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Port Celebrates 45 Years During Port Week Celebration



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Virtual Proclamation Signing: Port Week



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Notices

Under Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's Executive Order No. 2020-30, Guam continues to be in Pandemic Condition of Readiness 1 (PCOR1). Anyone entering the Port must wear a mask at all times. Port employees and tenants may obtain the latest guidelines and information relating to the Port Authority of Guam and COVID-19 by visiting our website at:
<https://www.portofguam.com/covid-19-guidelines-and-information>

The Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam celebrated its 45th anniversary from October 26 – October 30, 2020 with a series of events that ran throughout the week. Unlike past celebrations, all events were held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first event kicked off on Monday October 26, 2020 with a virtual opening ceremony, consisting of a flag-raising ceremony followed by a parade of trucks, proclamation signing by Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio and resolution presentation by the Port's Oversight Chairman Sen. Clynt Ridgell and Speaker Tina Muna Barnes. At the end of the virtual opening ceremony, the Port debuted a video honoring their frontliners called "The Port in the Pandemic."

The entire opening ceremony was broadcast live on the Governor's Facebook page as well as on the Port's Facebook and YouTube page.

"The Port Authority of Guam is celebrating 45 years and now, more than ever, we can see why the Port employees are proudly recognized as 'Port Strong,'" said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The Port is truly the lifeline of our island and our region, and this virtual celebration highlights the Port Strong Spirit. We managed to keep our island's only commercial seaport 100% operational, even throughout this COVID-19

pandemic. We work tirelessly for the people of Guam, and for all of our brothers and sisters of our neighboring islands. It was a must for us to continue this time-honored tradition of recognizing the Port employees, as well as our local and federal partners, only this time we are doing this celebration virtually."

On October 27th, a Virtual Town Hall Celebration and Employee Awards Ceremony took place with Port employees joining in on the zoom meeting or watching live via the Port's Facebook and YouTube page.

At this Town Hall Celebration, employee awards for Years of Service and Sick Leave were presented with Port employees receiving congratulatory messages from the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the Guam Legislature, Board Chairman Frank Santos, Board Secretary Isa Koki, General Manager Rory Respicio, Deputy General Managers Dominic Muna & Luis Baza and from members of our Port Users Group.

On October 28th, the Port Users Group was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation during their virtual monthly meeting and later that afternoon the virtual Port Week 2020 Employee Awards Ceremony was premiered live on Facebook and YouTube. On Thursday October 29th, the video

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premiere of the "Port Modernization – We Keep Guam Moving" was aired live on Facebook and YouTube. On the 30th, the video premiere of "45 Years of Port Strong" also premiered live on social media. These series of videos were premiered to celebrate the Port Authority, the Modernization Program and to honor the men and women of the agency.

All the videos were filmed, compiled and produced by the Marketing Division in celebration of 45 years of Port Strong service to the people of Guam and the neighboring islands.

The virtual events can all be viewed on the Port's Facebook and YouTube pages as well as the agency's Port Week 2020 Website Page at portofguam.com/news/port-week-2020.

2020 Employee Awards

Congratulations to the following employees on your achievements. Your dedication, commitment and enthusiasm to your jobs remains an inspiration to all Port employees.

RETIREEES AWARD

Feliciano F. Marquez, Plumber II - 25 years
Frank J. Sablan, Marine Traffic Controller – 22 years
Simeon S. Delos Santos, Engineer Manager – 33 years
Gerald F. Torres, Crane Operator – 29 years
Alejandro T. Retumban, Cargo Checker – 21 years
Charlene RS Yatar, Assistant Harbor Master – 27 years
Anthony M. Blas, Stevedore Supervisor I – 30 years
Francisco Q. Mendiola, Crane Operator – 4 years
Jose M. Tedtaotao, Welder Supervisor – 18 years

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD

40 YEARS

Vivian C. Leon, Corporate Services Manager

35 YEARS

Jorge R. Javelosa, Equipment Maintenance Superintendent
Roy C. Mendiola, Welder Leader

30 YEARS

Annie LG Sablan, Inventory Management Administrator
Dennis J. Perez, Systems Manager
Derrick M. Balajadia, Crane Operator Leader
Dora J. Perez, Planner IV
Frank S.N. Cepeda, Cargo Checker Supervisor
Jennie C. Untalan, Administrative Officer
Julio D. Yap, Crane Mechanic Supervisor
Kenneth J. Quintanilla, Administrative Assistant
Peter LG Topasna, Crane Mechanic II
Ricky E. Garrido, Equipment Operator II
Ronald Ayuyu, Program Coordinator II
Anthony J. Evangelista, Equipment Operator II
Anthony R. Francisco, Mobile Equipment Dispatcher
Edwin Malaga, Crane Operator
Frances T. Cepeda, Personnel Specialist IV
Francine T. Rocio, Personnel Services Administrator
Gregorio L. Babauta, Crane Operator
Josette J. Javelosa, Program Coordinator IV
Jose P. Bamba, Crane Operator Leader
William M. Hudson, Heavy Equipment Mechanic Leader

25 YEARS

Evelyn Pangelinan, Maintenance Planner
Alfredo T. Bordallo, III, Mobile Equipment Dispatcher
Antonio Q. Untalan, Equipment Operator II
Edna M. Eclavea, Clerk III
Efren B. Niu, Crane Mechanic II

25 YEARS CONTINUED

Eric J. Salas, Port Police II
Glenn B. Nelson, Commercial Manager
Jennifer N. Leon Guerrero, Tariff Supervisor
Jesse A. Diego, Crane Operator
Jesse N. Quinata, Stevedore Leader
John J. Leon Guerrero, Heavy Equipment Mechanic Supervisor
Jose A. Ulloa, Jr., Terminal Superintendent
Joseph P. Cruz, Clerk III
Juan C. Borja, Planner III
Peter R. Cruz, Marine Traffic Controller
Sonja L. Cruz, Administrative Officer

20 YEARS

Carl I. Quinata, Commercial Specialist II
Carmelita C. Nededog, Personnel Specialist IV
Helen M. Toves, Planner II
Herbert Hattig, Crane Mechanic II
Janice H. Flores, Vessel Planner
John E. Tass, Plumber II
Ray D. Aromin, Welder II
Roy P.C. Flores, Heavy Equipment Mechanic II
Steven P. Muna, Contracts Management Administrator
Virginia Payumo, Accounting Technician II

SICK LEAVE AWARD:

5000 HOURS - Vivian C. Leon, Corporate Services Manager
3500 HOURS - Francine T. Rocio, Personnel Services Administrator
2500 HOURS - Frances T. Cepeda, Personnel Specialist IV
Joann B. Conway, General Accounting Supervisor
Juan C. Borja, Planner III
Margret Duenas, Management/Program Analysis Officer
Miami M. Elordi, General Accounting Supervisor
2000 HOURS - Efren Niu, Crane Mechanic II
Raymond B. Santos, Transportation Superintendent
1500 HOURS - George Piolo, Preventive Maint. Mechanic Leader
Peter C. Lorenzo, Crane Operator
1000 HOURS - Alan I. Calip, Equipment Operator III
Arnold Fernando, Equipment Operator II
Benny M. Quinata, Port Police II
Betty Wusstig-Perez, Program Coordinator II
Edwin San Nicolas, Carpenter II
George C. Pecina, Accounting Technician III
Jacqueline Cruz, Program Coordinator II
Joaquin Manglona, Stevedore Leader
Josette Javelosa, Program Coordinator IV
Maui Ogo, Equipment Operator II
Melchor Perez, Plumber II
Michael Barcinas, Cargo Checker
Steve Muna, Contracts Management Administrator
Walter M. Santos, Stevedore Supervisor I
Wayne Drilon, Port Police I

Port Receives AGA Certificate of Excellence

The Port Authority of Guam for the very first time has been recognized on a national level for transparency and communication with the public regarding how the agency spends ratepayer dollars.

The National Association of Government Accountants awarded the Port Authority of Guam the "Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting."

For the last ten years, the Port has been in compliance with a local law that requires Government of Guam agencies to publish a Citizen-Centric Report no later than 60 calendar days after the independent audit report for that agency has been released by the

Guam Office of Public Accountability.

The Citizen-Centric Report is an initiative to simplify communication between the government and its citizens who have a right to accurate information about how their government spends their taxpayer and ratepayer funds.

Last month the Port was awarded the "Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting" for the agency's Citizen-Centric Report published in July 2020.

This is the first time the Port has received this recognition on a national level for the report.

"I want to thank the National Association of Government Accountants for recognizing the Port's efforts to remain transparent with the people of Guam and for acknowledging the Port for setting new standards of transparency and accountability," said Port GM Rory J. Respicio.

Respicio added, "Our Citizen-Centric Report is aligned with the Leon Guerrero Tenorio Administration and Board's vision and goals to keep the Port fiscally responsible and transparent to all the people of Guam. The Port's Citizen-Centric Report highlights our achievements and shows that we instituted prudent fiscal management, strong internal controls and cost containment measures that enabled us to take the Port from a \$103,000 net-income loss in Fiscal Year 2018 to earning nearly \$7.5 million in just one year."

The Port's Citizen-Centric Report is produced by the Financial Affairs Division under the direction of Financial Affairs Controller Jojo Guevara with the assistance of the Port's Marketing Division. The Port Authority's CCR may be viewed at the Port's website.



Demolition of Derelict Vessel

A derelict vessel that had been abandoned for years was finally demolished by the Port Authority of Guam with the assistance of the Department of Public Works.

The Azuma was originally a liveaboard vessel docked at the Agat Marina which was abandoned by its original owners. After several beatings from numerous storms that hit Guam, it began to take on water.

To prevent the Azuma from completely sinking, the Port Authority drained all remaining fuel, cleared all toxins and tugged the vessel to Seaplane Ramp in September of 2011.

Nine years later, this eyesore was finally disposed.

This is the first of many projects that the Port is undertaking to dispose of other derelict vessels, the two decommissioned STG gantry cranes, two RTG cranes, and the mobile harbor crane.



Officials from the Port and Public Works spent a full day demolishing the Azuma using a large backhoe and the Port's dump truck.

They then removed and hauled the scrap metal from the Seaplane Ramp to Hawaiian Rock scrapyard.

The demolition took place to prepare for the implementation of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between The Guam Customs & Quarantine Maritime Interdiction Task Force (MITF) and the Port Authority Police Division which calls for the installation of a 40-foot container office and the construction/installation of a Candock Floating System at Seaplane Ramp.

Guam Customs is taking the lead and is in the process of obtaining the necessary local and federal permits for the installation of the floating dock at Seaplane Ramp and is currently working with Public Works in obtaining a building permit for the installation of the container office.

"This MOU with the Guam Customs & Quarantine Maritime Interdiction Task Force is a key element in the Port Authority extending our security capabilities out into the ocean," said Rory J. Respicio, General Manager of the Port Authority of Guam.

The General Manager added, "With the acquisition of two U.S. Coast Guard boats, our Port Police officers are now able to patrol the waterfront and dockside areas of the Port Authority. I look forward to the completion of this project and coordination with Guam Customs on future projects that will enhance the security capabilities and operations of both agencies."

Congratulations to everyone involved in this project. You are truly appreciated for your hard work and dedication to the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port.

Hand-Held Nano Spray Gun for All Divisions

Nine months into this COVID-19 pandemic and Management continues to implore all employees to wear a mask at all times, practice social distancing and sanitize frequently. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms you must stay home and seek medical attention immediately. But in spite of this constant reminders and the safety measures already in place, the Port continues to see employees who test positive and it grows as the cases also grow across the island.

In addition to the Port Clinic, E-Advisories, and plexiglas dividers, the Port has taken another step in an effort to slow the spread and protect the employees by issuing hand-held Nano disinfecting spray guns to all the divisions of the Port Authority. According to Safety Division staff, the following units have been delivered: 10 to Operations Division, 8 to Equipment Maintenance Division, 7 to Port Police and 1 unit for each division in the Administration Building. Employees from the Safety Division also conducted training on the use of the unit with the various divisions.

"I cannot stress enough the importance of following the Governor's directives of wearing a mask at all times, practicing social distancing, and sanitizing frequently. This is our defense in staying safe. If you are feeling sick, stay home. Because when you come to work, you are elevating the possibility of spreading the virus to your co-workers," said General Manager Rory Respicio.

If any employee has any questions about COVID-19, please review all of the Port E-Advisories that have been issued since the onset of this pandemic at the Port Authority's website under COVID-19 Guidelines and Information.



Customs Bid Farewell to Fellow Officer

The Port Authority of Guam joined Guam Customs and Quarantine (GCQ) Agency in showing respect to Officer Renie Tumanda during a ceremony in front of the main administration building at the Port Authority of Guam on October 9, 2020.

Officer Tumanda was one of the six officers assigned to the Port Authority of Guam who tested positive for COVID-19. While the other 5 officers recovered and have since returned to work, Officer Tumanada unfortunately lost his battle against the virus.

He was the island's 41st COVID-related death. Currently GCQ has 15 officers assigned to the Port Authority of Guam.

Officer Tumanda had served with the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency for six years. Officer Tumanda is survived by his wife, three children, parents, and two brothers.

The Port Strong Family extends our thoughts and prayers to the family members, friends and coworkers of Officer Renie Tumanda.



Port Keeps on with the Halloween Spirit

COVID-19 and social distancing may have seized the annual Port Costume Contest but it didn't stop different divisions from celebrating and decorating their areas. Great job to everyone!



October Monthly Meeting of the Port Users Group Guam

Port Authority of Guam General Manager Rory J. Respicio and Deputy General Managers Luis Baza and Dominic Muna took part in the monthly Port Users Group Guam meeting via Zoom.

Topics included COVID-19 and operations for the port and all tenants, gantry crane removal operations and the tariff guaranteed shift pay policy. Members of the Port Users Group Guam have asked the Port to train their companies on how to contact trace after hearing about the Port's Contact Tracing Team.

Respicio informed members that his team is working on the training program for their companies and will be implementing the training program soon.



Port Employees Celebrate November Birthdays



Eric J. Balajadia
Chauncy J. Perez
Julieta A. Sontillanosa
Leo D. Tirador
George S. Duenas
Shawn D. Flores
Maria T. Llanes
Ted R. Cruz
Frank V.A. Cepeda Jr
Craig-Thomas D.
Palomo Joshua V.
Candoleta Kyle J.
Gaspay-Paulino
Roy P.C. Flores
Roy C. Mendiola

Anthony P.D.
Manibusan
Kenneth J. Quintanilla
Ernest D. Madahan
Raymond B. Santos
Joseph K. Mesa
Theresa Rose T. Reyes-
Manibusan
Jonathan L. Aguon
Brandon M. Naputi
Norberto D. Datuin
Bartolome Sepulia
Ninia M.G. Lumanog
Jose J. Tajalle
Paul M. Tedtaotao



The Port continues to mourn the loss of Frontline Hero and COVID Warrior Henry San Nicolas who passed away due to COVID-19. His funeral is scheduled for November 25th and will include a ceremony at the Port in honor of our beloved Port Strong Family member. Rest in Peace brother Henry!