of \$11,000.00 should be reserved from the intended appropriation under Section 6 of the Bill to cover the perimeter surveying, mapping and topographic requirements.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity in commenting on the said Bill.

Sincerely,



F. L. G. CASTRO  
Director, Department of  
Land Management

Attachment: Sketch of area involved

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TESTIMONY

BY

JOHN O. BLAZ

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS JOHN BLAZ, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE.

AS CARETAKER OF THE 15,000 PLUS VETERANS ON THE ISLAND, I AM PROUD TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL SO THAT ONCE AND FOR ALL, ALL VETERANS CAN INDEED BE PROUD OF HAVING A MEMORIAL BUILDING AS A LASTING TRIBUTE FROM THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.

SINCE I AM IN FAVOR, I NEED NOT ELABORATE NOR DEFEND MY YES VOTE. SIMPLY STATED, OUR GUAMANIAN VETERANS HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH OF THEMSELVES FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR TERRITORY.

WHAT NEEDS ARTICULATING HOWEVER, IS THE LANGUAGE OF THIS BILL. IN ITS PRESENT FORM, I FIND IT TOTALLY INADEQUATE TO DO WHAT IT IS INTENDED TO DO.

PERHAPS, MR. CHAIRMAN, ALLOW ME TO FIELD SOME QUESTIONS AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE SOME ALTERNATIVES OR RECOMMENDATIONS, IF YOU WILL.

**QUESTION # 1:** (REF. SECTION 2) THE COMPOSITION OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE. I AM OBJECTIONAL TO PARAGRAPHS a AND b. OBVIOUSLY, THIS SELECTION PROCESS BY WHICH THE GOVERNOR WILL ULTIMATELY APPOINT FROM, IS BIAS AND NOT A TRUE REPRESENTATION OF THE VETERANS AS A WHOLE ON GUAM. FRATERNAL MEMBERS TEND TO LOOK AFTER THEIR INTERESTS. LESS THAN ONE-FIFTH OF THE VETERANS ON-ISLAND ARE MEMBERS OF THE 14 ORGANIZATIONS AS MENTIONED. THIS LEAVES US WITH LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF VETERANS WHOSE INTERESTS ARE NOT WELL-REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** THERE SHOULD BE A SPREAD FROM THE SOURCES OF NOMINATIONS TO INCLUDE "AT-LARGE", THUS ALLOWING FOR NON-MEMBERS TO BE A PART OF THE COMMITTEE. PERHAPS, MY AGENCY CAN NOMINATE NOT LESS THAN FOUR (4) FROM THE "AT-LARGE" MEMBERS OR NON-MEMBERS OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, TO INCLUDE A FEMALE VETERAN, OF WHICH TWO (2) SHALL BE APPOINTED.

**QUESTION # 2:** WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STIPEND PAYMENTS OF THESE APPOINTED MEMBERS? I AM CERTAINLY NOT BUDGETED FOR IT NOR AM I MANDATED TO ALLOW FOR THIS. UNDER THE EXISTING STIPEND PROVISIONS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF NINE (9), THIS REPRESENTS AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$10,800.00 DOLLARS NOT APPROPRIATED OR ALLOCATED, MUCH LESS IDENTIFIED AS TO WHO IS TASKED TO PAY FOR IT. THIS I BELIEVE, NEEDS TO SPELLED OUT.

STILL ON THE QUESTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ALLOCATION (SECTION 2, PARAGRAPHS a AND b). THE NUMBER OF APPOINTEES, THREE (3) COMING FROM A RETIREES ORGANIZATION, IS DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH COMPARED TO THE PRESENT NUMBER OF NON-RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS, ONE vs. FOURTEEN.

**QUESTION # 3:** WHICH GOVGUAM DEPARTMENT/AGENCY DOES THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO FOR CIP MANAGEMENT?

**QUESTION # 4:** WHAT CEILING PARAMETERS DOES LAND MANAGEMENT HAVE IN TERMS OF LAND EXCHANGE COSTS WHICH MAY BE CHARGEABLE TO THE \$1,750,000?

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MR. CHAIRMAN, THE QUESTIONS I HAVE RAISED SO FAR SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM THE MOST JUST INTENT OF THIS BILL. MERELY, I SUBMIT THEM SO THAT ALL OUR VETERANS CAN REAP THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THIS NOBLE AND MAGESTIC MEMORIAL BUILDING SO GIVEN BY THEIR OWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR VETERANS.

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TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE  
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Bill No. 277

Substitute Bill by the Committee on Ways and Means

Introduced by:

E.R. DUENAS  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Maase for promptly hearing Bill 277 which you have graciously co-sponsored. As you know, I had introduced a similar measure in the 20th Guam Legislature which was also publicly heard but unfortunately did not reach the floor of the Legislature for discussion and consideration by the full body.

Bill 277 is a very timely bill, especially in view of the Persian Gulf War which the U.S.-led coalition forces have successfully prosecuted with minimal loss of life on our troops. About a thousand of our men and women from Guam, including a Guam Army National Guard military police company, participated in the conflict with honor and distinction. Thousands more had fought with valor in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and have been cited for their gallantry in action and professionalism.

At present, it is estimated that Guam has over 15,000 veterans on island and hundreds more are joining the ranks with each passing year. As I understand, we have at least 15 veterans organizations on Guam and, with very few exceptions, have no permanent offices or club houses in which the members could hold meetings and congregate for social functions.

Other than a \$740 veterans bonus that we provided our war veterans in the 1970s, we have yet to really honor them as we should. There were no ticker-tape parade to welcome home our returning veterans from the battlefields of WWII, Korea or Vietnam, and their courage and exploits have been given only passing recognition. It behooves us as a grateful community to take pride in our veterans, assist them as much as possible, and accord public recognition and appreciation in a more lasting manner.

But rather than simply build a massive monument that is lovely to look at, it is felt that we can honor them better by building a "functional memorial" that not only would praise their unselfish sacrifices in defense of peace and freedom but which also could be used for their collective benefit. That's why Bill 277 is proposing that we build a Veterans Memorial Building to provide much-needed office spaces, meeting rooms, an auditorium and a museum which the veterans themselves would have a part in its planning and building.

The museum could be designed not only to provide display of veterans' mementos but also include a "special wall memorial" on which the names of all war casualties and veterans of exceptional achievements could be etched for all to see by the present and future generations. The museum also could serve as a depository

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This measure seeks to establish an ad hoc committee comprising of veterans who would decide what type of a veterans memorial building they would like built in their honor and for their use, and to appropriate \$1.75 million for its design, construction and furnishings. It also would direct the Department of Land Management to identify available government lands from which the committee could select as a site for the memorial building.

Mr. Chairman, Guam is undoubtedly experiencing unprecedented growth and economic boom. Unlike in the past years in which we had to pinch pennies to make ends meet in addressing the basic essential needs of the community, we now have funds to also undertake other projects and programs for the benefit of our citizenry. Like I've stated earlier in this testimony, we have about 15,000 veterans on Guam and their number continues to grow by the hundreds each year. Considered along with their immediately families, I dare say that they constitute about 40 percent of our island's civilian population and possibly 30 percent of our tax-paying base.

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Mr. Chairman, I respectfully request your committee to favorably consider this measure and enact it as soon as possible. I am sure that our veterans -- both living and dead -- will surely appreciate that gesture on our part.

Sincerely,



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