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The 18th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Leadership in Governance through Inter-Governmental Linkages & Partnerships

3rd Senatorial and 18th Saipan & Gani Islands District Municipality Leadership



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1/2023-1/2027



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Chairwoman
1/2025-1/2027



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Vice Chairwoman
1/2025-1/2027



CARMEN C. PANGELINAN
Secretary
1/2025-1/2027



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1/2023-1/2027

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1/2025-1/2027



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24th Vice Chairwoman
1/2025-1/2027



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24th House Speaker
1/2025-1/2027



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24th Senate President
1/2025-1/2027



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1/2025-1/2027



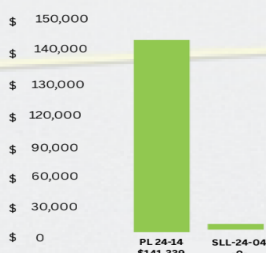
DENNIS JAMES MENDIOLA
Lt. Governor
1/2025-1/2027

Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Executive Administration

HUMAN AND FISCAL RESOURCES

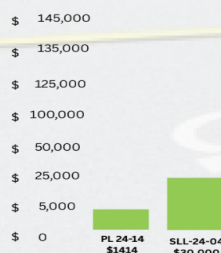
Personnel:

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2025



Operations:

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2025



18th Saipan & Northern Islands
Municipal Council Members

Admin. Officer
Frances C. Muna

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Luis Q. Kapileo

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Jiandra DLC. Lizama

Clerk
Lynn T. Sablan

Maintenance
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The 3rd Senatorial District Municipal Governance Fundamentals as Distinct & Separate Constitutionally-Established Municipal Administration

Article VI, § 1 Creation

The mission of the 3rd senatorial district local governance remains committed to adhering to Article VI of the CNMI Constitution which provides for local municipal governance in the Commonwealth. The 18th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council (the Council), as are other municipal councils in the CNMI, is established by the Constitution in § 1 to serve and take action as a separate and distinct agency of municipal governance for purposes of and in exercise, performance and conduct of its mission-driven administration and operation as a municipal entity distinct and separate from the central executive government and administration.



Article VI, § 6 Authority

The council's specific Constitutional authority for the conduct of its administration and operation is expressly granted in § 6 to adopt its own governing administration and operational Rules of Procedures (the Council Rules) which the current council adopted in January 2025.

Article VI, § 7 Authority

The Constitution in § 7 also grants explicit general powers of the municipal councils to all local matters of a predominately local nature not pre-empted by the Commonwealth Legislature, in exercise and performance of the council's Constitutional authority established in § 1 as a distinct and separate municipality governance for and in exercise, performance and conduct of the local council s administration and operation as a municipal entity by and through its own Rules of Procedures.

Article II, § 6 Authority

The Constitution also provides general authority for local (municipal) ordinances to be adopted by agencies of local government established under article VI, § 6(b) in 1978 ,and as amended in § 8 in 1985.

Prescribed Constitutional Authorities

- Provide assistance to the mayor on annual budget formulation delineating local (municipal) needs;
- Approve reprogramming of funds by Executive Branch department in the approved budget upon request by an Executive Branch department head in consultation with the mayor
- Confirm resident department heads stationed on their island or islands;
- Council chairperson automatically becomes acting mayor when a mayor cannot discharge the duties of office of mayor for reason of physical or mental disability; and
- Whenever the mayor is absent from the 3rd senatorial district of Saipan or the Northern Islands, the Council chairperson shall be acting mayor by law.

Executive Council of Mayors & Councils: Article VI, § 5

The Constitution in Article VI, § 5 provides mandatory membership of and participation by Chairpersons of Municipal Councils in a Governor's Council. Among the mandatory duties of mayors and presiding council officers shall be to provide advise to the governor on government operations and local matters. The governor s executive council is to be presided by the governor. This local group shall meet regularly or at least four times each year: the executive group is required to consider matters concerning the relationship between the Commonwealth and its separate principal islands.

Among the overriding mission of the current third senatorial council is the formation of a charter municipality, like the charter municipalities of the first and second senatorial districts with accompanying visions of decentralized municipal treasury, finance, personnel and procurement that provide a more efficient, timely, reliable, and effective service to the municipalities which serve as strategic targets or goals based on the operational and administrative requirements of the demographics of the local municipalities and responsive to the exigencies unique to the respective municipal governance throughout the CNMI for the improvement of the overall quality of life locally that is beneficial to the Commonwealth as a whole.

Recognition & Celebration of Home Grown Historically Rooted Leadership: The 16th Anniversary of the Kiosku Memorial Leadership Courtyard

16th Anniversary Dedication: Chalan Kanoa Kiosku Historic Periods

Pre-1521 Pre-Contact Chamorro Ancestors.	1565-1900 The Spanish Administration of the Marianas North of Guam.	1898 Post Spanish-American War Annexation of Guam by the United States.	1899-1914 German Administration of the Marianas North of Guam.
1945 Atomic Bombs detonated in Hiroshima, Japan killing over 100,000 civilians and Nagasaki, too, claiming over 70,000 Japanese dropped by U.S. planes that took off the Tinian Airfield in early August.	1944 U.S.-led Takeover of the Marianas ending Japan's Rule in World War II with nearly a thousand Chamorro and Carolinian civilian lives lost and hundreds of thousands of U.S. and Japanese armed forces and foreign families taken during the war.	1941 Pearl Harbor Bombing on Honolulu, Hawaii by Japan in December and the Militarization of the Marianas North of Guam by Japan.	1914-1920 Japan Takeover of the Marianas North of Guam, became a Post-WWI U.N. Mandated Islands in 1920.
1944-1946 Liberation of Native Chamorros and Carolinians from Camp Chalan Kanoa and Camp Susupe Internment by the United States in July under the U.S. Naval Administration after WWII.	1947-1994 Transition from Naval Administration to the United Nations Trusteeship of the Marianas North of Guam began under the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Civilian Administration and Congress of Micronesia. During this period beginning in 1962, the Territory of the Pacific Islands Administration was head-quartered in Capitol Hill, Saipan until 1986.	1978 Covenant Agreement Establishing Formal Political Relationship.	
1985 Second Constitutional Convention on Certain Additions and Amendments to the First CNMI Constitution.	1978 First CNMI Constitution effective on January 9, 1978.	1977 First CNMI Constitution was ratified by Northern Mariana Islands voters on March 6, 1977.	1976 First Commonwealth Constitution was drafted by 39 elected delegates at a constitutional convention held in Saipan.
2008 Tenth (10th) Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council Initiative on the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kiosku (Courtyard) Project (July 16, 2008 at the Council Chamber in Chalan Kanoa) by Chairwoman Antonia M. Tudela, Vice Chairwoman/Ramón B. Camacho, and Council member Felipe G. Atalig to coincide with the designation of the two parcels of public land by the Department of Public Lands Secretary John Del Rosario in March 2008.	2009 Tenth (10th) Council Awarded Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five and Eighty One Cents (\$338,455.81) in HUD funds for the Kiosku Project.		
2012 Phase II Construction Completion in July 2012 followed by the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 29, 2012 Culminating the Term of the Eleventh (11th) Council Chairperson Ramon B. Camacho, Vice Chairperson/Secretary Eric Demapan, and Councilman Ralph N. Yumul.	2011 Phase II Design Completion of the First Chalan Kanoa Kiosku Project designed by HB Cabrera and Associates.	2010 Phase I Construction on the Courtyard Completed in November 2010 during the Eleventh (11th) Council.	
2017 14th Council Rededication Ceremony of the Chalan Kanoa Kiosku Courtyard by Council Chairman L.J. Castro, Vice Chairwoman Antonia M. Tudela and Secretary Diego L. Kaipos.	2024 FOUNDING of the Chalan Kanoa Leadership Memorial Kiosku eleven (11) years ago by the tenth (10th) municipal council (2008) led by council chairwoman Tonia Maribon Tudela joined by vice chairman / secretary HB Camacho, and councilman Felipe G. Atalig. Today's event is hosted by seventh (7th) council chairwoman Maria OLG. Tudela and vice chairwoman Tonia M. Tudela and joined by council secretary Corina C. Ringolbon, Good Islands Mayor V. Marcano and Saipan Mayor (M) Camacho with the generous support by the 23rd Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (NILD) Chairman JP Sojan and NILD members, 23rd House Speaker Edmar B. Bagan and Senate President both Dr. Quinones, and Governor Arnold Palacios and Lt. Governor David Aparicio.		

16-YEAR ANNIVERSARY, SAIPAN & GANI ISLANDS LEADERSHIP MEMORIAL KIOSKU

17th SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Saipan & Northern Islands Leadership Memorial Kiosku Project is under the auspices of the Tenth Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council (2008-2010), in collaboration with community development and regulatory agencies and local community partners. Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the CNMI Northern Mariana Housing Corporation through the Office of the CNMI Governor Rogelio A. Vidal and U.S. Senator Roy S. Luta.

Chairwoman Antonia Maribon Tudela
Vice Chairwoman/Ramón B. Camacho
Councilmember Felipe G. Atalig

PROJECT: SAIPAN NORTHERN ISLANDS LEADERSHIP MEMORIAL KIOSKU

ARCHITECT: HERMAN E. CABRERA, AIA

CONTRACTOR: SK CORPORATION

COMPLETION DATE: JULY 29, 2012

SOUVENIR BOOKLET



The Historic Saipan Municipal Government: A 10-Year Journey (2015-2025) in Building Local Capacity to Revitalizing the 3rd Senatorial Municipality Administration

Relevant Undisputed Facts in PW 69 Construction History of Successful Fruition

It is undisputed that FEMA *adjusted* more than once the eligible construction and related (eligible) project cost estimates in PW 69 public disaster assistance *after* the date of declaration on August 5, 2015 through April 2021. The *initial* allocated funding was issued in November 2015 at a mere \$54,396.62. Equally undisputed were the delays caused by a longstanding dispute by FEMA and HPO on the adverse effect by PW 69 on the historic properties in the historic district of Chalan Kanoa after 2015 beginning in 2016: this situation was accentuated in the aftermath of Typhoon Yutu (Oct. 2018) compounded in 2020-2021 by Covid 19 pandemic, which stalled PW 69 through 2021. By the time the permitting and environmental issues appear to had been resolved, construction costs had skyrocketed by then, which required supplemental funding secured through DOI/OIA in 2021, but, like compliance with § 106 with PW 69, this funding also required NEPA clearance by USACOE, further delaying project commencement pending issuance of the authorization to proceed (ATP) which was eventually issued in March 2023. Not only is this reality illustrated in the Milestone Events and Notes in Exhibit C that follows after this brief descriptive narration.

August 5, 2015 FEMA PW 69 Date of Declaration for Typhoon Soudelor Disaster FEMA Assistance.

November 17, 2015 (PA-09-MP-4235-PW-69) FEMA *initial* funding allocation of \$35,348.38 for the roof repairs on the damaged building and \$19,048.24 for damaged furniture and equipment (contents), or a total funding at \$54,396.62.

June 21, 2016 PW 69 funding 2nd funding escalation revision to the initial November 2015 level.

July 13, 2016 CNMI Historic Preservation Office (HPO) noticed the Council and FEMA on required compliance with § 106.

December 2, 2016, FEMA declared a “no historic properties affected” on the repair or the replacement of the structure declared damaged by Typhoon Soudelor in August 2015, (worsened by Typhoon Yutu two (2) years later in October 2018).

December 23, 2016 HPO non-concurrence response to FEMA’s position of no adverse effect to historic property, insisting that the old council building did retain vestiges of historical background, and requested FEMA for alternatives or mitigation measures over outright demolition in an effort to remove or reduce adverse effects involved.

January 23, 2017 PW 69 subrecipient council petitioned the Governor’s Authorized Representative (GAR) for a change in project location from the old building to a new construction adjacent to it: this was subrecipient’s effort to break the interagency impasse over an unresolved issue between FEMA and HPO on adverse effects on historic properties.

February 2, 2017, The CNMI Department of Public Works, however, conducted a structural integrity assessment on the damaged building and concluded the damaged building to be structurally unsafe and must be condemned: DPW also concluded that the conditions of the electrical and plumbing system required substantial re-tooling and connection compliance upgrade in order to meet the minimum building code requirements.

February 5, 2017 3rd funding escalation revision for PW 69 allocation.

September 18, 2018, FEMA EHP David Cohen noticed by email the PW 69 subrecipient council regarding an historical structure report to determine the structural integrity of the old building prior to engaging in §106 compliance review.

September 24, 2018, subrecipient completed the A&E construction plan for the new reinforced concrete construction replacement of and for an entirely new PW 69 building for construction adjacent to the Typhoon Soudelor damaged council building for the new building construction site adjacent to the main United States Postal Service (USPS) and the old council building in Chalan Kanoa.

October 18, 2018 notice Clearly, the documented pushbacks heretofore are undisputed, and unavailingly became *controlling* in scheduling forward with the PW 69 construction, particularly when juxtaposed in the context of FEMA’s October 18, 2018 notice from which the August 2015 date of declaration 2015 should be given its proper context in both application and effect here, given that the intervening extenuating events from the Soudelor disaster in 2015 to events that followed subsequent thereto, both individually and collectively became external forces beyond the control and subject matter jurisdiction of PW 69 subrecipient and recipient.

October 22, 2018 a month after the FEMA EHP notice in September, FEMA issued another notice to the Public Assistance Office / Governor’s Authorized Representative (GAR) directing PAO / GAR to “refrain from (PW 69) construction activities...for compliance with applicable federal environmental laws and regulations” and for subrecipient “to obtain and comply with *all* appropriate federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, and/or permits prior to the start of construction”.

April 19, 2019, FEMA approved the PW 69 construction site relocation at the request of the council followed up on March 26, 2018.

On March 4, 2020, FEMA noticed HPO of its own finding of adverse effect re in FEMA's ACHP report for the replacement of the building in re to § 106, and requested concurrence via a memorandum of agreement.

On May 4, 2020, HPO concurred to FEMA's ACHP consultation *draft* report in re to FEMA-PA-4235-PW-69(1) on § 106 that would be addressed through a public interpretation plan for an adverse effect to historic properties.

December 17, 2020 FEMA convened a meet-n-confer on Saipan: the meeting involved the recipient (GAR), HPO and subrecipient, the purpose of which was to conduct a briefing on FEMA's draft ACHP scope of work (SOW) and memorandum of agreement (MOA) for HPO review and concurrence. In this meeting, subrecipient also requested the recipient (GAR) for additional funding support (\$400,000) through the Governor's Office of Capital Improvement Project, in order to supplement the project worksheet 69 funded budget last adjusted and locked-in in April 2021 dwarfed and underfunded in light of the added inflationary cost due in part to project construction delays, also heightened by limited construction supplies available on Saipan following Typhoon Yutu in October 2018 (squeezed with Yutu-related construction repairs and replacements) compounded by the increased federal minimum wage which impacted the local worker cost and the funding agency requirement on Buy America materials.

On March 11, 2021, FEMA (Teri Toye) emailed subrecipient FEMA's proposed draft scope of work for the public interpretation plan (PW 69.1) alternative treatment or mitigation to adverse effects on the historic properties at the construction site. FEMA's Toye also informed subrecipient that FEMA will add another thirty thousand dollars \$30,000 (4th funding escalation) to the eligible costs to PW 69 to defray the cost of consultant to conduct research, develop the content, prepare the layout and design, make any requested revisions, and for the fabrication and installation of the panel at the entrance outside and inside the new construction. See Appendix at 12.

On March 23, 2021, a news breaking equivalent drew away attention from the monotony of the prolonged PW 69 pushbacks and setbacks, which became a pivotal event as it was also an important harbinger towards moving forward towards the completion of PW 69 construction of the new building: on February 5, 2021, the Office of Governor Office of Capital Improvement Project Administrator noticed subrecipient that the U.S. Department of the Interior (USDOI), Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) approved subrecipient's supplemental funding request for \$400,000 in supplemental funding support for the PW 69 construction (5th funding escalation for the project).

April 7, 2021 As it did since November 2015, FEMA on April 7, 2021, again, re-adjusted (6th funding escalation) the allocated budget to \$532,768.24, the additional \$30,000 intended to fund the public interpretation panel in compliance with § 106, setting in 2021 an allocated construction budget at \$450,505.81.

On April 8, 2021, FEMA formally noticed (GAR 21-221) subrecipient re in PW 689.1, P.A. ID: 110-99110-08, FEMA-4235-DR-MP eligible funding for PW 69 at \$54,396.62 and PW 69.1 at \$478,371.62, or a total of \$532,768.24, the federal share limited to \$479,491.42, or \$430,534.46 for PW 69.1 and \$48,956.96 for PW 69, respectively.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, major slowdown and even certain shutdowns in government operations occurred in the CNMI beginning mid-2020, which continued in scope of reduced operations throughout 2021, thereby caused obvious ripple effects of exponential proportion in what was by then already an overextended cumulative pushback on PW 69 construction beyond subrecipient's control since the date of declaration in August 2015.

April 14, 2021 OIA's (CIP) funding supplement, however, was *conditioned* or contingent in a April 14, 2021 notice through the CIP administrator on the NEPA review/clearance requirement *prior* to OIA's issuance through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACOE) of the required authorization to proceed (ATP) notice which would authorize the release and use of the funds for the PW 69 construction, which remained pending as of May 28, 2021.

January 23, 2022 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers not completed with the NEPA review for all outstanding Capital Improvement Project (CIP) grant Projects including the supplemental budget of \$400,000 for PW 69 project [6 years, 5 months].

February 3, 2022 FEMA Approval of Time Extension (FEMA Log: 396077) June 30, 2022 [6 years, 6 months].

June 2022 – July 2022 Update: CIP- Pending NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Approvals by USACOE [6 years, 10 months].

January 1, 2023 CNMI Government Elects the 17th Council Members for FY23 [6 years, 11 months]

January 11, 2023 CIP/ PAO / SMC Meeting Introduction to newly elected 17th Council Members and updates and further discussions on pending PW 69 project [7 years, 5 months].

March 27, 2023 tier news breaking event for PW 69 with OIA's official notice of release on the use of \$400,000 in support of the PW 69 construction: with OIA's Authorization to Proceed (ATP), subrecipient and the Office of the Governor's CIP administrator were poised in applying the \$400,000 in needed funding funded by the U.S. Department of Interior (assisted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the NEPA compliance clearance), became a pivotal turning point as the beginning schedule on the construction of PW 69 project from the date of disaster declaration in August 2015.

March 6, 2024 PAO/GAR initiated a formal request to FEMA for a 9-month construction time extension for PW 69 project completion from March 15, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

June 6, 2024 PAO /GAR Petitioned / Filed Change Order No. 1 to R3A Contract No. 32300790 with Procurement.

June 30, 2024 FEMA Approval of PW 69 estimated project completion under the 17th [8 years, 11 months], but some how modified the timeline to March 15, 2024 for purposes of qualifying eligible expenses to be incurred on the project. Unbeknownst to the Public Assistance Office (PAO) and the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) was the Grants Period of Performance issue that eventually factored into the continued use of the Soudelor disaster assistance funding on PW 69 construction.

August 7, 2024 FEMA formally responded to PAO/GAR's March 2024 request for PW 69 construction completion time extension which was received by postal mail on August 13, 2024 (9 months time extension due to extenuating circumstances delaying commencement of PW 69 ranging from delays in issuing construction permits to unanticipated underground utility asbestos water pipes for end-capping with materials and supplies unavailable on island, Guam, Hawaii, or California).

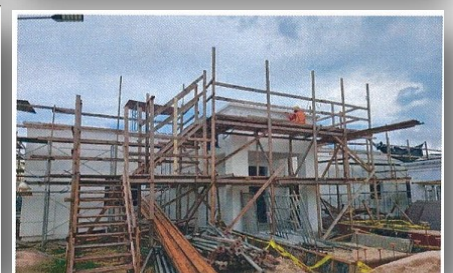
August 8, 2024 Procurement Approved for Contract Routing Change Order No. 1 to R3A Contract No. 32300790.

September 10, 2024 Subrecipient Appeal on FEMA's August 7, 2024 administrative action with and through PAO/GAR which PAO/GAR concurred with its own appeal filed with FEMA .

October 4-11, 2024 Governor, Finance Secretary, AGO Approved Change Order No. 1 to R3A Contract No. 32300790.

October 17, 2024 R3A Signed Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 32300790.

February 13, 2025 Procurement issued the Notice to Proceed (NTP) on Change Order No. 1 to R3A in re to Contract No. 32300790 Expiring on November 10, 2025.





October 14, 2025 PW 69 stood at 85% project completion.

October 20, 2025 R3A filed a petition / request to PW 69 subrecipient and PAO / GAR requesting a 45-day time extension to December 24, 2025 from the November 10, 2025 project contract completion / expiration of PW 69 project with reasons primarily due to extenuating circumstances, such as the ongoing federal shutdown; the apparent air and ocean freight shipping delays, inclement weather, etc.

Cumulatively, these extenuating events stalled PW 69 construction since the date of Typhoon Soudelor declaration in August 2015 through 2023, for a total pushback of eight (8) years since the disaster declaration date (Aug. 2015), and ultimately the PW 69 period of performance with respect to the project deadline for completion. (Typhoon Yutu in Oct. 2018). During the Covid-19 pandemic, major slowdown and even certain shutdowns in government operations occurred in the CNMI beginning mid-2020, which continued in scope of reduced operations throughout 2021, thereby caused obvious ripple effects of exponential proportion in what was by then already an overextended cumulative pushback on PW 69 construction beyond subrecipient's control since the date of declaration in August 2015. Clearly, the factual events enumerated heretofore, therefore, would appear controlling with respect to the project deadline period of performance extension available in § 206.204 §§ (c)(i) and (ii) and (d) which provides contextual meaning to the date of declaration on available period of availability in § 207.8(b)(1) and (3) which amply justifies granting subrecipient's first substantive project completion extension period of performance.



Front of the new building



Back of the new building

In Memoriam Remembrance, Blessing & Mediation of some 900 Civilian Casualties of WWII: Marianas Memorial Courtyard, American Memorial Park (AMP)



LED candles lit the Marianas Memorial courtyard of American Memorial Park



L-R: Council Secretary Carmen C. Pangelinan, Chairwoman Marian Dlg. Tudela, Park Superintendent Barbara Alberti and Council Vice Chairwoman Antonia M. Tudela

In Memoriam for Over 80 years after WWII at American Memorial Park

The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, in cooperation with American Memorial Park on Saipan, is, again, set this November 2025 for its annual In Memoriam commemorative remembrance, blessing, and meditative ceremony for nearly a thousand Chamorros and Carolinian civilians who perished during the fierce Battle of Saipan nearly 80 years ago in June 1944.

The Marianas Memorial Monument was completed on June 13, 2004, a project organized by then-Gov. Juan N. Babauta when he was a representative in Washington, D.C. Babauta was also responsible for the commemorative recognition of fifty Marianas Marine Scouts who served in the United State Marines as scouts after the war.

Babauta together with then-Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela, was joined by then-Bishop Thomas A. Camacho and Father Isaac Ayuyu for the Mass of remembrance, after which Babauta attended the ceremony at Marianas Memorial along with then-Youth Congress Speaker Alvin "Champ" Fejeran, who recited the 933 names etched in the granite tombstone. Veterans, government officials, families, relatives, friends and other members of the community joined the commemorative fellowship and remembrance at American Memorial Park early Sunday morning 20 years ago in 2004, to witness the unveiling of the first granite edifice honoring the civilian Chamorro and Carolinian lives lost in the Battle of Saipan during WWII in 1944.

Ten years after the unveiling in 2004, the 12th Saipan Municipal Council held its first In Memoriam ceremony in October 2014, and in the following years except in 2018 due to Super Typhoon Yutu, then returned back as a sponsor in 2019, and the annual ceremony postponed throughout the covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021. In October 2022, a ceremonial event was hosted by American Memorial Park. In 2023, the council took over In Memoriam as a host, in cooperation with American Memorial Park and the CNMI and municipal leadership. It was, however, postponed and eventually canceled in 2024 due to inclement weather.

This November, the Council Leadership Chairwoman Marian DLG. Tudela, Vice Chairwoman Tonie M. Tudela and Secretary Carmen C. Pangelinan invite families, relatives, friends, and members of the Commonwealth community to partake in the hour long commemorative *In Memoriam* remembrance, blessing, and prayer for our dearly departed children, *man amko*, women and men, who perished during the Battle of Saipan whom we are forever indebted to for the life, liberty, and freedom enshrined in our Covenant with the United States of America.

In Memoriam: First AMIM President & Longest-Serving Guam Mayor Paul M. McDonald (August 26, 2025)



Sitting: Mrs. Elaine McDonald, Standing L-R: Council Vice Chairwoman Antonia M. Tudela, Council Chairwoman Marian DLG. Tudela, the Late Mayor Paul McDonald, Council Secretary Carmen C. Pangelinan, former Guam Governor Eddie Calvo, Dedede Mayor Melissa B. Savares and former First Lady Christine Sonido Calvo. Dinner hosted at the Meskla Guam Restaurant on 11/16/2024 by Saipan Council members.

The Council's Remembrance & Celebratory 78th Susupe Camp Liberation Memorial



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Marian DLG Tudela
Chairwoman



Antonia M. Tudela
Vice Chairwoman



Carmen C. Pangelinan
Council Secretary

PEACE IN STRENGTH is arguably America's manifest legacy responsible for ending the historic Battle of Saipan eighty-one (81) years ago, when the American garrison stormed the calm shorelines and beach front water of Chalan Kanoa on June 15, 1944, which caught by surprise the Chamorro and Carolinian civilian population in the cross fires of death in a foreign conflict that ended tragically on the 9th of July 81 years ago on Saipan.

Of the estimated 4000 Chamorro and Carolinian resident inhabitants living on Saipan, over 900 Chamorros and Carolinians perished and killed in the Battle of Saipan. In their bravery, we shall never forget the ultimate sacrifice for which they were caught in a foreign conflict not of their choosing, and in their sacrifice has emerged Peace in the Pacific and the world over as America's manifest legacy. For the valor and sacrifice, a memorial remembrance for reflection at the American Memorial Park Marianas Memorial lies at the perpetual courtyard that we forever remember them and a place of solace for families and the community are invited to occasion for silent meditation in prayers, love and peace, as we are too grateful to the American troops at the Park's court of honor and the invaluable contribution of the Navajo Code Talkers for ending the tragic Pacific War with skillful wartime communication strategy.

Had the Pacific War not ended, the death toll would arguably had been more than the thousands killed during the war whose toll ranged in 51,000 Japanese troops (41,000) and Japanese civilians (8,000-10,000) killed and 13,000 American assault troops injured and 3,100 killed out of the 71,000 American garrison referenced in military and civilian history books as the Battle of Saipan.

Today, we, the third senatorial district municipal leadership set aside a moment of memorial remembrance to forever remain thankful to the men and women in the U.S. armed forces, the Navajo Code Talkers, the families of civilian Chamorros and Carolinians who lost their lives, and to brave 100 local civilian resident Marianas Marine Scouts whose names are forever honored in commemorative remembrance for which we express our heartfelt **Si Yuus Maase** to the families and relatives of Operation Forager Marianas Marine Scouts to Ignacio Reyes Ada, Jose Manibusan Aldan, Antonio M. Aguon, Antonio Angailen, Miguel San Miguel Arriola, Pedro SN Attao, Santiago Miyasaki Babauta, Vicente Deleon Guerrero Babauta, Francisco Concepcion Basa, Antonio Manahane Benavente, Juan V. Benavente, Daniel T. Borja, Gregorio Flores Borja, Fernando Tudela Borja, Jesus Fusto Boyer, Gregorio Camacho Cabrera, Juan Camacho Cabrera, Vicente Mendiola Cabrera, Albert S. Camacho, Lorenzo Tudela Camacho, Pedro Roberto Camacho, Pedro Palacios Camacho, Juan Manibusan Castro, Jose Manibusan Castro, Ignacio Celis, Obed Celis, Cristino S. Dela Cruz, Joaquin Duenas Dela Cruz, Pedro Palacios Duenas, Bernardo Duenas, Vicente Fitial, Joaquin Cabrera Deleon Guerrero, Jose Sablan Deleon Guerrero, Bernardo C. Deleon Guerrero, Joaquin C. Deleon Guerrero, Jose S. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo Diaz Deleon Guerrero, Juan Seman Igibor, Vicente Igisomar, Francis Kaipat, Supriano Rogolifoi Kaipat, Manuel Kaipat, Serafin Borja Kaipat, Juan Limes, Rafael C. Mafnas, Jose Blas Magofna, Geronimo Pangelinan Manibusan, Miguel Blaz Magofna, Pedro Mettao, Vicente Mettao, Pedro (Budigen) Mettao, Vicente Matagolai, Nicolas Quidachai Muna, Francisco Nekai, Gonbi Murakami, Jose Naputi, Juan Omar Naog, Juan Quitugua Norita, Isidro Limes Ogarto, Jose Omar, Juan Rogolofoi Ogumoro, Francisco C. Palacios, Ramon Tudela Palacios, Jose (Mang) Palacios, Jesus (Nene) Palacios, Joaquin B. Pangelinan, Jose Ilano Pangelinan, Juan San Nicolas Pangelinan, Edward M. Peter, Jose Roberto Quitano, Lorenzo Sablan Quitugua, Benigno A. Rabauliman, Mariano Rasiang, Vicente Hocog Reyes, Antonio T. Rogolofoi, Isidro R. Rogopes, Vicente T. Rosario, Ignacio Mangarero Sablan, Pedro Torres Sablan, Oswald Camacho Sablan, Segundo Tudela Sablan, Herberto San Nicolas, Pedro F. Sakisat, Felipe Agulto Salas, Gofredo Aguon Sanchez, Juan A. Sanchez, Guillermo P. Saures, Felipe Mazinnis Seman, Francisco Santos, Fedilino Songao, Juan Malus Tagabuel, Luis Takano, Benedicto Satur Taisacan, Juan Fanama Taman, Vicente Olaitiman Taman, Antonio Camacho Tenorio, Antonio P. Tenorio, Manuel Villagomez Tenorio, Vicente Olaitiman Taman, Miguel Pangelinan Tenorio, Pedro Peter Teregeyo, Alfonso Taimanao, William Salas Torres, Roberto Mendiola Tudela, Lino Pangelinan Villagomez and Manuel Seman Villagomez.

SEVENTY NINE YEARS AGO (79) this 4th of July in 1946, the leadership of the 18th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council gracefully join all Chamorro, Carolinian, Japanese, Okinawan, Korean and American survivors and descendants of war with unspoken goodwill, love and peace on this day 79th year, when the post-war internment Camp Chalan Kanoa was opened and civilian residents allowed to roam the villages freely and return to the farms and the homes they were forced to abandon 81 years ago.

Happy 4th !

Salute to the CNMI Marianas Marine Scouts & WWII Navajo Code Talkers



U.S. Marines crawl past each other under enemy fire during the Battle of Saipan.



On this 81st year after WWII in Saipan, the 3rd senatorial municipality leadership proudly join all Chamorro, Carolinian, Japanese, Okinawan, Korean and American survivors and descendants of WWII on Saipan with unspoken goodwill, love and peace, when 79 years ago the post-war internment Camp Chalan Kanoa was opened and civilian residents allowed to roam the villages freely and return to the farms and the homes they were the Navajo forced to abandon 81 years ago, and wish to also salute the men and women in the U.S. armed forces, Code Talkers, the families of civilian Chamorros and Carolinians who lost their lives, including the brave 100 local civilian resident Marianas Marine Scouts whose names are forever honored in commemorative remembrance with heartfelt *Si Yuus Maase* to the families and relatives of Operation Forager Marianas Marine Scouts

Inter-Agency Partnership & Linkage Photos with U.S. NMI Delegate King-Hinds and Solar Energy with the Governor’s Office of Grants Management (OGM)

Update on PW 69 Release of Remainder Funds at \$410,508.55 from the Office of Delegate Kimberly King Hinds

On October 8, 2025, the Office of the CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, Kimberly King-Hinds, through Chief of Staff Matt Guerrero, updated the council office of the delegate's due diligence in moving forward to FEMA's Robert Fenton the Oct. 3rd notice by Chairwoman Marian DLG. Tudela to PAO GAR Pat Guerrero regarding the continuing embargo of PW 69 remainder balance since May 2025, at **\$410,508.55**.

The delegate's office queried the council office on the status of the appeal since last year, which FEMA has apparently rescinded, and the issue has since become more to do with PW 69 grant period of performance.

Because the NMI through GAR appears unsuccessful so far in getting FEMA's grants office to lift the hold on the PW 69 account, so too is the NMI's inability to liquidate the substantial balance on the PW 69 account, frozen or on hold by FEMA, although it has not been declared officially closed by FEMA.

Ironically, this same account holds the Section 106 funding tied in with FEMA's PW 69 project closeout that is conditioned on 106 compliance to the fast-approaching expiration of the contractor of record's contract this Nov. 10, 2025.



Courtesy visit with Delegate Kimberly King-Hinds



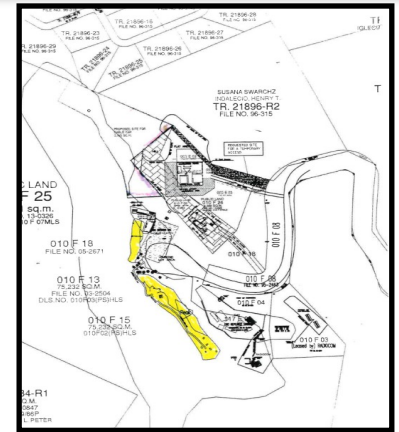
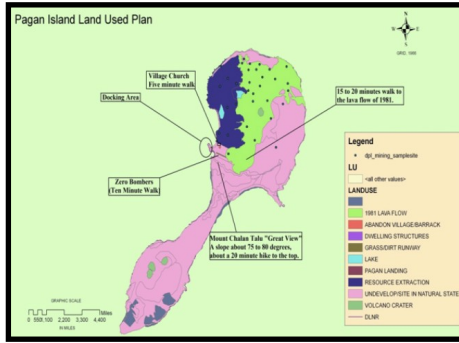
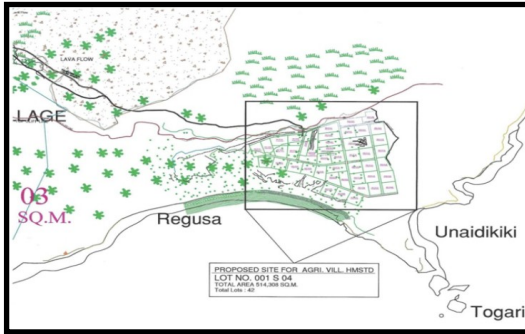
L-R: OGM Staff Darsha Camacho, Maria DLGuerrero, Council staff Donald Crisostomo, Vice Chairwoman Antonia Tudela, Chairwoman Marian DLG. Tudela and OGM Director Epi Cabrera

The 18th Council Leadership Initiative in AMIM’s February 17, 2025 General Assembly in Tinian



The AMIM Committee on Governmental Affairs (Committee Chairman: Tinian Mayor Aldan & Economic Development Committee Chairwoman: Rota Mayor Aubrey Hocog) on February 17, 2025 AMIM 31st General Assembly in Tinian, Offered by the 18th Third Senatorial District Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

Pursuing Economic Development in the 3rd Senatorial Municipality: Pagan's Gani Islands and Saipan Mt. Tapochau Recreation and Amusement Park



More than 40 Agricultural Homestead Plots for Pagan Residents Resettle and Redevelopment

The Stewardship of Mt. Tapo'chau

Community Cultural Revitalization Beach Projects by NMD Office of Indigenous Affairs and the NMI Museum



Mañagaha Remebrance Pilgrimage of Chief Aghurubw in Mañagaha Island



“Carolinian Refaluwasch who hailed from the Caroline Islands of Satawal reportedly buried on Managaha Island, whom the descendants of the Rafaluwasch community credited for the 1800 migration of descendants of Carolinians from the Caroline Islands in Micronesia to Saipan after a typhoon devastated their native island community of Satawal.

Voices of Youth / Youth Leadership

Hosting of appreciation luncheon for the MHS Students that participated at the Kiosku Rededication



MHS Glee Club for their Musical Interlude

MHS JROTC Cadets for Posting of Colors

MHS Red Cross Club for painting of SEAL

Community Improvement Projects



Pak Pak Beach Pavilions, San Antonio



Koblerville Pavilions



Gualo Rai Children's Park