Guam Veteran Affairs

A Report to Our Citizens
Fiscal Year 2016

Our Mission
To ensure that all Veterans and their dependents are well informed on their possible benefits under Title 38, U.S. Code of Veterans Benefits, a codification of laws under the Department of Veterans Affairs.

About Us
The Guam Office of Veterans Affairs was established under Public Law 17-25 (III: II Chapter 67) and operates under the Office of Maga’laheh Guahan and U.S. Veterans Affairs. Our office is accountable for all local laws pertaining to the Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States. Our service is for the current and former members of the United States Armed forces and/or their families. Our agency is responsible for every Guam Veteran and their dependents. We prepare claims for health care, services and benefit programs. We also process all qualified Veterans and their dependents in preparation for interment at the Guam Veterans Cemetery. We carry out our duties through two main sections: Benefits Section and Cemetery & Burial Sections.

Our Vision
To improve the quality of health care services to all veterans with other benefits and privileges to which they are entitled to by reason of their service in the Military.

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Our Functions
- Interview and counsel Veterans and their dependents on their claim benefits.
- Coordinate with respective military branches of service for military honors for deceased Veterans.
- Facilitate home visits and hospital visits for disabled Veterans and their dependents.
The Office of Veteran Affairs, State Agency, is committed to serve all our Veterans and their dependents, in an effort to provide quality service, our office is comprised of the following:

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**

Responsible for the daily administrative operations of the office to include personnel, budget and serve as the support staff for the agency.

**BENEFITS DIVISION**

Accredited to prepare, present, prosecute claims before Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) or the Board of Veterans’ Appeals. All claims processed must be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs – Honolulu, Hawaii for adjudication.

**CEMETERY & BURIAL DIVISION**

Responsible for coordinating with the respective branches of the military for burial and interment of qualifying Veterans and their dependents. This division is responsible for ordering head stones and head markers as well as updating the directory of all burials at the Guam Veteran Cemetery.

**The periods of military service are defined by the time period, as follows:**

Gulf War (Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts): September 2001 or later.
Vietnam Era: February 1961 to April 1975, served in the Republic of Vietnam or August 1964 to April 1975
Korean War: July 1950 to January 1955.
World War II: December 1941 to December 1946
Pre-World War II only: November 1941 or earlier.

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE RESOURCE:**

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

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Guam Veterans Affairs is included in the GovGuam—Wide Financial Statement. Audited financial statements can be viewed at www.opaguam.org

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Guam Veterans Affairs
"To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan"—Abraham Lincoln; and "We're dealing with veterans, not procedures, with their problems, not ours."—Omar Bradley 1942

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Thank you, Guam. Let your service to our Veterans.

Veterans Community

Exceptional quality of service and benefits available to the people of Guam. Guam Veterans Affairs office is able to ensure all government of Guam benefits, as well as our U.S. Armed Forces support from the office of the government of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

November 11, 2017
Veterans Day Ceremony
May 29, 2017
Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony

Upcoming Events

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**VETERAN**
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Improving the Guam VA Website
Creating a Cemetery Directory
Establishing the Guam Veteran Registry

Some of the projects and improvements include:

- Order to better serve our Veteran Community
-include the Guam Veteran Cemetery facilities

The Guam Veterans Affairs Office