About Us

Public Law 25-69 established the department as a government entity that recognizes and advocates the perpetuation, promotion, and the preservation of our Chamorro Heritage.

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Mission Statement

“To promote, develop, enhance, preserve, and present the heritage, culture, language, and arts, of the Chamorro people of Guam.”

Goals

- Promote and provide Chamorro cultural awareness
- Expand and improve the education of our culture and heritage
- Build and showcase the Guam Museum
- Prepare for the military buildup and its impact

“Preserve, Develop and Promote the Chamorro Heritage of Guam”
In FY2010, the Department worked on securing commitment for the:

- Guam Institute of Natural History and Cultural Heritage (GINCH) of $20,000,000.
- ARRA State Energy Program of $250,000 grant for energy audit, tree planting and installation of solar/recyclable water fountains at Chamorro Village
- Guam Visitor’s grant for the Chamorro-English Dictionary of $14,000.00.

- **President Office**
  - Implemented integrated programs for preservation and promotion of the Chamorro Culture
  - Enhanced small business development

- **Chamorro Language and Culture**
  - Chamorro Translations
  - Published 6000 Chamorro-English Dictionaries
  - Coordinated and schedule activities of Chamorro Events

- **Research, Publication and Training**
  - Published 12,000 reprints of Hale’ta Books
  - Researched and Published Guam Civic text Hale’ta I Manfayi, Volume 5, Biography of Chamorro

- **Guam Museum**
  - Researched on the records in its inventory and disseminate the results of this and other research to the public through the media as public exhibitions, demonstrations, lectures, scholarly activities, television programs, publications, and other public programs contributing to and encouraging enlightenment
  - Promoted increased understanding of Guam’s geology, biota, prehistory, history and contemporary culture and research on inventory and the dissemination of its results to the public through exhibitions, publications, demonstrations, lectures or other public programs.

- **Chamorro Village**
  - Provided a market and fostered an environment that promotes local products, native cultures and traditions of Guam.
  - Marketed the Chamorro Village I Sengsong Chamorro as a tourist destination through the implementation of the comprehensive marketing plan and offered a support facility for general public use.
# FINANCES - FISCAL YEAR 2010

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Introducing our new president.....

The Calvo-Tenorio administration is the fourth consecutive gubernatorial cabinet Joseph Artero-Cameron is serving.

Mr. Joseph Artero-Cameron presently is the President of Chamorro Affairs, also the Director of the Council of the Arts and Humanities (CAHA) and also Executive Director for Hagatna Restoration and Redevelopment Authority.

He has served as:
- Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for Governor Joseph Ada;
- Director for the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation;
- the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designated State Health Official to Guam;
- Social Security Administration’s Disability Determination Services Program Manager in the following administration;
- a former Federal Law-Enforcement Officer for the United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection;
- Executive Director for Hagatna Restoration and Redevelopment Authority;
- Emergency Support Function Lead for Mass Care and Medical Sheltering for Guam Homeland Security for Governor Felix Camacho.

He is fluent in Chamorro (reading, writing, and speaking). Cameron attended Sacred Heart College and Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina majoring in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice.

The Department of Chamorro Affairs is moving forward in 2011 as many culturally important projects will be requiring the agency’s full commitment to reach fruition:

- Department of Chamorro Affairs strongly supports and endorses the transparency of all activities and expenditures of the department.
- $27,000,000 has been secured to finally build the long-awaited Guam Museum, which will house 4,000 years of Guam history
- $12,500,000 has been identified to build a repository to help store hundreds of thousands of cultural and historical materials
- $800,000 has been requested by HUD to re-build Sagan Dimpana, in an effort to revitalize Hagatna, and bring back this much loved community center.
- $250,000 has been secured to retrofit the Chamorro Village to become more energy efficient
- DCA is now better equipped to provide, to the public, translations from Chamorro to English and vice versa, with the addition of an official translator

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