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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
217-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.	12/14/17 2:43 p.m.	12/27/17	Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens	2/2/18 9:00 a.m.	2/15/18 8:34 a.m. As Substituted by the Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens.	Fiscal Note Request 12/28/17 Fiscal Note Waiver 1/18/18	



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

February 12, 2018

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Speaker

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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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VIA: The Honorable Regine B. Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RBL

RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted

Dear Speaker Cruz:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report on Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted – Sponsored by Senator Therese M. Terlaje and Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. - An act to amend §67110, Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to updating the Guam Veteran Registry.** As introduced, was publicly heard on February 2, 2018.

Committee votes are as follows:

- TO PASS**
- NOT TO PASS**
- ABSTAIN**
- TO REPORT OUT ONLY**
- TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE**

Senseramente,

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman

Attachments

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**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

**Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted
Sponsored by: Senator Therese M. Terlaje
and Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**

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Registry.**



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

February 12, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. *DR*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 217 - 34 (COR), As Substituted

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- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As Substituted
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As introduced
- Copy of COR Fiscal Note Request/Fiscal Note
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Attachments

Senator Thomas C. Ada,
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Member

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Member

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December 27, 2017

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature
Attorney Julian Aguon
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Bill No. 217-34 (COR)**

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 217-34 (COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to **Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Chairperson, Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs & Senior Citizens**. I also request that the same be forwarded to the prime sponsor of the subject bill.

Attached, please see the COR pre-referral checklist for your information, which shall be attached as a committee report item to the bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jeanenne Cordero at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



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December 27, 2017

MEMO

To: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules
Re: Letter of explanation – Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

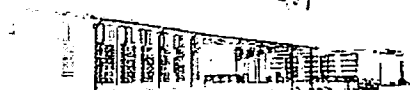
Buenas yan Håfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and pursuant to COR decision, COR meeting on April 3, 2017, this letter serves as an explanation of non-completion of pre-referral checklist on **Bill No. 217-34 (COR)**.

Response from Legal Bureau was delayed.

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For more information, please call our office.

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SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC & CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

1 message

Joe Mesngon <joe@toduguam.com>
To: phnotice <phnotice@guamlegislature.org>

Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 10:54 AM

January 30, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders & Media

From: Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Subject: SECOND NOTICE of PUBLIC & CONFIRMATION HEARING on February 2, 2018

Hafa Adai!

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens will conduct a **Public & Confirmation Hearing on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 9am in the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room** in Hagatna.

The Committee will accept oral and written testimony on the following:

*The Executive Appointment of Dr. Kia Rahmani to serve as a Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

****POSTPONED****

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***Bill 197-34 (COR) -** Sens. Rodriguez / San Agustin;

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 1A TO CHAPTER 12 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 10; TO RENUMBER §12229 OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO BE § 12A106 OF THE NEW ARTICLE 1A OF PART 1 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND AMEND THAT SECTION; TO ADD A NEW § 5121 TO SUBARTICLE B OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 10 TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE DIVISION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE (HPLO) WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AUTHORIZING OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR THE HPLO FROM THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND, AND PROVIDING PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE NEW DIVISION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE.

***Bill 207-34 (COR) -** Sens. Rodriguez / San Agustin

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE AND RECLASSIFY THE ELIGIBILITY SPECIALISTS AND ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR PERSONNEL AS WELFARE PROGRAM SPECIALISTS AND PROVIDE FOR THE COINCIDING PAY GRADES WITHIN THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WELFARE'S BUREAU OF ECONOMIC SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO

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Chairman, Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs & Senior Citizens

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Friday, February 2, 2018 at 9:00AM

Public Hearing Room, I Liheslatura

I. Call to order

II. Items for public consideration:

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III. Adjournment

Thank you for your participation in today's hearing.



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr., Chairman
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TOURISM, MILITARY AFFAIRS & SENIOR CITIZENS
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PUBLIC HEARING Friday, February 2, 2017 9:00 AM Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room

- Bill 217-34 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.

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Harry Reese	HR	VVA 668				✓		9887427	
Daniel Mendoza	JMM	DUH 668	✓	✓		✓		477-5406	
Bill Cindiff	BC	LISAF Vets	✓			✓		482-1028	
Bruce L. Mead	BM	Vet	✓	✓			✓	565-2632	
✓JOE San Agustin	JS	GUAD	✓	✓		✓		6885117	
Agn Dumaya	AD	Hyatt			✓			788-5877	
Susan Fines	SF	Hyatt			✓			483 9650	

TESTIMONY ON
Bill 217-34 (COR)
BARRY L. MEAD

Hafa Adai, my name is Barry Mead, I am a Viet Nam Veteran, a VFW Gold Legacy Life Member, a DAV Life Member and serve as the Adjutant for the Guam Veterans Commission. I am here today speaking to Bill 217-34 (COR).

Though I am in support of anything that will enhance the completion and ongoing updates to a Veterans Registry, I am saddened by a number of issues related to this Bill for the following reasons.

1. We have another piecemeal approach to fixing a larger problem and that is 10 GCA Ch 67. Senator Rodriguez Chief of Staff and I are pushing for all veteran groups to submit their recommendations on revising the chapter in its entirety through the Guam Veterans Commission and are making good headway.
2. I am providing for you the testimony I gave on Bill 244-33 as an example of another piecemeal approach to a long existing problem and did nothing to fix it.
3. I am disappointed that there are only two sponsors for this bill. NOT one of which is one of the five Senators that are Veterans and would themselves be on the Registry.
4. There has never (to my knowledge) been a full accounting of the FY 2015 appropriation of \$50,000 for the establishment of the Registry. (See attached FOIA request dated September 19, 2015)
5. Currently there is an ongoing push to establish the Registry but the current GVAO Administrator is only one person working with an understaffed office that is responsible for the burial of roughly 17 vets a month, while processing numerous VA claims, finding homes for homeless vets (working with WestCare and GHURA) and countless other responsibilities. Maybe this should be the concern of the Legislature. Not passing another law but fixing a problem that has been ongoing and neglected for how many years.

The requirement for all Government of Guam Agencies to forward a copy of a DD-214 though on the surface sounds good, but the question of privacy may come into play as "The Privacy Act of 1974 limits access to a veteran's DD214 to only the service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian; only these persons will have access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. Others requesting information from military personnel/health records must have the signed authorization of the service member or legal guardian."
<http://www.dd214.us/entitlement.html>

In other words, without the Veterans expressed written authorization the DD-214 can NOT be forwarded.

Restricting this to only a DD-214 omits all members of the National Guard, in that National Guardsmen do not have a DD-214, they have a NGB-22. As an example, Guam Law stipulates that an appointee to a Commission or Board must show military service evidenced through a DD-214, but as in the instance of a recent appointee to the GEB he doesn't have one and was allowed to provide a sign statement in lieu of though he should have been made to produce a NGB-22.

This bill and Bill 218-34 are somewhat redundant as everything that I have done at Rev and Tax concerning something as a veteran, I had to go to the GVAO to get the authorization letter and never produced a DD-214 to Rev and Tax, so where is the need for more confusing legislation?

Additionally, other than the GVAO what Government of Guam agencies would require, other than maybe the Department of Labor and possibly GHURA a DD-214? I realize that a Veteran claiming the 5 or 10 point preference for employment may fall under this category, again for DOA or HR in the case of the autonomous agencies would fall under the Privacy Act.

My suggestion is to allow the Guam Veterans Commission with the current GVAO Administrator to do its job in providing the Legislature with a comprehensive review and revision of 10 GCA Ch 67 for consideration, public hearing and adoption, to fix the entire problem instead of using a piece meal bouncing around the issues method

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and thank you for your time and indulgence.


Barry "B" L. Mead

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Viet Nam - May 68 – Dec 69

VFW Gold Legacy Life Member

Life Member DAV

Member Viet Nam Veterans of America

“Paralyze resistance with persistence” Woody Hayes

TESTIMONY ON
BILL 244-33
BARRY L. MEAD

Good Afternoon, my name is Barry Mead, I am a Viet Nam Veteran, A VFW Bronze Legacy Life Member, a DAV Life Member and the Service Officer for VFW Post 2917.

I am here today to speak somewhat in favor of Bill 244-33 in so much that there is a need for greater accountability and transparency in how funds provided for the Guam Veterans Affairs Office are administered and accounted for.

As evidence to these comments I have provided with my testimony a number of documents that include:

- Two sent to the Legislative Secretary dated July 7 & 9, 2015 from the Public Auditor, another (OPA Report 12-01 from March 2012),
- A FIOA request I had sent to both the Administrator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office and the Guam Veterans Commission. I copied that request as well to Senator Tom Ada, Chair of the Legislature Committee on Veterans affairs. I received no reply from Mr. Cundiff, and the one I received from Mr. Manglona was contrite and meant to demean me more than just simply answer the questions.
- Mr. Manglona's email.
- Mr. Cundiff email asking for authorization to spend over \$21,000

First I am saddened by the fact that there are not more Senators signed on to this bill, specifically Senators Aguon and Barnes and wonder why. Be that as it may I am gladdened by the fact that Senator Ada has acted on behalf of the many Veterans that have been raising issues of dis-satisfaction with both entities mentioned in the Bill. But, again wonder why it has taken so long, as the affects of that delay will be evidenced further in my presentation. Having the GVAO responsible for the Cemetery Fund as well as the Veterans Affairs fund only makes sense. Though providing a quarterly report for the cemetery fund to the GVC vice I Maga'lahren Guahan as done for the Veterans Affairs fund seems illogical.

It would seem that the contents of this Bill would be included in §67103 Powers and Duties of the Officer. As well have included procurement responsibility, requirements to coordinate all grant requests and administration of grants with the Guam Clearing House and Department of Administration, and finally but not limit to, the responsibility of maintaining all files a records. With additional safe guards to prevent what I term as a blatant disregard for procedures, processes and transparency evidenced in a recent email where Mr. Cundiff is quoted as saying with respect to a request by Mr. Manglona for a \$21,132.39 reimbursement, "I completely trust Martin. I highly recommend your approval. I must have your response by next week Thursday. (email dated 01/07/16) Otherwise, I will make the decision." Two of the responses to this email included verbiage asking to see paperwork, and that they would not sign something they had not seen in writing, one even

stating to see a proper audit of said expenses. Not only is this outrageous but not surprising, it is more outrageous that Mr. Manglona has had to fund the GVAO office out of his own pocket!

Consequently, not limiting my testimony to just the confines of the Bill, I would also recommend that included in the Bill are provisions revising §67107 as to what the functions and purpose of the Commission is. As well as the responsibilities of the Chairperson. As the following questions have been asked for years;

- Who are the voting members of the Commission? As the membership/representation portion is very confusing; There have been at meetings where supposed members were not allowed to vote and other "guests" did vote.
- Who decides who is and is not a member?
- How can new organizations be included?
- Why isn't the Commission directing use of funds as laid out in 10GCA, Ch67?

Granted the current law does stipulate an answer to some of these questions, but why are the questions being asked? The answer is simple. The Law is not being followed! There is no agenda prepared for meetings, no minutes of meetings and as evidence by audits and my FOIA request, very little if any financial records.

Based on the aforementioned I would heartedly recommend that the Chairperson for the Commission be the Guam Veterans Affairs Officer. With an election be held yearly for the Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. That a clear and concise process for membership to the Commission be established and no viable Veterans organization be denied membership, that the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Veterans Affairs be an Ex-Officio Member of the Commission (attending, not send a representative), that a signing sheet be provided to every meeting for voting members separate and apart from the guest sign in sheet, and that the quorum (§67107 a 4) for any meeting of the Commission equal 50% +1 of the membership.

Thank you for your time and indulgence.

Barry "B" L. Mead

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Martin Manglona
Administrator Guam Veterans Affairs Office

Mr. Bill Cundiff
Chairman, Guam Veterans Commission

CC: Honorable Thomas C. Ada
Chairman, Committee on Veterans affairs

FROM: Barry L. Mead /S/
Concerned Veteran

DATE: September 19, 2015

SUBJECT: 5 GCA, Chapter 10 Sunshine Reform Act of 1999

Pursuant to 5 GCA, Chapter 10, §10103 I am requesting all pertinent information with respect to the following:

1. Status of all funds (\$619,000) appropriated under PL 32-101 for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry. To include all expenditures related to the funds, as well as the status of the registry.
2. Status of all funds appropriated to the GVAO (\$50,000) for FY 2015 also for the Guam Veterans Registry.
3. An accounting for all funds and expenditures of the GVAO for FY 2013-2014, 2014-2015, to include all purchase orders, contracts, repairs (i.e. sewer and flagpoles)
4. All agendas and minutes of the Veterans Commission meetings annotating the approval of and for all expenditures.

Per §10104 please consider this request an Electronic Communication for purposes of response within time lines and formats.

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AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM
VETERAN REGISTRY.

Introduced by: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez

Friday, February 2, 2018

Guam Veteran Registry

- ◆ Established pursuant to Public Law 32-101
 - Provide Guam veterans and their families with current information on benefits and activities.
 - Validate Guam's Veteran population to further strengthen the GVAO's ability to pursue financial resources and support

Veteran Population Count

2010 U.S. Census	Guam Office of Veteran Affairs 2014	U.S. Veteran Affairs Office FY 2016	Homeless Veteran Count as of 2015
8,041 (Total Enumeration)	24,000	9,933 (Utilizing VA)	11,000

Data Gaps/Collection Challenges

- GVAO currently working to validate 24,000 DD214 forms on file and update IT System with the assistance of OTECH.
- U.S. Census data is captured only every ten (10) years.
- Active Duty Retirees/Other Veterans with who do not want or need GVAO services:
 - Do not want to “clog” up system for veterans who need services
 - Do not see need to register with GVAO
- U.S. Veteran Affairs data reflects only veterans actively using VA system.
- DOD transmittal of DD214 forms to Guam GVAO upon separation from military service is optional.

Intent of Bill 217-34 (COR)

All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions contained herein. All government entities for whom a DD214 form is presented by an applicant as an identifying or as a qualifying document for benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant's DD214 form to the Office of Veterans Affairs no later than five (5) days after the date of acceptance by that government entity. Transmission of forms may be made by electronic means as prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this Section.

The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a monthly progress report of the Guam Veteran Registry to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guahan."

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE VETERAN BENEFITS/SERVICES

- Department of Revenue & Taxation
 - Drivers License & Identification Card Division
 - Motor Vehicle Division
- Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority
- Guam Housing Corporation

Benefits of Bill 217

- Fill data gaps on veterans who are not registered with the GVAO for a more accurate count to assist outreach efforts, case for increased funding, grant applications.
- Flow of veteran data from various government agencies can be utilized by GVAO to update status of veterans on registry.

The Washington Post

Federal Insider

Guam: A high concentration of veterans, but rock-bottom VA funding

By Josh Hicks October 29, 2014

Guam has a small population of about 200,000 residents, but it's home to one of the highest concentrations of military veterans among U.S. states and territories. One in eight adults on the Pacific island have served in the armed forces.

Despite those numbers, the island ranked last in the country for per capita medical spending by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2012, with an average of \$822 for each former service member. Virginia had the next lowest rate with a much greater \$1,275 per veteran.

PBS recently explored whether Guam veterans are receiving the care they deserve in a documentary called "Island of Warriors," part of an "America by the Numbers" series that examines shifting U.S. demographics and the significance to the nation.

Journalist Maria Hinojosa talked with Guam veterans about why they serve in the military and the level of treatment they receive when they return home.

The VA opened a new outpatient clinic for Guam veterans in 2011, but the island still lacks the kind of specialized treatment facilities available in other locations. The nearest intensive program for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is located more than 3,000 miles away in Hawaii.

"For me, that's why I just stay home," said Roland Ada, a Guamanian who was diagnosed with PTSD after serving two tours in Iraq as a combat medic. The veteran said he rarely socializes any more and thinks about ending his life several times a day.

The documentary also looked at U.S. Census data, which shows that about 8,000 former troops live in Guam. Many politicians and veterans advocates on the island suspect that the numbers are inaccurate and causing a lack of VA funding for the territory.

Hinojosa asked the VA's Guam facility planner, Craig Oswald, whether the clinic's two certified psychiatrists are enough to serve the territory's veteran population.

"I think right now we're doing quite well," he said, adding that the clinic recently added more mental-health staff, including social workers and nurses.

Oswald agreed that Guamanians should have access to the specialized care they need, but he rejected the notion that the VA has overlooked the island.

"I think Guam is very well-known to 'Big VA,' to Washington, D.C.," he said. "Our particular health-care system has actually received several million dollars ... that's being spent directly on veterans in the Pacific."

But Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo disagreed, saying the Senate cut mental-health funding for the territory two years in a row.

"The federal government has not done their part to assist the very patriotic group of American citizens fighting in so many distant lands, in areas that have never tasted democracy," Calvo said. "Yet these American citizens of Guam really have not felt what true democracy is all about."

At the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan last decade, four of the Army's top recruiters were from Guam, and enlistment on the island doubled while it was falling almost everywhere else in the nation, according to the documentary.

"It's a family tradition to do it," said Sfc. Gonzalo Fernandez, a recruiter for the Army National Guard who won recruiter of the year awards three times in a row during that span.

Fernandez also attributed the high numbers to a sense of patriotism among Guam residents. But University of Guam history professor Michael Bevacqua said recruits may be attracted to the "shininess and the niceness" of the military, which offers economic opportunities they may not otherwise find outside the armed services.

Guam's unemployment rate is 13.3 percent, whereas the the national average is 7.5 percent; and nearly 23 percent of residents there live in poverty, compared to about 15 percent of Americans overall, according to the documentary.

Maggie Aguon, an Iraq war veteran who was the first woman from Guam to volunteer for service in the military after 9/11, said she joined the military because she wanted to represent her island. "I want to put it on the map," she said.

Aguon suffered a head injury in Iraq when an improvised explosive device struck her vehicle, and she said she still suffers from emotional trauma from her experiences in war. But she also said she would serve again.

"If they would have said, 'Pack your bags,' I would go again, in a heartbeat," she said. "For my country, for my island. I'm not trying to prove anything. It's called pride."

Since the documentary was made earlier this year, the VA added one physician to its staff at the Guam clinic and applied for funding to expand its facilities.

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§ 67110. Guam Veterans Registry.

The Office of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veterans Registry (Registry), which shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the Registry shall entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on Guam, and the scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who no longer reside on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the Registry. The Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purposes of providing Guam veterans and their families with current information on veterans' benefits and activities, through the use of its webpage or other means deemed necessary that would ensure the maximum dissemination of veteran-related information; and for the validation of Guam's veteran population to further strengthen the Office's ability to pursue financial resources and support in the provision of services or programs for the benefit of Guam's veterans and their families. The Office may use data collected at other government agencies which may be collecting the required data, in whole or in part. Nothing herein shall relieve the duty of any other entity to collect veterans' data for the benefit of veterans on Guam.

All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions contained herein.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 32-101:1 (Nov. 28, 2013).

3 bills to help update Guam's veteran registry

Haidee V Eugenio, heugenio@guampdn.com Published 11:33 a.m. ChT Dec. 19, 2017



(Photo: Rick Cruz/PDN)

Lawmakers four years ago created the Guam Veterans Registry - an updated list of veterans living on island - which will be used to strengthen Guam's argument for additional veteran services and programs.

Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje, D-Yona, introduced three bills -217

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The established numbers of veterans on the registry may directly influence the level of funding for services and benefits afforded to the veteran population on island, Terlaje's office said in a written statement.



Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje on the session floor at the Guam Congress Building on April 28, 2017. (Photo: Rick Cruz/PDN)

"All three bills aim to boost existing efforts of the government to reach our veterans and ensure increased direct services," Terlaje said.

Bill 217 requires all government entities to forward to the Office of Veterans Affairs, for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry, copies of DD214 forms they received from those applying for veteran services or benefits.

Under Bill 218, the Department of Revenue and Taxation's Motor Vehicle Division and Drivers License and Identification Card Branch is required to forward copies of veterans' DD214 forms to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs, also to help update the registry.

Under Bill 219, mayors can include the collection of veteran demographics in their annual census, and conduct semi-annual veteran outreach within their jurisdictions.

Reporter Haidee Eugenio covers Guam's Catholic church issues, education, business and more. Follow her on Twitter @haidee_eugenio (https://twitter.com/haidee_eugenio).

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Guam vets get help for registry effort

December 15, 2017

For many years, efforts to recognize and assist U.S. military veterans living on Guam have been hindered by a simple, but fundamental problem. There are no solid numbers for the veteran population on the island. Official numbers, including from the U.S. Census have been contradictory.

Currently there's yet another effort underway to reach the elusive vets and get a reliable registry count.

Now, Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and Chairperson of Committee on Military Affairs, Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, have introduced three bills that aim at updating the Guam Veteran Registry and improving veteran outreach efforts in order to better connect veterans and their families to services. The established numbers of veterans on the registry may directly influence the level of funding for services and benefits afforded to the veteran population on island.

Bill 217-34 (COR), 218-34(COR) and 219-34(COR) will authorize government entities that interact on a daily basis with the veteran population to actively support the efforts of the Office of Veteran Affairs in updating the registry and connecting veterans to services. According to Vice Speaker Terlaje, "All three bills aim to boost existing efforts of the government to reach our veterans and ensure increased direct services."

Senator Rodriguez

Bill No. 217-34(COR) mandates all government entities for which a DD214 form is presented by an applicant to qualify for services or benefits, to forward copies of the DD214 form to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.

Bill No. 218-34(COR) authorizes village mayors to offer the listing of veteran status on mayor residential verification forms, to include the collection of veteran demographics in their annual census and to conduct semi-annual veteran outreach within their jurisdiction to update the Guam Veteran Registry and connect veterans and their families to services and activities offered by the Office of Veteran Affairs.

Bill No. 219-34(COR) requires the Department of Revenue & Taxation Motor Vehicle Division and Drivers License and Identification Card Branch to forward copies of veteran DD214 forms presented by applicants as a qualifying document for a benefit or service to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.

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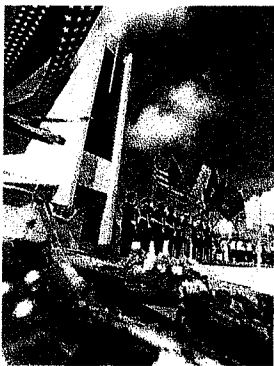
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Letter: We need data to make Guam's case to VA

Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Published 3:00 p.m. ChT Nov. 5, 2017 | Updated 11:58 a.m. ChT Nov. 6, 2017



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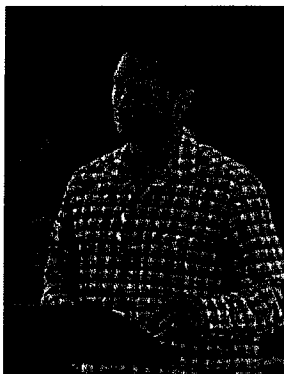
In my first term of office, I successfully amended the GovGuam budget to double the appropriation of the Guam Veterans Affairs office from \$322,229 to \$619,379.

But that is just a drop in the bucket compared to the expenditures of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, which has the primary responsibility for the care of our veterans. The VA spends a total of \$180 billion on veterans nationally but veterans on Guam receive a minuscule 0.06 percent of that.

Guam needs to do a better job of quantifying our need so that we can advocate to the feds in Washington, D.C., to expand services for the large veteran population on our island.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 9,933 veterans on Guam and when you look at veteran per capita spending, according to the Department of Veteran's Affairs' 2015 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures, the VA's spending rate on Guam looks to be comparable to the national average. But the Census Bureau's numbers of the veteran population of Guam can be misleading. Based on these numbers Guam

would have a lower number of veterans as a percentage of the adult population (6.23 percent) than the national average (6.6 percent). I think anyone living on Guam viscerally understands that in no way is our rate of military service below average.



San Nicolas (Photo: Frank San Nicolas/PDN)

Rodney Cruz, president of the Iraq Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific, said that in 2014 the Guam Veteran's Affairs Office had a count of nearly 24,000 veterans on Guam, but that the documentation for those figures was lacking. That means we could be getting less than half our fair share.

The Guam Veteran's Affairs Office started an outreach campaign in 2017 to register veterans on Guam to get a true and accurate count of the veterans on our island, to show the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., that the current funding for veterans on Guam falls far short of what is fair and what Guam veterans deserve.

The VA has 155 inpatient care sites and 1,028 outpatient care sites throughout the United States, with only one of those sites on Guam. The VA spent \$1.7 billion in the construction of VA facilities in 2016 alone. None of that was spent on Guam.

We need accurate data and a strong advocate in Washington, D.C., to articulate the unique challenges we have on Guam and the depth of sacrifice our people have given to this country. We must work as One Guam, local officials and our delegate in Washington, armed with accurate data to make this case to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Michael F.Q. San Nicolas is a senator in the 34th Guam Legislature.

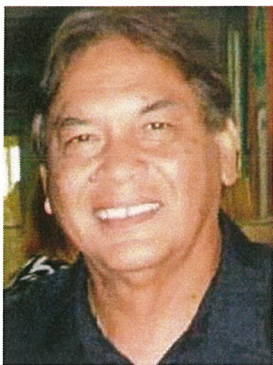
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Letter: Bills could help veterans

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(Photo: Submitted)

For decades, the actual number of veterans on Guam has been very elusive.

John Buchan put the elusiveness of the actual number of veterans in perspective when he said, "The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a series of occasions for hope."

Enter Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje as she introduced bills 127, 128, and 129. The bottom line of these bills is to solidify processes and procedures to ensure that veterans receiving government services are identified and reported to the Guam Veterans Affairs Office for entry into the veterans registry.

I would venture to say that getting an accurate count of the number of veterans will be long and enduring. There will be amendments after amendments to these bills, but it will be worth all the headaches and pain when we actually nail down required steps to ensure we get an accurate as possible count.

The veteran registry can be quite helpful to extrapolate and analyze data to make decisions and justify requests for additional funding for man-power, services, office space, supplies and equipment, and training and certification requirements, to accurately predict additional burial spaces at the VA Cemetery at a certain time frame, or to request for a new VA Cemetery, and to substantiate additional support requirements from the U.S. Veterans Affairs Office.

It is an extreme pleasure to express my sincerest appreciation to Vice Speaker Terlaje for stepping up to the plate and starting this very important conversation. This conversation is quite refreshing. I have the utmost confidence that Vice Speaker Terlaje will feverishly pursue this extremely important endeavor and see it to fruition.

I know that fellow veterans have well-thought-out suggestions on how to get an accurate as possible count of the number of veterans on Guam. Please share your suggestions with Vice Speaker Terlaje by calling her office at 472-3589.

To register, please call the Guam Veterans Affairs Office at 475-8388 or go online to: www.gvao.guam.gov, click on Resources, and then click on Guam Veteran Registry.

If my grandson Vanny was here and I explained the veteran registry predicament to him, he would probably say, "Grandpa, you are a veteran and I am very proud of you, now go do whatever you can do to help." I will salute him and say, "yes sir."

Bill Cundiff is a retired Air Force chief master sergeant and a resident of Agat.

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Guam's veteran's registry starting (again) from zero; Local vets complain of slow VA action on Agent Orange, burn pit exposure

June 30, 2017 | By Bruce Lloyd



Guam Vets Sign Up For Vets Registry With DD 214 Discharge Paper for Reference

Many of several hundred U.S. military veterans gathered at a Guam Community College workshop may have thought they had long since registered as vets with the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. It turns out that's not the case. The list presently stands at 126 of the tens of thousands of veterans known to exist on the island.

And this is a very big deal, since the Guam registry is used to provide evidence in support of requests such as for bigger Guam clinics or a V.A hospital. A more accurate count might justify Guam becoming a regional VA site or to receive more funding to support VA programs on Guam. The U.S. Census has clearly under-counted the number of Guam vets, so it's really up to the Government of Guam to do an accurate job.

So what happened to those previous and publicized vet registry efforts? Guam Community College Student Veteran Association President Rodney Cruz explained what happened.

"It was back in 2014 under John Unpingco's administration [of the Guam Veteran's Affairs Office], they went in to get their count and I believe it was about 24,000. But what happened is that when he left office, with his staff, none of that information was left behind based on information I'm getting." The most recent U.S. Census information put the number of resident Guam vets at about 9,000.

Cruz said the current Guam Vet's Affairs Office is starting an all out effort to fix this problem. "They're going to be starting a village to village outreach, where they go out to reach those veterans."

Vets can register online at the link below. They can upload a DD214 to document their service:

Guam vet's registry



GCC Veterans Assoc. Pres. Rodney Cruz

Guam vets have a couple of big beefs with the Veterans Administration. For the older group, it's recognition and care for the damage they suffered from long ago exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide, For the younger group, it's exposure to toxic fumes from waste pits in battle areas in Iraq and Afghanistan, Cruz said.

"It seems that Agent Orange is the biggest question here and of course, we have some of our younger vets who are talking about exposure to burn pits and those are the major concerns right now."

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Veterans' health care issues linger

Alana Chargualaf | The Guam Daily Post Dec 5, 2017 Updated Dec 5, 2017



ISSUES: Joseph San Agustin, director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, addresses veterans at The Western Pacific Conference on Public Administration and Policy at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort on Monday, Dec. 4. Issues such as a lack of medical and mental health services on the island were brought up as topics that continue to plague veterans on Guam and around

Military veterans and those who provide services to veterans participated in the 2017 Biennial Western Pacific Conference on Public Administration and Policy Solution, which was aimed at identifying issues such as health care, finances and veterans' overall welfare.

The conference, hosted by the University of Guam Master of Public Administration Fanuchánan 2017 graduating candidates, featured student presentations and panel discussions on the Veterans Registry, medical and health services for veterans on Guam, financial literacy, veterans in business and other services. The Veterans History Project was also unveiled.

The event's keynote speaker was Rodney Cruz, veteran and president of the Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific.

Cruz and two other student groups identified a discrepancy in the way veterans on Guam have been counted throughout the years.

In 2010, the U.S. Census reported 8,041 veterans. In 2014, the Guam Veterans Affairs Office reported about 27,000 veterans. In 2016, the Department of Veterans Affairs reported only 9,933.

Now, in 2017, only 495 veterans have been recorded by the GVAO since the Veterans Registry bill was passed by the Guam Legislature, according to Cruz. The number, however, reflects only those who took the time to register with the GVAO.

'The veterans are tired'

Cruz said the lack of convenient service and proper health care available on island may have prompted some of Guam's veterans to relocate to the U.S. mainland.

Cruz, who has post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury, shared his experience of traveling to Hawaii for a simple health assessment, costing a total of \$5,000 for each trip. He believes checkups and simple treatments could be made available on island.

He said the wait time for a veteran's medical appointment was up to 180 days.

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"The veterans are tired," he said. "The veterans have served their country and island very well. Any time we talk about numbers, you can count on it that the veterans are already going to give up."

His concerns lie with those who cannot afford the trips and need more immediate health care.

A presentation on veterans' financial welfare brought to light that most veterans have credit issues, overspend and have unpaid medical bills.

A master's of public administration candidate, Lellani Gilding presented her research which found that Guam ranked lowest in the country with an average of \$822 per veteran spent by the federal government.

Her research also showed that the highest average amount spent on veterans went to West Virginia and Arkansas, with \$7,600 per veteran. In other words, for every dollar each of those states receive, Guam receives only about 11 cents.

Joseph San Agustin, director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, spoke in a panel discussion and highlighted that the island's veteran health services are experiencing both the challenge of finding health professionals, and the difficulty of showing numbers worthy of action by policymakers in Washington, D.C.

He explained his push for an in-patient clinic at Naval Hospital Guam since he began his term as director.

Fellow panel member and veteran Felix Santos agreed that an in-patient clinic needs to be established on island.

'The battle is going to be very difficult'

However, in going through the motions of making the request, San Agustin said he was told it's difficult to build a hospital or begin an assessment when, according to a survey, there was only one veteran patient at Naval Hospital.

"The numbers are really what we need to go out and start battling our needs. As long as the numbers are not there, the battle is going to be very difficult," he said.

Officials encourage the island's veterans to come forward and register, and not give up on presenting their cases, so that numbers can be compiled and presented to officials in Washington.

Veterans History Project

The conference concluded with the unveiling of the Veterans History Project, showcasing veterans' artifacts, testimonies and portraits. The display showcased soldiers' uniforms, hats, boots, pins, personal photos, books and more.

The project was a collaboration between the UOG Master of Public Administration Fanuchánan graduating candidates and Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo's office, and was an effort to depict the lives of Guam's veterans.

Alana Chargualaf

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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

- I. OVERVIEW: The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens conducted a Public Hearing on February 2, 2018.** The hearing convened at 9:00am in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **Bill No. 217-34 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje / Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr., - AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.**

II. Public Notice Requirements

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Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairman
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	Vice-Chairman
Senator Therese Terlaje	Member

III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator San Agustin: We have one more bill that we want to hear before we get to the confirmation hearing, so if you could just be patient...it's Bill 217-34COR introduced by Senator Terlaje. We have the following folks signed up, if you could please approach the table. Sgt. Major Bruce? You are in favor of the bill? Ok. We have First Sgt. Mendiola. Dan, would you please come forward. We have Mr. Chief Cundiff. Bill? Is he still here? We have Barry Mead. We have Jose San Agustin. Where did that Veteran Sgt. Marine go? I'll have Vice Speaker Terlaje to do her introduction. Thank you.

Senator Terlaje: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you members of the Committee on Health, Tourism, and Military Affairs and Senior Citizens... for having this hearing today on Bill 217-34COR. I'd also like to thank the Guam Veterans Affairs Office Administrator Mr. Jose San Agustin for all his help and consultation in working on these bills and for his presence here today. I would like to thank all of you Veteran representatives and Veterans that are present today too. Thank you. Bill 217-34 is an act to amend section 67110, Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to updating the Guam Veteran Registry. If I could, I have a very quick presentation, just a powerpoint that I would hope would get us onto the same page. Is that powerpoint available?



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Okay great. Next page please?

The bill is going to amend a law that is already established by public law 32-101. In 32-101 that is where a Guam Veteran Registry was required and mandated by law. And it was put into the arms of the Guam Veterans' Affairs Office. And so, they have been working on this. This bill is really only intended to amend that law in very specific locations. So that law, when it created the registry, it had the two goals- one was to provide Guam Veterans and their families with current information on benefits and activities. So, it looks like the law intended to be an outreach tool for the Guam Veterans Office to reach out to Veterans. And the second purpose was to validate Guam's Veterans population to further strengthen the GVAO's ability to pursue financial resources and support to have accurate numbers of who the Veterans are on Guam and what their needs are. Alright, thank you.

This of course, has been very challenging. And I came upon this through newspaper articles where they talked about this being an issue and for many years and this law was intended to solve it but we are still having problems. The numbers did not jive to me. The first column is the 2010 U.S. Census. It showed that the U.S. Veteran population count was 8,041. Did you get copies of this? The next column shows the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs and this is in 2014 and had reported 24,000 veterans on Guam and the US Veterans Affairs Office in the next column reports in 2016, I know these are different years- 9,933. That is not the right title. This should be...oh the next column...that's not the homeless veteran count that is the Guam Veterans Office most recent count is 11,000. So sorry, that column heading is incorrect so if you could just show the whole chart, it's the numbers varied so much and I couldn't understand how we could go from 24,000 reporting in one year to only reporting 11,000 now and why our numbers were different than the other numbers and I guess also the that there was general talk that the numbers were not high enough that we were not showing that there were more veterans that what our numbers show. So that to me was an issue. If we're still not able after this law to accurately get a number of veterans on Guam and I just wanted to see what we could do to really achieve this and I acknowledge that the Guam Veterans Affairs Office is a very small office probably underfunded and in order to achieve this purpose on top of the other purposes of that office which is to advise veterans to help them with managing their claims, to manage the cemetery, and many other things this was another duty that was put on this office and so I realized that they were challenged and the other thing that I wanted to guess get to the bottom of is why we were chasing our Veterans down and you know, why did we have to do that? Why...was there any other way that we could get this information so if I could just continue, there is a 24,000 and lets just stay on the previous slides...so the 24,000 that the Guam Veterans Affairs Office reported in 2014 seems to have come from the 24,000 physical form files that they have in their office and they are currently working with the Office of Technology to input these and to verify whether they are still accurate or not or valid but so they actually do have approximately that number of physical files in their office. In addition, to that they are receiving files from the Department of Defense regularly when people are discharged. They have an option to send their file to the DD214 to the Guam Veterans Affairs Office so they can add those to their registry. So they now put their registry online, they have an online source that they can input this data or veterans can go in and input this data, I'm sure that the that the director will update us on that but the problem with the US



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Census Data its only captured every 10 years so the next one will be in 2020. We have the US Veterans Affairs Office also is counting those numbers are only reflecting those who have applied for services or actively engaged in applying for services and so it does not necessarily include all the retirees or other people who may not be applying to that office for services. Okay? So if we could go to the next slide. The next slide is DD214 and I've been working with the Congresswoman's Office on this because there are some several parts here that are very important for Guam's veteran's purposes. It's hard to see the highlighted but there's one part on the DD14 that says home of record at time of entry so the congresswoman has agreed and sent a letter to try to get all of those...get a list of all of those veterans who have indicated Guam as a home of record in this part of the form. So she's asked I think the US Veterans Affairs Office and I've asked her to also check maybe Department of Defense if they would provide that to her directly, right? So that would just be a number that our Guam's veterans registry could use in whatever way possible to verify their own numbers and there's another part of the form on line 20, it says member request copy be sent to and then there's a blank for the state office of veterans affairs and this is another place where if you put Guam, this is how our local veterans affairs office receives these DD214 forms directly from the Department of Defense and so I also asked the Congresswoman to verify from the other side from this source of when they send these out if they could verify how many they have actually sent to Guam over the years and to kind of dig back and see so that maybe we don't have to recreate that that she can help us to update that. So I'm hoping that she will be successful in that but in any event whatever information she can get from the source, I'm hoping you can also use to verify your information and then the other part is that the member request copy be sent to the central office of the Department of Veterans Affairs and this is also optional not mandatory choice of the veterans when they're being discharged so this is why and she I think had written to the Department of Veterans Affairs, well that's how people get into that system. I guess...but they don't indicate Guam here so ...she had asked the US Veterans Affairs Office how many have as listed in Guam. So on the next slide, this is the change to the bill so the so the bill already exists, it already mandates all Government of Guam entities to render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs and so all we are trying to do with this bill is instead of it being optional just to mandate that their assistance be in this concrete form by whenever it says all govern, I'm adding the language that says all government entities from whom a DD 214 form is presented by an applicant as an identifying or a qualifying document for benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form to the Office of Veterans Affairs no later than five days transmission. May be made by electronic means that's prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of Veterans Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this section. The administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a monthly progress report to the Guam Veteran's Registry. So this process is already controlled by the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. I've restated that very clearly I hope so that nobody can challenge whether this is being you in violation of any type of role because the Veterans Affairs Office is in absolute control of how this was going to be done by any agency and I just added the monthly progress report because I think I would just like to see if this helps if we can see where perhaps you could tell us we are getting these now from this agency and so we would know which agencies were actually cooperating or not or where our efforts could be increased. Alright, next slide please. So the agencies that we can see right now that might



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be providing...and we're only talking about Government of Guam agencies that providing services or benefits to the Veterans right now...the biggest one is Department of Revenue and Taxation and so we are just hoping that Rev and Tax right now to get their license and ID card division, I'm sorry, to get their license or their vehicle registration, we are waiving, the Government of Guam is waiving some fees and in order to do that, they are having to be certified by the Veterans Affairs Office and then bringing that certification over and we are looking at whether they could just be doing that directly. But anyways, there's a similar system that was passed into law recently where the Guam Election Commission is also going to be registering people right at the Department of Rev and Tax so when you apply for your driver's license, you will be given the option to register to vote, so that's a new law that's been established and I followed up with the Guam Election Commission to see how they were actually implementing that and they have trained and deputized the customer service representatives at Department of Rev and Tax so that they can follow the GEC's procedures, their confidentiality rules and transmit the information exactly as the Guam Election Commission requires. Next slide please? Alright, so just to reiterate, that the benefits of the bill are intended to fill these gaps of the Veterans who are not registered with the GVAO. It's my understanding that if you're not actively pursuing a benefit from the US Veterans Affairs Office and you might not be counted in that number...retirees who have life insurance they might not need to register over there so they may not be included also in this number. SO we have to kind of fill some gaps and I know that they're working very hard on this so it's just my goal to see if our government agencies, they're already required to assist, if we could just give them specific direction as to how to assist so that we could shortcut the work of the GVAO and get the registry updated as soon as possible hopefully immediately and now the office of technology has promised to come up with some technology that will also do this, at you know point of contact in a very confidential manner and they're working with the Veterans Affairs Office so I'm very hopeful that they will also come with something that is again controlled by the rules of the GVAO and meets their mandate and also just it very convenient for all the Government of Guam agencies. Alright, and so that Mr. Chair is the bill and I thank you again for all for being here. Thank you.

Senator San Agustin: We will start to hear testimony from Dan Mendiola and then we'll just work our way to your left.

Dan Mendiola: what's the time limit for her speech two to five minutes? Okay. Good morning Mr. Chairman, Senators, ladies, gentlemen, Veterans. My name is Dan Mendiola, chairman of the Guam Veterans Commission and currently the president of the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 668. I am in support of bill 217-34 to better serve our veterans by mandating a report of veteran status to the Guam Veterans' office or officer. This information is crucial most of the time because we deal with numbers when we want to assist our veterans. Whether it be providing service or services requested or for something that requires some sort of law or legislation to create a more conducive legal means to accomplish and make it possible to deliver the service requested. The veterans Registry provision sets fourth entitled 1067 is vague and leaves multiple questions as to how we can establish a favorable guideline making it possible to achieve the desired outcome of the intended law. The Guam Veterans Commission has been operating for quite a while and without specific internal guidelines to properly deliver the requested service we are task for or whenever the



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veterans come forward and ask for help. This way it takes the Commission long to finally and we are now working to approve a set of bylaws to accommodate the specifics of dealing with veteran's needs. The senator mentioned quite a bit of things about recognizing veterans and this is not in my testimony but for example in the registry we can include that there is a law in place public law 333 - 33 that mandated that a veteran's coming to get a driver's license be stamp with the work veteran somewhere in the license... a card and also I believe that could be done in the ID section so that further enhances recognition whether a person is a veteran or not. They have not implemented that to this point as far as I know. The Veterans home of record something that we need to think very important because when I got out I found out that my home of record was not really Guam it was Fort Carson Colorado and the reason for that was the people and the clerk's that are operating on the discharge station are not aware that and there are not aware to ask us as to who do what do we want to be your home of record is. Well what happened here when a soldier does not know that there he's got options he would say no preference and when you say no preference Fort Carson Colorado will be my home of record. So the inquiry and the suggestion going forward to our congresswoman's office is fine that's good and I hope that they can create a good educational training for the people that are out processing or in processing in the discharge section and re-enlistment Section to put out the word that this guy's from Guam and he needs to know that you know we like do you we would they're saying that it's good for you to maintain walk as your home record instead of the current unit you're with and the state that you're in. So that's something to remember. We're doing a lot of things and we're trying to do a lot of things in the commission to help the veterans. See the problem that we have is that we lacked cooperation and some of our leaders and organizational leaders to take part in in trying to move forward in getting organized in manning positions in our Veterans Commission office and that entity in veterans and the veterans district and as far as government agency is very important and we need to work on that. I would like to encourage all the veteran's organization commanders to be to please come on out and support us because when they come out and support us in the Commission that means that we're getting some type of a percentage of cooperation. Now if we can look back here right now look how many veterans they are here for the hearing and that's just exactly what I'm talking about. How many times have you put out the notice for the hearing where people get tired oh yeah we know it everybody knows it except for the veterans I don't know why but this kind of funny so we have a lot of things to do you mentioned the Guam veterans office and officer taking charge of the registry... but how many of us really realized that the Guam veterans office is under manned and who is going to implement and come out with a report? Who's going to be typing the report Mr. San Agustin? He's the Acting Administrator so you know we have to consider a lot of things when we move forward to implement something and those are just part of it. In closing I would like to extend my request to all our agencies, directors and customer service reps. Once we embark in mandating the law for veteran's registry to communicate with us in the Commission and let us be part of your internal processing procedure. In other words, we don't stand to be the justice or the know-it-all of your department in implementing something but if you do have questions please address it to me or my commission and we'll be ready to come on out and help thank you very much and have a nice day. Veterans all the way.

Barry Mead: (Please see attached testimony)



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Senator Rodriguez: Thank you, Mr. Mead. We will take your testimony and your comments into consideration and just like you, know we'll continue to work with you and the others. Mr. Cundiff?

Bill Cundiff: My name is Bill Cundiff and I'm President of the US Air Force Veterans Association and I'm testifying on their behalf. Obviously, the responsibility for registering in the registry lies with the veterans that's the bottom line however what you're doing is adding value and helping the GBA or assisting them and trying to get more veterans to register that's what you're doing and I really really appreciate that. You know in problem-solving we normally have many solutions just not one and what you're doing is you're providing solutions not a just a solution but solutions to a long-standing problem and I know that at the end it's gonna be long and very enduring to get this issue lit but I think we can with the help of everybody and I'll tell you it's very refreshing for you to do this. We've been trying to do this for a long long time. You're the first one to step up to the plate to do something about it talking about their registry and this is so important. It gives like in the business community- added value to what we're trying to do. I just like to make a few recommendations more recommendations hopefully to capture and help identify some of our some of our Veterans or all over again and put them in the registry but in on line 24 to 27 all Guam entities wherever applicable shall render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions contained herein all government entities for whom a dd-214 form is presented by an applicant as an identifying or a qualifying document benefits or services for a copy of the applicant 214 to the GVAO office within five days. This is only for benefits for those receiving benefits no other agency requires the 214. So my recommendations are the following: every veteran employed but the government of Guam must complete a registry form. Every director should be tasked to ensure it is done. Every office and that's easy to do take a probably a day to it... sit down take their names fill out their registry and give it to them and let them sort it out they can they can find it. They can do whatever it takes to put them in the system and then they can they can bump it off with what they have in there now so require every Gulf War employee that is a veteran to complete that form also require every agency providing service any kind of service to ask the question in that form are you a veteran if the answer is yes take the individuals name. I'm 42 GBA oh you know no need for 214 let them sort it out once they get the names work with join region I'm sure that all those folks who will work in on base all the bases right now when they fill out an application form their ass or you a veteran and I'm sure that if they go you go and order them and tell them what you're trying to do that there will be prompt perhaps cooperative go to their HR systems and pull the names there who have indicated that they are veterans. They have a very good and sophisticated system it's your system identifies veterans in there. And do the same thing work with the business community to do the same thing at all the HRs pull their names out sent it to GBA oh now this may not capture everything but it's it what you're trying to do is to assist in getting GVAO all that information. It's a tough journey it's very difficult like you mentioned a lot of the retirees and I'll admit I'm well I was one of them I didn't have to register at all nowhere because I can get my TRICARE and my all this stuff at Naval Hospital. I don't need anybody I mean I don't need to go to the VA clinic or any of that stuff but as I went through I realized how important it is and so I'm registered and I'm also over at seat lock to try and get assistance. When I was coming over here and stopped by a coffee shop just down the street here and I saw the lady that is giving me my coffee, I saw a t-shirt that says never ever quit so never



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ever quit ma'am in trying to get the registry form online and you can call on me anytime to help you. Thank you.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you very much sir. Mr. San Agustin?

Jose San Agustin: Vice-Speaker. Senator Dennis Rodriguez. Good morning and thank you for having this hearing. My name is Jose San Agustin, Administrator for the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. I also want to thank the Veterans that are here and if there's any family members that are here to testify for or against this bill, I thank them for their presence. I want to try and make a quick correction to Mr. Dan Mendiola that I would like him to address me as an administrator and not as acting. If you act, you're playing a role, however I want to seriously ensure that the progress we had starting a couple of weeks ago ensure that the progress that we have started a couple weeks months ago the progress that I have started as an administrator for the Guam Veterans Affairs Office has continued to move forward with great momentum. In speaking about the veterans registry initiative what has never been done since the placement of the law is now being done. It might be in a crawling stage for several reasons as I move forward with the implementation I find out that the project is larger than I anticipated. Vice-speaker you do understand that I had to involve the office of Technology because of the magnitude of the document and the project in itself in keeping with the confidentiality I try to keep it securely within my office space not exposing it out any further to any government agency of you may but at this point I do have to place some confidence into the office of technology to assist us with the project and to ensure that the information of all our veterans and their family is implemented and securely placed in a database that is secured and that access to individuals not authorized to see any information is prevented. I support this bill in its entirety any initiative coming from individuals or leaders to help support move forward initiative that we lack within our own government is welcome to my agency. This one bill is one of them that I welcome, might it have holes and gaps in between the fact of the matters that we have folks that are concerned and are doing something about it. The agencies that I could think of our purview to needing verification of dd-214 I could say that revenue and tax for licensing reasons the Department of Administration for veteran's points unlike Mr. Mead indicated possibly the department of labor and GHURA. As we move forward to make this a reality as the end. I have the authority as the administrator for the Guam Veterans Affairs office to ensure that laws and policies are implemented to ensure the safety, security and protection of every individual's document. If you ask me the best course of action I still prefer that this information is obtained from my office for the sole purpose of the security of the sensitive information that's in this document however as we move forward and I will say that this is possibly a pilot program until a good understanding between myself and those agencies to ensure the protection of the document is in place then I was blessed that we move forward with the policy that is placed in place to ensure that we move forward with the initiative in saying that I really applaud the folks the very few that are here this morning. You know the saying in the Marine Corps -the few the proud this is the few the proud and we're gonna go out there and take care of the larger community if you may. So that's all I have thank you.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you so much Mr. San Agustin. Vice-Speaker, do you have any comments?



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Senator Terlaje: I very much want to thank all of you for your testimony and the suggestions to improve the bill. And to acknowledge, I agree the commission has been working very hard and the Veterans Affairs Office has been working very hard. I have the utmost faith and confidence that the Administrator's efforts to get the registry going and if he is able to continue...when we speak, we talk about how we want it done this year and finish it this year. Let's see what we could do to update it ourselves...get it all the way updated so that moving forward, it's relatively easier. I thank you Mr. Cundiff, for your encouragement to the Veterans that even though they don't need services, that registry is very important for the rest of the Veterans on Guam. It's really a continued service for Guam and the rest of the Veterans. And I know the Commission recognizes that and you're working on behalf of all of them. Whether they are active or they're not. I'm just trying to do the same. To see what we can do to assist him. His efforts at the Veterans Affairs Office and Administration on Guam, it's a huge task and at first I thought- I was so perplexed by this disparity. We went from 24,000 to 300, it was reported in the news. We are all going to work together. I want to assure you Chief Mead that in regards to Agent Orange, and I know that's not the topic but just because you brought it up...it is a very timely thing because there is a February 9th hearing that the GAO is having...two more hearings involving the Agent Orange investigation that they are doing and they want to talk to Veterans who were on Guam and are on Guam. So February 9th they are having a hearing in the United States and they have promised an additional hearing on Guam and I intend to work with the chairperson to do everything that we can to accommodate- it might be long distance over the telephone, or whatever they decide to do. We will assist them. We will open up the Guam Congress Building to come in and allow Veterans to take advantage of that long distance technology or however they decide to set it up. I want to assure you...the first month that we were in office in 2017, the EPA had made notice that they were going to investigate and check if they could detect Agent Orange on Guam. So I've written a letter to them to follow up and results of their investigation. And of course we did that resolution soon after that and the resolution was to support the bill in Congress that would recognize that the Veterans on Guam were exposed to Agent Orange and to compensate them as part of the Agent Orange Compensation that they are allowing other vicinities and so when in the course of that resolution hearing we did ask for additional testimony. We have taken testimony we're trying to get them to sign affidavits as well as we continue to submit these to the Senator who has introduced that Bill in Congress when the GAO came which was just recently maybe November or December. Very recently, the GAO was here because they had been mandated by Congress to investigate Agent Orange across the country, the United States and it's territories, so we are very hopeful that the GAO is going to take seriously all that testimony that we also provided them from even after the hearing. Veterans came to my office to provide testimony regarding their exposure or their concerns about herbicide spraying and so we collected all that information and with their consent gave it to the GAO as well and we continue to follow up with the GAO so I know that we had a very active meeting with them, the senators, and there were many senators involved so I think we are very confident that we will do our best. I am very confident we're going to do our best...especially in this last meeting by GAO because if GAO can do that for us, of course and there are veterans organizations online on Facebook, that are very active. Also collecting testimony from people who might know about herbicides or Agent Orange on Guam so I am very grateful for those efforts and all of that evidence being put onto the record is going to help



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all of us. Thank you very much for all those efforts...thank you again, Mr. Mendiola and everyone for your testimony today. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you very much to all of you and again, now always take the opportunity when we could to thank our Veterans for your service. Si Yu'os Ma'ase'.

IV. Fiscal Note: Attached

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens, hereby reports out **Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted** with the recommendation to To Pass.

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Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslatura Guåhan finds that since the enactment of P.L. 32-101 in November 2013, the Office of Veterans Affairs has been responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry.

I Liheslatura Guåhan further finds that the established number of veterans on the registry directly influences the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam veterans by the U.S. Federal Government. P.L. 32-101 authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to use data collected at other government agencies which may be “collecting the data in whole or in part” and allows that all other government agencies “whenever applicable, shall render assistance” to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the enumeration of the registry.

In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura Guåhan* to require all government agencies from which a DD214 is a required document in order to

1 qualify for benefits, to forward a copy of the applicants DD214 form to the
2 Office of Veterans Affairs for purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry
3 in accordance with 10 GCA 67110.

4 **Section 2.** §67110. Guam Veteran Registry of Chapter 67, Title 10,
5 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

6 §67110. Guam Veteran Registry.

7 “The Office of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for the
8 establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry (Registry), which
9 shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the Registry shall
10 entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on Guam, and the
11 scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who no longer reside
12 on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the Registry. The
13 Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purpose of providing Guam
14 veterans and their families with current information on veterans’ benefits and
15 activities, through the use of its webpage or other means deemed necessary
16 that would ensure the maximum dissemination of veteran-related information;
17 and for the validation of Guam’s veteran population to further strengthen the
18 Office’s ability to pursue financial resources and support in the provision of
19 services programs for the benefit of Guam’s veterans and their families. The
20 Office may use data collected at other government agencies which may be
21 collecting the required data, in whole or in part. Nothing herein shall relieve
22 the duty of any other entity to collect veterans’ data for the benefit of veterans
23 on Guam.

24 All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render
25 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions
26 contained herein. All government entities for whom a DD214 form is
27 presented by an applicant as an identifying or as a qualifying document for

1 benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant's DD214 form to the
2 Office of Veterans Affairs no later than five (5) days after the date of
3 acceptance by that government entity. Transmission of forms may be made
4 by electronic means as prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The
5 Office of Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to
6 implement and administer the provisions of this Section.

7 The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a
8 monthly progress report of the Guam Veteran Registry to the Speaker of I
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan.*"

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(3) SR § 6.01 (b)(2) Authorize public debt to fund operations of agency, instrumentality, public corporation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Return to Prime Sponsor) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Waived (per official state of emergency, as attached)	Completed by: (Signature, Date & Time)
COR Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Return to Prime Sponsor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer to: Cmte. on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs & Senior Citizens - Sen. Rodriguez	Date & Time: 12-27-17 @ 2:20pm
For COR Office Use Only	Pursuant to COR decision (COR Meeting, April 3, 2017): Completed within five (5) working days? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Initial: <hr/> IF NO: Provide letter of explanation (see attached).



I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

As Substituted by the Committee on Health,
Tourism, Military Affairs, and Senior Citizens

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE
10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslatura Guahan finds that since the enactment of P.L. 32-101 in November 2013, the Office of Veterans Affairs has been responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry.

I Liheslatura Guahan further finds that the established number of veterans on the registry can help make the case to increase the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam veterans by the U.S. Federal Government. P.L. 32-101 authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to use data collected at other government agencies which may be “*collecting the data in whole or in part*” and allows that all other government agencies “*whenever applicable, shall render assistance*” to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the enumeration of the registry.

In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura Guahan* to require all government agencies from which a DD214 or other proof of Veteran status is a required in order to qualify for benefits, to forward a copy of the proof

1 of veteran status to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of
2 updating the Guam Veteran Registry in accordance with 10 GCA 67110.

3 **Section 2.** §67110. Guam Veteran Registry of Chapter 67, Title 10,
4 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

5 §67110. Guam Veteran Registry.

6 “The Office of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for the
7 establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry (Registry),
8 which shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the
9 Registry shall entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on
10 Guam, and the scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who
11 no longer reside on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the
12 Registry. The Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purpose of
13 providing Guam veterans and their families with current information on
14 veterans’ benefits and activities, through the use of its webpage or other
15 means deemed necessary that would ensure the maximum dissemination of
16 veteran-related information; and for the validation of Guam’s veteran
17 population to further strengthen the Office’s ability to pursue financial
18 resources and support in the provision of services programs for the benefit of
19 Guam’s veterans and their families. The Office may use data collected at
20 other government agencies, which may be collecting the required data, in
21 whole or in part. Nothing herein shall relieve the duty of any other entity to
22 collect veterans’ data for the benefit of veterans on Guam.

23 All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render
24 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions
25 contained herein. All government entities for whom a DD214 form or other
26 proof of veteran status is presented by an applicant as a qualifying document
27 for benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant’s DD214 form

1 or other proof of Veteran status to the Office of Veterans Affairs no later
2 than thirty (30) days after the date of acceptance by that government entity.
3 Transmission of forms may be made by electronic means over a secured
4 network as prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of
5 Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement
6 and administer the provisions of this Section and ensure the confidentiality
7 of veteran information.

8 The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a
9 quarterly progress report of the Guam Veteran Registry to the Speaker of *I*
10 *Liheslaturan Guahan.*

Senator Thomas C. Ada,
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz,
Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,
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SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR
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January 18, 2018

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Fiscal Note Waivers

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

Attached, please find the fiscal note waivers for the following bills:

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

Please forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jean Cordero, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules





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Senator Regine Biscoe Lee
Chairwoman, Committee on Rules
I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro na Liheslaturan Guahan
34th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Hafa adai! Senator Biscoe Lee:

The Bureau requests that Bill No. 217-34 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill 217-34 (COR) proposes to amend § 67110 of Chapter 67 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to updating the Guam Veteran Registry. The amendment basically requires all government agencies from which a DD214 form is a required document in order to qualify for benefits forward a copy of the form to the Office of Veterans Affairs. The form may be transmitted by electronic means as an option.

The intent of the Bill is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase

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COMMITTEE REPORT CHECKLIST

Part 1 / 1

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)		
As substituted by the Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens.		
AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.		
Introduced by: Therese M. Terlaje, Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.		
REFERRED TO:		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens		
(A) FISCAL NOTE or WAIVER	(1) Requested by COR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date & Time: <i>THURS, DEC. 28, 2017 @ 4:10 PM.</i>
	(2) Received by COR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date & Time: <i>THURS., JAN. 18, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.</i>
	(3) Waived by COR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Date & Time:
	(4) Bill contains appropriations or authorizations for appropriations from any fund sources? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES: (4/5)(a) Funding Availability Note/Waiver (OFB) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Unable to file CMTE Report)
	(5) Bill contains an authorization to expend government funds? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	(4/5)(b) Funding source identified? 2 GCA § 9101 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
	(6) Restrictions Against Unfunded Appropriations (2 GCA § 9101) <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies specific alternate funding source <input type="checkbox"/> De-appropriates from previous appropriation with available funds and fiscal note <input type="checkbox"/> Written certification by CMTE Chair that a situation exists which "threatens the safety, health and welfare of the community"	(4/5)(c) Funds available and sufficient? 2 GCA § 9101 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
		If no boxes checked: UNABLE TO PLACE ON SESSION AGENDA 2 GCA § 9102



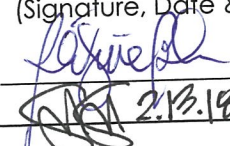
Committee Report Checklist on
 Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As substituted by the Committee.
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(B) PUBLIC HEARING	(1) HEARING NOTICES SR §§ 6.04(a)(1) and 6.04(a)(2), Open Government Law (5 GCA, Ch. 8)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) Five (5) working days prior (A L Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: Fri., Jan. 26, 2018 @ 11:37 a.m.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Forty-eight (48) hours prior (ALL Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: Tues., Jan. 30, 2018 @ 10:54 a.m.
	(2) Date and Time of Hearing: Fri., Feb. 2, 2018 @ 9 a.m.	or (4) HEARING WAIVED by Speaker in case of emergency SR § 6.04(a)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A If YES: Attach memo indicating WAIVER
	(3) Location: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building	
	(5) AMENDMENTS or SUBSTITUTIONS BY COMMITTEE SR § 6.04(b)	
	(a) Committee elects to substitute bill? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES: Date and Time: Feb. 13, 2018 @ 9:30 p.m. (a)(1) Vote sheet affirmative? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (a)(2) Preliminary report filed with COR? SR § 6.04(b)(2) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (a)(3) Public Hearing noticed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	(b) Bill materially different after committee amendment or substitution? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES: SECONDARY PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE REQUIRED SR § 6.04(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	COR Chair	

**Committee Report Checklist on
Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As substituted by the Committee.
Part 1 / 1**

<p>(C) COMMITTEE REPORT</p>	<p>(1) Committee Report filed with COR? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>If YES: Date & Time: <u>Tues., Feb. 13, 2018</u> <u>@ 3:30 P.M.</u></p>	Notes:	<p>If NO: UNABLE TO PLACE ON SESSION AGENDA SR § 6.04(d)(1)</p>		
	<p>(1)(a) Secondary CMTE Report filed with COR? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>If YES: Date & Time:</p>				
	(2) LAND LEGISLATION				
	<p>(a) Bill involves government taking, transfer, purchase, or lease of land? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			<p>If YES: ATTACH TWO (2) PROPERTY APPRAISALS TO CMTE REPORT SR § 6.04(c)(4) 2 GCA § 2107(b)</p>	
	<p>(a)(1) Please indicate on both columns:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>(i) Type of transaction: <input type="checkbox"/> Taking <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Lease</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>(ii) Type of entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>(i) Type of transaction: <input type="checkbox"/> Taking <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Lease</p>	<p>(ii) Type of entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government</p>		
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	<p>(b) Bill involves legislative land rezoning? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			<p>If YES: INCLUDE Land Zoning Consideration Report 2 GCA § 2110</p>	
	<p>(b)(1) Bill involves legislative rezoning of property zoned Agricultural (A)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			<p>If YES: INCLUDE Agricultural Consideration Report (Dept. of Agriculture) 2 GCA § 2110 [Proceed to (b)(2)]</p>	
<p>(b)(2) Proof of Agricultural consideration report reviewed by Guam Land Use Commission? 21 GCA § 61637 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>					

**Committee Report Checklist on
 Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As substituted by the Committee.
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	(3) G.A.R.R. LEGISLATION SR § 6.04(c)(1) 5 GCA §§ 9301 and 9303	
	a) Bill involves approving or amending Rules and Regulations? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	If YES: INCLUDE Economic Impact Statement 5 GCA §§ 9301(d), 9301(e), 9301(f)
(D) COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)	(4) COMMITTEE REPORT COMPONENTS	
	(a) Front Page Transmittal to Speaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(a)(1) COR Chair Signature Line	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(b) Title Page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(c) Committee Chair Memo to All Committee Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(d) COR Referral Memorandum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(e) Notice of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(f) Public Hearing Agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(g) Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(h) Written Testimonies & Additional Documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(i) Committee Vote Sheet(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(j) Committee Report Digest(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k) Bill History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(1) Copy of Bill as introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(2) COR Pre-Referral Checklist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(3) Copy of Bill as corrected by Prime Sponsor (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(4) Copy of Bill as amended/substituted by Committee (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Substitute/Amended Mark-Up Version	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Substitute/Amended Word-Version Emailed to COR?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(l) Fiscal Note/Waiver and Funding Availability Note (OFB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(m) Two (2) Property Appraisals (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(n) Related News Reports (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(o) Miscellaneous (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(p) Committee Report Checklist(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Originals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Single-Sided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	No Staples/ Paper Clips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) COR Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CMTE Report duly filed; Available for Placement on Session Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> CMTE Report non-conforming for acceptance; Return to Committee	COR CHAIR (Signature, Date & Time)  2.13.18 @ 7:30 PM

N/A
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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

February 12, 2018

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Speaker

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163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

2018 FEB 15 AM 8:34

VIA: The Honorable Regine B. Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RBL

RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted

Dear Speaker Cruz:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report on Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted – Sponsored by Senator Therese M. Terlaje and Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. - An act to amend §67110, Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to updating the Guam Veteran Registry.** As introduced, was publicly heard on February 2, 2018.

Committee votes are as follows:

- TO PASS**
- NOT TO PASS**
- ABSTAIN**
- TO REPORT OUT ONLY**
- TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE**

Senseramente,

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman

Attachments

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7:30pm.



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

**Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted
Sponsored by: Senator Therese M. Terlaje
and Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**

**An act to amend §67110,
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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

February 12, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. *DR*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 217 - 34 (COR), As Substituted

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted – Therese M. Terlaje / Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. - an act to amend §67110, chapter 67, title 10, guam code annotated, relative to updating the guam veteran registry.** This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As Substituted
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As introduced
- Copy of COR Fiscal Note Request/Fiscal Note
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Attachments

Senator Thomas C. Ada,
Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz,
Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,
Member

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.,
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December 27, 2017

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature
Attorney Julian Aguon
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Bill No. 217-34 (COR)**

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 217-34 (COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to **Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Chairperson, Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs & Senior Citizens**. I also request that the same be forwarded to the prime sponsor of the subject bill.

Attached, please see the COR pre-referral checklist for your information, which shall be attached as a committee report item to the bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jeanenne Cordero at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



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December 27, 2017

MEMO

To: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules
Re: Letter of explanation – Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

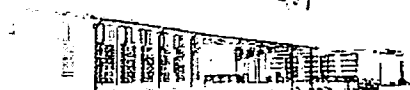
Buenas yan Håfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and pursuant to COR decision, COR meeting on April 3, 2017, this letter serves as an explanation of non-completion of pre-referral checklist on **Bill No. 217-34 (COR)**.

Response from Legal Bureau was delayed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jeanenne Cordero or Mary Maravilla at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.





Maria Loraine Umbrero <mumbrero.senatorrodriguez@gmail.com>

AMENDED FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC & CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

1 message

Joe Mesngon <joe@toduguam.com>
To: phnotice <phnotice@guamlegislature.org>

Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 2:50 PM

January 26, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders & Media

From: Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Subject: AMENDED FIRST NOTICE of PUBLIC & CONFIRMATION HEARING on February 2, 2018

Hafa Adai!

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens will conduct a **Public & Confirmation Hearing on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 9am in the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room** in Hagatna.

The Committee will accept oral and written testimony on the following:

*The Executive Appointment of Ms. Catherine San Nicolas as the Nutritionist/Dietary Member of the Guam Board of Allied Health.

*The Executive Appointment of Dr. Kia Rahmani to serve as a Member of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

*The Executive Appointment of Dr. Gregory J. Miller to serve as the Chiropractor Member of the Guam Board of Allied Health.

*The Executive Appointment of Dr. Robert L. Haddock to serve as the Veterinary Member of the Guam Board of Allied Health.

***Bill 153-34 (COR)**- As corrected by Prime Sponsor; Sen. San Nicolas;

AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 26208, AND 26302(e) AND TO REPEAL §§ 26208.1, 26208.2, 26208.3, AND 26603(d), EACH OF CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REORGANIZING CERTAIN SPECIAL FUNDS INTO THE 'UNIFIED HEALTH FUND', REORGANIZING ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOLS OF SUCH FUND, AND AMENDING LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THE UNIFIED HEALTH FUND.

***Bill 197-34 (COR)** - Sens. Rodriguez / San Agustin;

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 1A TO CHAPTER 12 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 10; TO RENUMBER §12229 OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO BE § 12A106 OF THE NEW ARTICLE 1A OF PART 1 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND AMEND THAT SECTION; TO ADD A NEW § 5121 TO SUBARTICLE B OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 10 TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE DIVISION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE (HPLO) WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AUTHORIZING OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR THE HPLO FROM THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND, AND PROVIDING PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE NEW DIVISION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE.

***Bill 207-34 (COR)** - Sens. Rodriguez / San Agustin

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE AND RECLASSIFY THE ELIGIBILITY SPECIALISTS AND ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR PERSONNEL AS WELFARE PROGRAM SPECIALISTS AND PROVIDE FOR THE COINCIDING PAY GRADES WITHIN THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WELFARE'S BUREAU OF ECONOMIC SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO

THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONE (\$122,761) DOLLARS FOR THE VARIANCE IN FUNDING REQUIRED FOR AFFECTED POSITIONS, AND THE FILLING OF VACANCIES.

***Bill 217-34 (COR) - Sen. Terlaje**

AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.

***Bill 226-34 (COR) - Sens. Nelson / AGUON / Rodriguez**

AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION(a)(15) OF §12802 OF ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO ADD A §12802(a)(16) TO ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 26 TO CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASSAGE THERAPY INDUSTRY ON GUAM UNDER THE OVERSIGHT OF THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD.

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SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC & CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

1 message

Joe Mesngon <joe@toduguam.com>
To: phnotice <phnotice@guamlegislature.org>

Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 10:54 AM

January 30, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders & Media

From: Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Subject: SECOND NOTICE of PUBLIC & CONFIRMATION HEARING on February 2, 2018

Hafa Adai!

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens will conduct a **Public & Confirmation Hearing on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 9am in the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room** in Hagatna.

The Committee will accept oral and written testimony on the following:

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Chairman, Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs & Senior Citizens

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Friday, February 2, 2018 at 9:00AM

Public Hearing Room, I Liheslatura

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III. Adjournment

Thank you for your participation in today's hearing.



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 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TOURISM, MILITARY AFFAIRS & SENIOR CITIZENS
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Daniel Mendoza	JMM	DUH 668	✓	✓		✓		477-5406	
Bill Cindiff	BC	LISAF Vets	✓			✓		482-1028	
Brian L. Mead	BM	Vet	✓	✓			✓	565-2632	
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TESTIMONY ON
Bill 217-34 (COR)
BARRY L. MEAD

Hafa Adai, my name is Barry Mead, I am a Viet Nam Veteran, a VFW Gold Legacy Life Member, a DAV Life Member and serve as the Adjutant for the Guam Veterans Commission. I am here today speaking to Bill 217-34 (COR).

Though I am in support of anything that will enhance the completion and ongoing updates to a Veterans Registry, I am saddened by a number of issues related to this Bill for the following reasons.

1. We have another piecemeal approach to fixing a larger problem and that is 10 GCA Ch 67. Senator Rodriguez Chief of Staff and I are pushing for all veteran groups to submit their recommendations on revising the chapter in its entirety through the Guam Veterans Commission and are making good headway.
2. I am providing for you the testimony I gave on Bill 244-33 as an example of another piecemeal approach to a long existing problem and did nothing to fix it.
3. I am disappointed that there are only two sponsors for this bill. NOT one of which is one of the five Senators that are Veterans and would themselves be on the Registry.
4. There has never (to my knowledge) been a full accounting of the FY 2015 appropriation of \$50,000 for the establishment of the Registry. (See attached FOIA request dated September 19, 2015)
5. Currently there is an ongoing push to establish the Registry but the current GVAO Administrator is only one person working with an understaffed office that is responsible for the burial of roughly 17 vets a month, while processing numerous VA claims, finding homes for homeless vets (working with WestCare and GHURA) and countless other responsibilities. Maybe this should be the concern of the Legislature. Not passing another law but fixing a problem that has been ongoing and neglected for how many years.

The requirement for all Government of Guam Agencies to forward a copy of a DD-214 though on the surface sounds good, but the question of privacy may come into play as "The Privacy Act of 1974 limits access to a veteran's DD214 to only the service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian; only these persons will have access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. Others requesting information from military personnel/health records must have the signed authorization of the service member or legal guardian."
<http://www.dd214.us/entitlement.html>

In other words, without the Veterans expressed written authorization the DD-214 can NOT be forwarded.

Restricting this to only a DD-214 omits all members of the National Guard, in that National Guardsmen do not have a DD-214, they have a NGB-22. As an example, Guam Law stipulates that an appointee to a Commission or Board must show military service evidenced through a DD-214, but as in the instance of a recent appointee to the GEB he doesn't have one and was allowed to provide a sign statement in lieu of though he should have been made to produce a NGB-22.

This bill and Bill 218-34 are somewhat redundant as everything that I have done at Rev and Tax concerning something as a veteran, I had to go to the GVAO to get the authorization letter and never produced a DD-214 to Rev and Tax, so where is the need for more confusing legislation?

Additionally, other than the GVAO what Government of Guam agencies would require, other than maybe the Department of Labor and possibly GHURA a DD-214? I realize that a Veteran claiming the 5 or 10 point preference for employment may fall under this category, again for DOA or HR in the case of the autonomous agencies would fall under the Privacy Act.

My suggestion is to allow the Guam Veterans Commission with the current GVAO Administrator to do its job in providing the Legislature with a comprehensive review and revision of 10 GCA Ch 67 for consideration, public hearing and adoption, to fix the entire problem instead of using a piece meal bouncing around the issues method

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and thank you for your time and indulgence.



Barry "B" L. Mead

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VFW Gold Legacy Life Member

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Member Viet Nam Veterans of America

“Paralyze resistance with persistence” Woody Hayes

TESTIMONY ON
BILL 244-33
BARRY L. MEAD

Good Afternoon, my name is Barry Mead, I am a Viet Nam Veteran, A VFW Bronze Legacy Life Member, a DAV Life Member and the Service Officer for VFW Post 2917.

I am here today to speak somewhat in favor of Bill 244-33 in so much that there is a need for greater accountability and transparency in how funds provided for the Guam Veterans Affairs Office are administered and accounted for.

As evidence to these comments I have provided with my testimony a number of documents that include:

- Two sent to the Legislative Secretary dated July 7 & 9, 2015 from the Public Auditor, another (OPA Report 12-01 from March 2012),
- A FIOA request I had sent to both the Administrator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office and the Guam Veterans Commission. I copied that request as well to Senator Tom Ada, Chair of the Legislature Committee on Veterans affairs. I received no reply from Mr. Cundiff, and the one I received from Mr. Manglona was contrite and meant to demean me more than just simply answer the questions.
- Mr. Manglona's email.
- Mr. Cundiff email asking for authorization to spend over \$21,000

First I am saddened by the fact that there are not more Senators signed on to this bill, specifically Senators Aguon and Barnes and wonder why. Be that as it may I am gladdened by the fact that Senator Ada has acted on behalf of the many Veterans that have been raising issues of dis-satisfaction with both entities mentioned in the Bill. But, again wonder why it has taken so long, as the affects of that delay will be evidenced further in my presentation. Having the GVAO responsible for the Cemetery Fund as well as the Veterans Affairs fund only makes sense. Though providing a quarterly report for the cemetery fund to the GVC vice I Maga'lahaen Guahan as done for the Veterans Affairs fund seems illogical.

It would seem that the contents of this Bill would be included in §67103 Powers and Duties of the Officer. As well have included procurement responsibility, requirements to coordinate all grant requests and administration of grants with the Guam Clearing House and Department of Administration, and finally but not limit to, the responsibility of maintaining all files a records. With additional safe guards to prevent what I term as a blatant disregard for procedures, processes and transparency evidenced in a recent email where Mr. Cundiff is quoted as saying with respect to a request by Mr. Manglona for a \$21,132.39 reimbursement, "I completely trust Martin. I highly recommend your approval. I must have your response by next week Thursday. (email dated 01/07/16) Otherwise, I will make the decision." Two of the responses to this email included verbiage asking to see paperwork, and that they would not sign something they had not seen in writing, one even

stating to see a proper audit of said expenses. Not only is this outrageous but not surprising, it is more outrageous that Mr. Manglona has had to fund the GVAO office out of his own pocket!

Consequently, not limiting my testimony to just the confines of the Bill, I would also recommend that included in the Bill are provisions revising §67107 as to what the functions and purpose of the Commission is. As well as the responsibilities of the Chairperson. As the following questions have been asked for years;

- Who are the voting members of the Commission? As the membership/representation portion is very confusing; There have been at meetings where supposed members were not allowed to vote and other "guests" did vote.
- Who decides who is and is not a member?
- How can new organizations be included?
- Why isn't the Commission directing use of funds as laid out in 10GCA, Ch67?

Granted the current law does stipulate an answer to some of these questions, but why are the questions being asked? The answer is simple. The Law is not being followed! There is no agenda prepared for meetings, no minutes of meetings and as evidence by audits and my FOIA request, very little if any financial records.

Based on the aforementioned I would heartedly recommend that the Chairperson for the Commission be the Guam Veterans Affairs Officer. With an election be held yearly for the Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. That a clear and concise process for membership to the Commission be established and no viable Veterans organization be denied membership, that the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Veterans Affairs be an Ex-Officio Member of the Commission (attending, not send a representative), that a signing sheet be provided to every meeting for voting members separate and apart from the guest sign in sheet, and that the quorum (§67107 a 4) for any meeting of the Commission equal 50% +1 of the membership.

Thank you for your time and indulgence.

Barry "B" L. Mead

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Martin Manglona
Administrator Guam Veterans Affairs Office

Mr. Bill Cundiff
Chairman, Guam Veterans Commission

CC: Honorable Thomas C. Ada
Chairman, Committee on Veterans affairs

FROM: Barry L. Mead /S/
Concerned Veteran

DATE: September 19, 2015

SUBJECT: 5 GCA, Chapter 10 Sunshine Reform Act of 1999

Pursuant to 5 GCA, Chapter 10, §10103 I am requesting all pertinent information with respect to the following:

1. Status of all funds (\$619,000) appropriated under PL 32-101 for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry. To include all expenditures related to the funds, as well as the status of the registry.
2. Status of all funds appropriated to the GVAO (\$50,000) for FY 2015 also for the Guam Veterans Registry.
3. An accounting for all funds and expenditures of the GVAO for FY 2013-2014, 2014-2015, to include all purchase orders, contracts, repairs (i.e. sewer and flagpoles)
4. All agendas and minutes of the Veterans Commission meetings annotating the approval of and for all expenditures.

Per §10104 please consider this request an Electronic Communication for purposes of response within time lines and formats.

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Public Hearing on Bill No. 217-34 (COR):
AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM
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VETERAN REGISTRY.

Introduced by: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez

Friday, February 2, 2018

Guam Veteran Registry

- ◆ Established pursuant to Public Law 32-101
 - Provide Guam veterans and their families with current information on benefits and activities.
 - Validate Guam's Veteran population to further strengthen the GVAO's ability to pursue financial resources and support

Veteran Population Count

2010 U.S. Census	Guam Office of Veteran Affairs 2014	U.S. Veteran Affairs Office FY 2016	Homeless Veteran Count as of 2015
8,041 (Total Enumeration)	24,000	9,933 (Utilizing VA)	11,000

Data Gaps/Collection Challenges

- GVAO currently working to validate 24,000 DD214 forms on file and update IT System with the assistance of OTECH.
- U.S. Census data is captured only every ten (10) years.
- Active Duty Retirees/Other Veterans with who do not want or need GVAO services:
 - Do not want to “clog” up system for veterans who need services
 - Do not see need to register with GVAO
- U.S. Veteran Affairs data reflects only veterans actively using VA system.
- DOD transmittal of DD214 forms to Guam GVAO upon separation from military service is optional.

SAMPLE DD214

CAUTION: NOT TO BE RELEASED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE. ANY ALTERATIONS IN SHARED AREAS MEMBER FORM VOID.

SAMPLE

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

This Report Contains Information Subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) [REDACTED]		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH ARMY/101 ABN DIV		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]	
4. GRADE, RATE OR PAY [REDACTED]		5. PAY GRADE [REDACTED]		6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 00000000	
7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY [REDACTED]		7b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) [REDACTED]			
8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND 357 REGT 2D BN 11TH FC		8b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCLENDON, VA 98453-9500			
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED [REDACTED]		10. EQLI COVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 400,000.00		11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (M, N, O, etc.) and months in specialty. List specialty numbers and their brevity periods of (see or refer to) [REDACTED]	
12. RECORD OF SERVICE		13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (By points or service) [REDACTED]			
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14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year of course) [REDACTED]		15. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH [REDACTED]			
16. COMMISSIONED THROUGH SERVICE ACADEMY [REDACTED]		17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION [REDACTED]			
18. SERVICE UNDER LEAVE PAY [REDACTED]		19. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 5 BE SENT TO (Specify state/country) [REDACTED]			
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22. TYPE OF SEPARATION [REDACTED]		23. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Indicate applicable) [REDACTED]			
24. SEPARATION AUTHORITY [REDACTED]		25. SEPARATION CODE [REDACTED]		26. REENTRY CODE [REDACTED]	
27. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION [REDACTED]		28. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 [REDACTED]			
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) [REDACTED]		30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 [REDACTED]			

DD FORM 214, AUG 2003. PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE. GENANT/DTI/TRAFF/PC. MEMBER - 4

Intent of Bill 217-34 (COR)

All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions contained herein. All government entities for whom a DD214 form is presented by an applicant as an identifying or as a qualifying document for benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant's DD214 form to the Office of Veterans Affairs no later than five (5) days after the date of acceptance by that government entity. Transmission of forms may be made by electronic means as prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this Section.

The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a monthly progress report of the Guam Veteran Registry to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guahan."

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE VETERAN BENEFITS/SERVICES

- Department of Revenue & Taxation
 - Drivers License & Identification Card Division
 - Motor Vehicle Division
- Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority
- Guam Housing Corporation

Benefits of Bill 217

- Fill data gaps on veterans who are not registered with the GVAO for a more accurate count to assist outreach efforts, case for increased funding, grant applications.
- Flow of veteran data from various government agencies can be utilized by GVAO to update status of veterans on registry.

The Washington Post

Federal Insider

Guam: A high concentration of veterans, but rock-bottom VA funding

By Josh Hicks October 29, 2014

Guam has a small population of about 200,000 residents, but it's home to one of the highest concentrations of military veterans among U.S. states and territories. One in eight adults on the Pacific island have served in the armed forces.

Despite those numbers, the island ranked last in the country for per capita medical spending by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2012, with an average of \$822 for each former service member. Virginia had the next lowest rate with a much greater \$1,275 per veteran.

PBS recently explored whether Guam veterans are receiving the care they deserve in a documentary called "Island of Warriors," part of an "America by the Numbers" series that examines shifting U.S. demographics and the significance to the nation.

Journalist Maria Hinojosa talked with Guam veterans about why they serve in the military and the level of treatment they receive when they return home.

The VA opened a new outpatient clinic for Guam veterans in 2011, but the island still lacks the kind of specialized treatment facilities available in other locations. The nearest intensive program for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is located more than 3,000 miles away in Hawaii.

"For me, that's why I just stay home," said Roland Ada, a Guamanian who was diagnosed with PTSD after serving two tours in Iraq as a combat medic. The veteran said he rarely socializes any more and thinks about ending his life several times a day.

The documentary also looked at U.S. Census data, which shows that about 8,000 former troops live in Guam. Many politicians and veterans advocates on the island suspect that the numbers are inaccurate and causing a lack of VA funding for the territory.

Hinojosa asked the VA's Guam facility planner, Craig Oswald, whether the clinic's two certified psychiatrists are enough to serve the territory's veteran population.

"I think right now we're doing quite well," he said, adding that the clinic recently added more mental-health staff, including social workers and nurses.

Oswald agreed that Guamanians should have access to the specialized care they need, but he rejected the notion that the VA has overlooked the island.

"I think Guam is very well-known to 'Big VA,' to Washington, D.C.," he said. "Our particular health-care system has actually received several million dollars ... that's being spent directly on veterans in the Pacific."

But Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo disagreed, saying the Senate cut mental-health funding for the territory two years in a row.

"The federal government has not done their part to assist the very patriotic group of American citizens fighting in so many distant lands, in areas that have never tasted democracy," Calvo said. "Yet these American citizens of Guam really have not felt what true democracy is all about."

At the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan last decade, four of the Army's top recruiters were from Guam, and enlistment on the island doubled while it was falling almost everywhere else in the nation, according to the documentary.

"It's a family tradition to do it," said Sfc. Gonzalo Fernandez, a recruiter for the Army National Guard who won recruiter of the year awards three times in a row during that span.

Fernandez also attributed the high numbers to a sense of patriotism among Guam residents. But University of Guam history professor Michael Bevacqua said recruits may be attracted to the "shininess and the niceness" of the military, which offers economic opportunities they may not otherwise find outside the armed services.

Guam's unemployment rate is 13.3 percent, whereas the the national average is 7.5 percent; and nearly 23 percent of residents there live in poverty, compared to about 15 percent of Americans overall, according to the documentary.

Maggie Aguon, an Iraq war veteran who was the first woman from Guam to volunteer for service in the military after 9/11, said she joined the military because she wanted to represent her island. "I want to put it on the map," she said.

Aguon suffered a head injury in Iraq when an improvised explosive device struck her vehicle, and she said she still suffers from emotional trauma from her experiences in war. But she also said she would serve again.

"If they would have said, 'Pack your bags,' I would go again, in a heartbeat," she said. "For my country, for my island. I'm not trying to prove anything. It's called pride."

Since the documentary was made earlier this year, the VA added one physician to its staff at the Guam clinic and applied for funding to expand its facilities.

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§ 67110. Guam Veterans Registry.

The Office of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veterans Registry (Registry), which shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the Registry shall entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on Guam, and the scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who no longer reside on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the Registry. The Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purposes of providing Guam veterans and their families with current information on veterans' benefits and activities, through the use of its webpage or other means deemed necessary that would ensure the maximum dissemination of veteran-related information; and for the validation of Guam's veteran population to further strengthen the Office's ability to pursue financial resources and support in the provision of services or programs for the benefit of Guam's veterans and their families. The Office may use data collected at other government agencies which may be collecting the required data, in whole or in part. Nothing herein shall relieve the duty of any other entity to collect veterans' data for the benefit of veterans on Guam.

All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions contained herein.

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3 bills to help update Guam's veteran registry

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(Photo: Rick Cruz/PDN)

Lawmakers four years ago created the Guam Veterans Registry - an updated list of veterans living on island - which will be used to strengthen Guam's argument for additional veteran services and programs.

Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje, D-Yona, introduced three bills -217

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The established numbers of veterans on the registry may directly influence the level of funding for services and benefits afforded to the veteran population on island, Terlaje's office said in a written statement.



Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje on the session floor at the Guam Congress Building on April 28, 2017. (Photo: Rick Cruz/PDN)

"All three bills aim to boost existing efforts of the government to reach our veterans and ensure increased direct services," Terlaje said.

Bill 217 requires all government entities to forward to the Office of Veterans Affairs, for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry, copies of DD214 forms they received from those applying for veteran services or benefits.

Under Bill 218, the Department of Revenue and Taxation's Motor Vehicle Division and Drivers License and Identification Card Branch is required to forward copies of veterans' DD214 forms to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs, also to help update the registry.

Under Bill 219, mayors can include the collection of veteran demographics in their annual census, and conduct semi-annual veteran outreach within their jurisdictions.

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Guam vets get help for registry effort

December 15, 2017

For many years, efforts to recognize and assist U.S. military veterans living on Guam have been hindered by a simple, but fundamental problem. There are no solid numbers for the veteran population on the island. Official numbers, including from the U.S. Census have been contradictory.

Currently there's yet another effort underway to reach the elusive vets and get a reliable registry count.

Now, Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and Chairperson of Committee on Military Affairs, Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, have introduced three bills that aim at updating the Guam Veteran Registry and improving veteran outreach efforts in order to better connect veterans and their families to services. The established numbers of veterans on the registry may directly influence the level of funding for services and benefits afforded to the veteran population on island.

Bill 217-34 (COR), 218-34(COR) and 219-34(COR) will authorize government entities that interact on a daily basis with the veteran population to actively support the efforts of the Office of Veteran Affairs in updating the registry and connecting veterans to services. According to Vice Speaker Terlaje, "All three bills aim to boost existing efforts of the government to reach our veterans and ensure increased direct services."

Senator Rodriguez

Bill No. 217-34(COR) mandates all government entities for which a DD214 form is presented by an applicant to qualify for services or benefits, to forward copies of the DD214 form to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.

Bill No. 218-34(COR) authorizes village mayors to offer the listing of veteran status on mayor residential verification forms, to include the collection of veteran demographics in their annual census and to conduct semi-annual veteran outreach within their jurisdiction to update the Guam Veteran Registry and connect veterans and their families to services and activities offered by the Office of Veteran Affairs.

Bill No. 219-34(COR) requires the Department of Revenue & Taxation Motor Vehicle Division and Drivers License and Identification Card Branch to forward copies of veteran DD214 forms presented by applicants as a qualifying document for a benefit or service to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.

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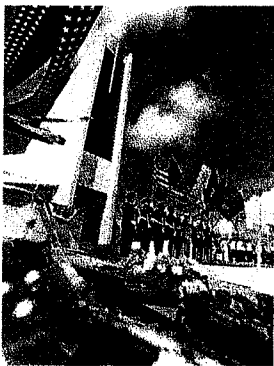
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Letter: We need data to make Guam's case to VA

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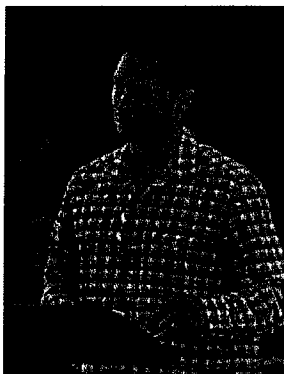
In my first term of office, I successfully amended the GovGuam budget to double the appropriation of the Guam Veterans Affairs office from \$322,229 to \$619,379.

But that is just a drop in the bucket compared to the expenditures of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, which has the primary responsibility for the care of our veterans. The VA spends a total of \$180 billion on veterans nationally but veterans on Guam receive a minuscule 0.06 percent of that.

Guam needs to do a better job of quantifying our need so that we can advocate to the feds in Washington, D.C., to expand services for the large veteran population on our island.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 9,933 veterans on Guam and when you look at veteran per capita spending, according to the Department of Veteran's Affairs' 2015 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures, the VA's spending rate on Guam looks to be comparable to the national average. But the Census Bureau's numbers of the veteran population of Guam can be misleading. Based on these numbers Guam

would have a lower number of veterans as a percentage of the adult population (6.23 percent) than the national average (6.6 percent). I think anyone living on Guam viscerally understands that in no way is our rate of military service below average.



San Nicolas (Photo: Frank San Nicolas/PDN)

Rodney Cruz, president of the Iraq Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific, said that in 2014 the Guam Veteran's Affairs Office had a count of nearly 24,000 veterans on Guam, but that the documentation for those figures was lacking. That means we could be getting less than half our fair share.

The Guam Veteran's Affairs Office started an outreach campaign in 2017 to register veterans on Guam to get a true and accurate count of the veterans on our island, to show the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., that the current funding for veterans on Guam falls far short of what is fair and what Guam veterans deserve.

The VA has 155 inpatient care sites and 1,028 outpatient care sites throughout the United States, with only one of those sites on Guam. The VA spent \$1.7 billion in the construction of VA facilities in 2016 alone. None of that was spent on Guam.

We need accurate data and a strong advocate in Washington, D.C., to articulate the unique challenges we have on Guam and the depth of sacrifice our people have given to this country. We must work as One Guam, local officials and our delegate in Washington, armed with accurate data to make this case to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Michael F.Q. San Nicolas is a senator in the 34th Guam Legislature.

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Letter: Bills could help veterans

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(Photo: Submitted)

For decades, the actual number of veterans on Guam has been very elusive.

John Buchan put the elusiveness of the actual number of veterans in perspective when he said, "The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a series of occasions for hope."

Enter Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje as she introduced bills 127, 128, and 129. The bottom line of these bills is to solidify processes and procedures to ensure that veterans receiving government services are identified and reported to the Guam Veterans Affairs Office for entry into the veterans registry.

I would venture to say that getting an accurate count of the number of veterans will be long and enduring. There will be amendments after amendments to these bills, but it will be worth all the headaches and pain when we actually nail down required steps to ensure we get an accurate as possible count.

The veteran registry can be quite helpful to extrapolate and analyze data to make decisions and justify requests for additional funding for man-power, services, office space, supplies and equipment, and training and certification requirements, to accurately predict additional burial spaces at the VA Cemetery at a certain time frame, or to request for a new VA Cemetery, and to substantiate additional support requirements from the U.S. Veterans Affairs Office.

It is an extreme pleasure to express my sincerest appreciation to Vice Speaker Terlaje for stepping up to the plate and starting this very important conversation. This conversation is quite refreshing. I have the utmost confidence that Vice Speaker Terlaje will feverishly pursue this extremely important endeavor and see it to fruition.

I know that fellow veterans have well-thought-out suggestions on how to get an accurate as possible count of the number of veterans on Guam. Please share your suggestions with Vice Speaker Terlaje by calling her office at 472-3589.

To register, please call the Guam Veterans Affairs Office at 475-8388 or go online to: www.gvao.guam.gov, click on Resources, and then click on Guam Veteran Registry.

If my grandson Vanny was here and I explained the veteran registry predicament to him, he would probably say, "Grandpa, you are a veteran and I am very proud of you, now go do whatever you can do to help." I will salute him and say, "yes sir."

Bill Cundiff is a retired Air Force chief master sergeant and a resident of Agat.

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Guam's veteran's registry starting (again) from zero; Local vets complain of slow VA action on Agent Orange, burn pit exposure

June 30, 2017 | By Bruce Lloyd



Guam Vets Sign Up For Vets Registry With DD 214 Discharge Paper for Reference

Many of several hundred U.S. military veterans gathered at a Guam Community College workshop may have thought they had long since registered as vets with the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. It turns out that's not the case. The list presently stands at 126 of the tens of thousands of veterans known to exist on the island.

And this is a very big deal, since the Guam registry is used to provide evidence in support of requests such as for bigger Guam clinics or a V.A hospital. A more accurate count might justify Guam becoming a regional VA site or to receive more funding to support VA programs on Guam. The U.S. Census has clearly under-counted the number of Guam vets, so it's really up to the Government of Guam to do an accurate job.

So what happened to those previous and publicized vet registry efforts? Guam Community College Student Veteran Association President Rodney Cruz explained what happened.

"It was back in 2014 under John Unpingco's administration [of the Guam Veteran's Affairs Office], they went in to get their count and I believe it was about 24,000. But what happened is that when he left office, with his staff, none of that information was left behind based on information I'm getting." The most recent U.S. Census information put the number of resident Guam vets at about 9,000.

Cruz said the current Guam Vet's Affairs Office is starting an all out effort to fix this problem. "They're going to be starting a village to village outreach, where they go out to reach those veterans."

Vets can register online at the link below. They can upload a DD214 to document their service:

Guam vet's registry



GCC Veterans Assoc. Pres. Rodney Cruz

Guam vets have a couple of big beefs with the Veterans Administration. For the older group, it's recognition and care for the damage they suffered from long ago exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide, For the younger group, it's exposure to toxic fumes from waste pits in battle areas in Iraq and Afghanistan, Cruz said.

"It seems that Agent Orange is the biggest question here and of course, we have some of our younger vets who are talking about exposure to burn pits and those are the major concerns right now."

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Veterans' health care issues linger

Alana Chargualaf | The Guam Daily Post Dec 5, 2017 Updated Dec 5, 2017



ISSUES: Joseph San Agustin, director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, addresses veterans at The Western Pacific Conference on Public Administration and Policy at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort on Monday, Dec. 4. Issues such as a lack of medical and mental health services on the island were brought up as topics that continue to plague veterans on Guam and around

Military veterans and those who provide services to veterans participated in the 2017 Biennial Western Pacific Conference on Public Administration and Policy Solution, which was aimed at identifying issues such as health care, finances and veterans' overall welfare.

The conference, hosted by the University of Guam Master of Public Administration Fanuchánan 2017 graduating candidates, featured student presentations and panel discussions on the Veterans Registry, medical and health services for veterans on Guam, financial literacy, veterans in business and other services. The Veterans History Project was also unveiled.

The event's keynote speaker was Rodney Cruz, veteran and president of the Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific.

Cruz and two other student groups identified a discrepancy in the way veterans on Guam have been counted throughout the years.

In 2010, the U.S. Census reported 8,041 veterans. In 2014, the Guam Veterans Affairs Office reported about 27,000 veterans. In 2016, the Department of Veterans Affairs reported only 9,933.

Now, in 2017, only 495 veterans have been recorded by the GVAO since the Veterans Registry bill was passed by the Guam Legislature, according to Cruz. The number, however, reflects only those who took the time to register with the GVAO.

'The veterans are tired'

Cruz said the lack of convenient service and proper health care available on island may have prompted some of Guam's veterans to relocate to the U.S. mainland.

Cruz, who has post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury, shared his experience of traveling to Hawaii for a simple health assessment, costing a total of \$5,000 for each trip. He believes checkups and simple treatments could be made available on island.

He said the wait time for a veteran's medical appointment was up to 180 days.

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"The veterans are tired," he said. "The veterans have served their country and island very well. Any time we talk about numbers, you can count on it that the veterans are already going to give up."

His concerns lie with those who cannot afford the trips and need more immediate health care.

A presentation on veterans' financial welfare brought to light that most veterans have credit issues, overspend and have unpaid medical bills.

A master's of public administration candidate, Lellani Gilding presented her research which found that Guam ranked lowest in the country with an average of \$822 per veteran spent by the federal government.

Her research also showed that the highest average amount spent on veterans went to West Virginia and Arkansas, with \$7,600 per veteran. In other words, for every dollar each of those states receive, Guam receives only about 11 cents.

Joseph San Agustin, director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, spoke in a panel discussion and highlighted that the island's veteran health services are experiencing both the challenge of finding health professionals, and the difficulty of showing numbers worthy of action by policymakers in Washington, D.C.

He explained his push for an in-patient clinic at Naval Hospital Guam since he began his term as director.

Fellow panel member and veteran Felix Santos agreed that an in-patient clinic needs to be established on island.

'The battle is going to be very difficult'

However, in going through the motions of making the request, San Agustin said he was told it's difficult to build a hospital or begin an assessment when, according to a survey, there was only one veteran patient at Naval Hospital.

"The numbers are really what we need to go out and start battling our needs. As long as the numbers are not there, the battle is going to be very difficult," he said.

Officials encourage the island's veterans to come forward and register, and not give up on presenting their cases, so that numbers can be compiled and presented to officials in Washington.

Veterans History Project

The conference concluded with the unveiling of the Veterans History Project, showcasing veterans' artifacts, testimonies and portraits. The display showcased soldiers' uniforms, hats, boots, pins, personal photos, books and more.

The project was a collaboration between the UOG Master of Public Administration Fanuchánan graduating candidates and Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo's office, and was an effort to depict the lives of Guam's veterans.

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted –Therese M. Terlaje / Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr.- AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

- I. OVERVIEW: The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens conducted a Public Hearing on February 2, 2018.** The hearing convened at 9:00am in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **Bill No. 217-34 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje / Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr., - AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.**

II. Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery/fax and/or email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **January 26, 2018, and January 30, 2018.**

Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairman
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	Vice-Chairman
Senator Therese Terlaje	Member

III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator San Agustin: We have one more bill that we want to hear before we get to the confirmation hearing, so if you could just be patient...it's Bill 217-34COR introduced by Senator Terlaje. We have the following folks signed up, if you could please approach the table. Sgt. Major Bruce? You are in favor of the bill? Ok. We have First Sgt. Mendiola. Dan, would you please come forward. We have Mr. Chief Cundiff. Bill? Is he still here? We have Barry Mead. We have Jose San Agustin. Where did that Veteran Sgt. Marine go? I'll have Vice Speaker Terlaje to do her introduction. Thank you.

Senator Terlaje: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you members of the Committee on Health, Tourism, and Military Affairs and Senior Citizens... for having this hearing today on Bill 217-34COR. I'd also like to thank the Guam Veterans Affairs Office Administrator Mr. Jose San Agustin for all his help and consultation in working on these bills and for his presence here today. I would like to thank all of you Veteran representatives and Veterans that are present today too. Thank you. Bill 217-34 is an act to amend section 67110, Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to updating the Guam Veteran Registry. If I could, I have a very quick presentation, just a powerpoint that I would hope would get us onto the same page. Is that powerpoint available?



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

Okay great. Next page please?

The bill is going to amend a law that is already established by public law 32-101. In 32-101 that is where a Guam Veteran Registry was required and mandated by law. And it was put into the arms of the Guam Veterans' Affairs Office. And so, they have been working on this. This bill is really only intended to amend that law in very specific locations. So that law, when it created the registry, it had the two goals- one was to provide Guam Veterans and their families with current information on benefits and activities. So, it looks like the law intended to be an outreach tool for the Guam Veterans Office to reach out to Veterans. And the second purpose was to validate Guam's Veterans population to further strengthen the GVAO's ability to pursue financial resources and support to have accurate numbers of who the Veterans are on Guam and what their needs are. Alright, thank you.

This of course, has been very challenging. And I came upon this through newspaper articles where they talked about this being an issue and for many years and this law was intended to solve it but we are still having problems. The numbers did not jive to me. The first column is the 2010 U.S. Census. It showed that the U.S. Veteran population count was 8,041. Did you get copies of this? The next column shows the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs and this is in 2014 and had reported 24,000 veterans on Guam and the US Veterans Affairs Office in the next column reports in 2016, I know these are different years- 9,933. That is not the right title. This should be...oh the next column...that's not the homeless veteran count that is the Guam Veterans Office most recent count is 11,000. So sorry, that column heading is incorrect so if you could just show the whole chart, it's the numbers varied so much and I couldn't understand how we could go from 24,000 reporting in one year to only reporting 11,000 now and why our numbers were different than the other numbers and I guess also the that there was general talk that the numbers were not high enough that we were not showing that there were more veterans that what our numbers show. So that to me was an issue. If we're still not able after this law to accurately get a number of veterans on Guam and I just wanted to see what we could do to really achieve this and I acknowledge that the Guam Veterans Affairs Office is a very small office probably underfunded and in order to achieve this purpose on top of the other purposes of that office which is to advise veterans to help them with managing their claims, to manage the cemetery, and many other things this was another duty that was put on this office and so I realized that they were challenged and the other thing that I wanted to guess get to the bottom of is why we were chasing our Veterans down and you know, why did we have to do that? Why...was there any other way that we could get this information so if I could just continue, there is a 24,000 and lets just stay on the previous slides...so the 24,000 that the Guam Veterans Affairs Office reported in 2014 seems to have come from the 24,000 physical form files that they have in their office and they are currently working with the Office of Technology to input these and to verify whether they are still accurate or not or valid but so they actually do have approximately that number of physical files in their office. In addition, to that they are receiving files from the Department of Defense regularly when people are discharged. They have an option to send their file to the DD214 to the Guam Veterans Affairs Office so they can add those to their registry. So they now put their registry online, they have an online source that they can input this data or veterans can go in and input this data, I'm sure that the that the director will update us on that but the problem with the US



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Census Data its only captured every 10 years so the next one will be in 2020. We have the US Veterans Affairs Office also is counting those numbers are only reflecting those who have applied for services or actively engaged in applying for services and so it does not necessarily include all the retirees or other people who may not be applying to that office for services. Okay? So if we could go to the next slide. The next slide is DD214 and I've been working with the Congresswoman's Office on this because there are some several parts here that are very important for Guam's veteran's purposes. It's hard to see the highlighted but there's one part on the DD14 that says home of record at time of entry so the congresswoman has agreed and sent a letter to try to get all of those...get a list of all of those veterans who have indicated Guam as a home of record in this part of the form. So she's asked I think the US Veterans Affairs Office and I've asked her to also check maybe Department of Defense if they would provide that to her directly, right? So that would just be a number that our Guam's veterans registry could use in whatever way possible to verify their own numbers and there's another part of the form on line 20, it says member request copy be sent to and then there's a blank for the state office of veterans affairs and this is another place where if you put Guam, this is how our local veterans affairs office receives these DD214 forms directly from the Department of Defense and so I also asked the Congresswoman to verify from the other side from this source of when they send these out if they could verify how many they have actually sent to Guam over the years and to kind of dig back and see so that maybe we don't have to recreate that that she can help us to update that. So I'm hoping that she will be successful in that but in any event whatever information she can get from the source, I'm hoping you can also use to verify your information and then the other part is that the member request copy be sent to the central office of the Department of Veterans Affairs and this is also optional not mandatory choice of the veterans when they're being discharged so this is why and she I think had written to the Department of Veterans Affairs, well that's how people get into that system. I guess...but they don't indicate Guam here so ...she had asked the US Veterans Affairs Office how many have as listed in Guam. So on the next slide, this is the change to the bill so the so the bill already exists, it already mandates all Government of Guam entities to render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs and so all we are trying to do with this bill is instead of it being optional just to mandate that their assistance be in this concrete form by whenever it says all govern, I'm adding the language that says all government entities from whom a DD 214 form is presented by an applicant as an identifying or a qualifying document for benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form to the Office of Veterans Affairs no later than five days transmission. May be made by electronic means that's prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of Veterans Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this section. The administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a monthly progress report to the Guam Veteran's Registry. So this process is already controlled by the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. I've restated that very clearly I hope so that nobody can challenge whether this is being you in violation of any type of role because the Veterans Affairs Office is in absolute control of how this was going to be done by any agency and I just added the monthly progress report because I think I would just like to see if this helps if we can see where perhaps you could tell us we are getting these now from this agency and so we would know which agencies were actually cooperating or not or where our efforts could be increased. Alright, next slide please. So the agencies that we can see right now that might



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be providing...and we're only talking about Government of Guam agencies that providing services or benefits to the Veterans right now...the biggest one is Department of Revenue and Taxation and so we are just hoping that Rev and Tax right now to get their license and ID card division, I'm sorry, to get their license or their vehicle registration, we are waiving, the Government of Guam is waiving some fees and in order to do that, they are having to be certified by the Veterans Affairs Office and then bringing that certification over and we are looking at whether they could just be doing that directly. But anyways, there's a similar system that was passed into law recently where the Guam Election Commission is also going to be registering people right at the Department of Rev and Tax so when you apply for your driver's license, you will be given the option to register to vote, so that's a new law that's been established and I followed up with the Guam Election Commission to see how they were actually implementing that and they have trained and deputized the customer service representatives at Department of Rev and Tax so that they can follow the GEC's procedures, their confidentiality rules and transmit the information exactly as the Guam Election Commission requires. Next slide please? Alright, so just to reiterate, that the benefits of the bill are intended to fill these gaps of the Veterans who are not registered with the GVAO. It's my understanding that if you're not actively pursuing a benefit from the US Veterans Affairs Office and you might not be counted in that number...retirees who have life insurance they might not need to register over there so they may not be included also in this number. SO we have to kind of fill some gaps and I know that they're working very hard on this so it's just my goal to see if our government agencies, they're already required to assist, if we could just give them specific direction as to how to assist so that we could shortcut the work of the GVAO and get the registry updated as soon as possible hopefully immediately and now the office of technology has promised to come up with some technology that will also do this, at you know point of contact in a very confidential manner and they're working with the Veterans Affairs Office so I'm very hopeful that they will also come with something that is again controlled by the rules of the GVAO and meets their mandate and also just it very convenient for all the Government of Guam agencies. Alright, and so that Mr. Chair is the bill and I thank you again for all for being here. Thank you.

Senator San Agustin: We will start to hear testimony from Dan Mendiola and then we'll just work our way to your left.

Dan Mendiola: what's the time limit for her speech two to five minutes? Okay. Good morning Mr. Chairman, Senators, ladies, gentlemen, Veterans. My name is Dan Mendiola, chairman of the Guam Veterans Commission and currently the president of the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter 668. I am in support of bill 217-34 to better serve our veterans by mandating a report of veteran status to the Guam Veterans' office or officer. This information is crucial most of the time because we deal with numbers when we want to assist our veterans. Whether it be providing service or services requested or for something that requires some sort of law or legislation to create a more conducive legal means to accomplish and make it possible to deliver the service requested. The veterans Registry provision sets fourth entitled 1067 is vague and leaves multiple questions as to how we can establish a favorable guideline making it possible to achieve the desired outcome of the intended law. The Guam Veterans Commission has been operating for quite a while and without specific internal guidelines to properly deliver the requested service we are task for or whenever the



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veterans come forward and ask for help. This way it takes the Commission long to finally and we are now working to approve a set of bylaws to accommodate the specifics of dealing with veteran's needs. The senator mentioned quite a bit of things about recognizing veterans and this is not in my testimony but for example in the registry we can include that there is a law in place public law 333 - 33 that mandated that a veteran's coming to get a driver's license be stamp with the work veteran somewhere in the license... a card and also I believe that could be done in the ID section so that further enhances recognition whether a person is a veteran or not. They have not implemented that to this point as far as I know. The Veterans home of record something that we need to think very important because when I got out I found out that my home of record was not really Guam it was Fort Carson Colorado and the reason for that was the people and the clerk's that are operating on the discharge station are not aware that and there are not aware to ask us as to who do what do we want to be your home of record is. Well what happened here when a soldier does not know that there he's got options he would say no preference and when you say no preference Fort Carson Colorado will be my home of record. So the inquiry and the suggestion going forward to our congresswoman's office is fine that's good and I hope that they can create a good educational training for the people that are out processing or in processing in the discharge section and re-enlistment Section to put out the word that this guy's from Guam and he needs to know that you know we like do you we would they're saying that it's good for you to maintain walk as your home record instead of the current unit you're with and the state that you're in. So that's something to remember. We're doing a lot of things and we're trying to do a lot of things in the commission to help the veterans. See the problem that we have is that we lacked cooperation and some of our leaders and organizational leaders to take part in in trying to move forward in getting organized in manning positions in our Veterans Commission office and that entity in veterans and the veterans district and as far as government agency is very important and we need to work on that. I would like to encourage all the veteran's organization commanders to be to please come on out and support us because when they come out and support us in the Commission that means that we're getting some type of a percentage of cooperation. Now if we can look back here right now look how many veterans they are here for the hearing and that's just exactly what I'm talking about. How many times have you put out the notice for the hearing where people get tired oh yeah we know it everybody knows it except for the veterans I don't know why but this kind of funny so we have a lot of things to do you mentioned the Guam veterans office and officer taking charge of the registry... but how many of us really realized that the Guam veterans office is under manned and who is going to implement and come out with a report? Who's going to be typing the report Mr. San Agustin? He's the Acting Administrator so you know we have to consider a lot of things when we move forward to implement something and those are just part of it. In closing I would like to extend my request to all our agencies, directors and customer service reps. Once we embark in mandating the law for veteran's registry to communicate with us in the Commission and let us be part of your internal processing procedure. In other words, we don't stand to be the justice or the know-it-all of your department in implementing something but if you do have questions please address it to me or my commission and we'll be ready to come on out and help thank you very much and have a nice day. Veterans all the way.

Barry Mead: (Please see attached testimony)



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Senator Rodriguez: Thank you, Mr. Mead. We will take your testimony and your comments into consideration and just like you, know we'll continue to work with you and the others. Mr. Cundiff?

Bill Cundiff: My name is Bill Cundiff and I'm President of the US Air Force Veterans Association and I'm testifying on their behalf. Obviously, the responsibility for registering in the registry lies with the veterans that's the bottom line however what you're doing is adding value and helping the GBA or assisting them and trying to get more veterans to register that's what you're doing and I really really appreciate that. You know in problem-solving we normally have many solutions just not one and what you're doing is you're providing solutions not a just a solution but solutions to a long-standing problem and I know that at the end it's gonna be long and very enduring to get this issue lit but I think we can with the help of everybody and I'll tell you it's very refreshing for you to do this. We've been trying to do this for a long long time. You're the first one to step up to the plate to do something about it talking about their registry and this is so important. It gives like in the business community- added value to what we're trying to do. I just like to make a few recommendations more recommendations hopefully to capture and help identify some of our some of our Veterans or all over again and put them in the registry but in on line 24 to 27 all Guam entities wherever applicable shall render assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions contained herein all government entities for whom a dd-214 form is presented by an applicant as an identifying or a qualifying document benefits or services for a copy of the applicant 214 to the GVAO office within five days. This is only for benefits for those receiving benefits no other agency requires the 214. So my recommendations are the following: every veteran employed but the government of Guam must complete a registry form. Every director should be tasked to ensure it is done. Every office and that's easy to do take a probably a day to it... sit down take their names fill out their registry and give it to them and let them sort it out they can they can find it. They can do whatever it takes to put them in the system and then they can they can bump it off with what they have in there now so require every Gulf War employee that is a veteran to complete that form also require every agency providing service any kind of service to ask the question in that form are you a veteran if the answer is yes take the individuals name. I'm 42 GBA oh you know no need for 214 let them sort it out once they get the names work with join region I'm sure that all those folks who will work in on base all the bases right now when they fill out an application form their ass or you a veteran and I'm sure that if they go you go and order them and tell them what you're trying to do that there will be prompt perhaps cooperative go to their HR systems and pull the names there who have indicated that they are veterans. They have a very good and sophisticated system it's your system identifies veterans in there. And do the same thing work with the business community to do the same thing at all the HRs pull their names out sent it to GBA oh now this may not capture everything but it's it what you're trying to do is to assist in getting GVAO all that information. It's a tough journey it's very difficult like you mentioned a lot of the retirees and I'll admit I'm well I was one of them I didn't have to register at all nowhere because I can get my TRICARE and my all this stuff at Naval Hospital. I don't need anybody I mean I don't need to go to the VA clinic or any of that stuff but as I went through I realized how important it is and so I'm registered and I'm also over at seat lock to try and get assistance. When I was coming over here and stopped by a coffee shop just down the street here and I saw the lady that is giving me my coffee, I saw a t-shirt that says never ever quit so never



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ever quit ma'am in trying to get the registry form online and you can call on me anytime to help you. Thank you.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you very much sir. Mr. San Agustin?

Jose San Agustin: Vice-Speaker. Senator Dennis Rodriguez. Good morning and thank you for having this hearing. My name is Jose San Agustin, Administrator for the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. I also want to thank the Veterans that are here and if there's any family members that are here to testify for or against this bill, I thank them for their presence. I want to try and make a quick correction to Mr. Dan Mendiola that I would like him to address me as an administrator and not as acting. If you act, you're playing a role, however I want to seriously ensure that the progress we had starting a couple of weeks ago ensure that the progress that we have started a couple weeks months ago the progress that I have started as an administrator for the Guam Veterans Affairs Office has continued to move forward with great momentum. In speaking about the veterans registry initiative what has never been done since the placement of the law is now being done. It might be in a crawling stage for several reasons as I move forward with the implementation I find out that the project is larger than I anticipated. Vice-speaker you do understand that I had to involve the office of Technology because of the magnitude of the document and the project in itself in keeping with the confidentiality I try to keep it securely within my office space not exposing it out any further to any government agency of you may but at this point I do have to place some confidence into the office of technology to assist us with the project and to ensure that the information of all our veterans and their family is implemented and securely placed in a database that is secured and that access to individuals not authorized to see any information is prevented. I support this bill in its entirety any initiative coming from individuals or leaders to help support move forward initiative that we lack within our own government is welcome to my agency. This one bill is one of them that I welcome, might it have holes and gaps in between the fact of the matters that we have folks that are concerned and are doing something about it. The agencies that I could think of our purview to needing verification of dd-214 I could say that revenue and tax for licensing reasons the Department of Administration for veteran's points unlike Mr. Mead indicated possibly the department of labor and GHURA. As we move forward to make this a reality as the end. I have the authority as the administrator for the Guam Veterans Affairs office to ensure that laws and policies are implemented to ensure the safety, security and protection of every individual's document. If you ask me the best course of action I still prefer that this information is obtained from my office for the sole purpose of the security of the sensitive information that's in this document however as we move forward and I will say that this is possibly a pilot program until a good understanding between myself and those agencies to ensure the protection of the document is in place then I was blessed that we move forward with the policy that is placed in place to ensure that we move forward with the initiative in saying that I really applaud the folks the very few that are here this morning. You know the saying in the Marine Corps -the few the proud this is the few the proud and we're gonna go out there and take care of the larger community if you may. So that's all I have thank you.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you so much Mr. San Agustin. Vice-Speaker, do you have any comments?



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Senator Terlaje: I very much want to thank all of you for your testimony and the suggestions to improve the bill. And to acknowledge, I agree the commission has been working very hard and the Veterans Affairs Office has been working very hard. I have the utmost faith and confidence that the Administrator's efforts to get the registry going and if he is able to continue...when we speak, we talk about how we want it done this year and finish it this year. Let's see what we could do to update it ourselves...get it all the way updated so that moving forward, it's relatively easier. I thank you Mr. Cundiff, for your encouragement to the Veterans that even though they don't need services, that registry is very important for the rest of the Veterans on Guam. It's really a continued service for Guam and the rest of the Veterans. And I know the Commission recognizes that and you're working on behalf of all of them. Whether they are active or they're not. I'm just trying to do the same. To see what we can do to assist him. His efforts at the Veterans Affairs Office and Administration on Guam, it's a huge task and at first I thought- I was so perplexed by this disparity. We went from 24,000 to 300, it was reported in the news. We are all going to work together. I want to assure you Chief Mead that in regards to Agent Orange, and I know that's not the topic but just because you brought it up...it is a very timely thing because there is a February 9th hearing that the GAO is having...two more hearings involving the Agent Orange investigation that they are doing and they want to talk to Veterans who were on Guam and are on Guam. So February 9th they are having a hearing in the United States and they have promised an additional hearing on Guam and I intend to work with the chairperson to do everything that we can to accommodate- it might be long distance over the telephone, or whatever they decide to do. We will assist them. We will open up the Guam Congress Building to come in and allow Veterans to take advantage of that long distance technology or however they decide to set it up. I want to assure you...the first month that we were in office in 2017, the EPA had made notice that they were going to investigate and check if they could detect Agent Orange on Guam. So I've written a letter to them to follow up and results of their investigation. And of course we did that resolution soon after that and the resolution was to support the bill in Congress that would recognize that the Veterans on Guam were exposed to Agent Orange and to compensate them as part of the Agent Orange Compensation that they are allowing other vicinities and so when in the course of that resolution hearing we did ask for additional testimony. We have taken testimony we're trying to get them to sign affidavits as well as we continue to submit these to the Senator who has introduced that Bill in Congress when the GAO came which was just recently maybe November or December. Very recently, the GAO was here because they had been mandated by Congress to investigate Agent Orange across the country, the United States and it's territories, so we are very hopeful that the GAO is going to take seriously all that testimony that we also provided them from even after the hearing. Veterans came to my office to provide testimony regarding their exposure or their concerns about herbicide spraying and so we collected all that information and with their consent gave it to the GAO as well and we continue to follow up with the GAO so I know that we had a very active meeting with them, the senators, and there were many senators involved so I think we are very confident that we will do our best. I am very confident we're going to do our best...especially in this last meeting by GAO because if GAO can do that for us, of course and there are veterans organizations online on Facebook, that are very active. Also collecting testimony from people who might know about herbicides or Agent Orange on Guam so I am very grateful for those efforts and all of that evidence being put onto the record is going to help



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all of us. Thank you very much for all those efforts...thank you again, Mr. Mendiola and everyone for your testimony today. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Senator Rodriguez: Thank you very much to all of you and again, now always take the opportunity when we could to thank our Veterans for your service. Si Yu'os Ma'ase'.

IV. Fiscal Note: Attached

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens, hereby reports out **Bill No. 217-34 (COR), As Substituted** with the recommendation to To Pass.

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Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

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AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslatura Guáhan finds that since the enactment of P.L. 32-101 in November 2013, the Office of Veterans Affairs has been responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry.

I Liheslatura Guáhan further finds that the established number of veterans on the registry directly influences the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam veterans by the U.S. Federal Government. P.L. 32-101 authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to use data collected at other government agencies which may be “collecting the data in whole or in part” and allows that all other government agencies “whenever applicable, shall render assistance” to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the enumeration of the registry.

In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura Guáhan* to require all government agencies from which a DD214 is a required document in order to

1 qualify for benefits, to forward a copy of the applicants DD214 form to the
2 Office of Veterans Affairs for purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry
3 in accordance with 10 GCA 67110.

4 **Section 2.** §67110. Guam Veteran Registry of Chapter 67, Title 10,
5 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

6 §67110. Guam Veteran Registry.

7 “The Office of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for the
8 establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry (Registry), which
9 shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the Registry shall
10 entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on Guam, and the
11 scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who no longer reside
12 on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the Registry. The
13 Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purpose of providing Guam
14 veterans and their families with current information on veterans’ benefits and
15 activities, through the use of its webpage or other means deemed necessary
16 that would ensure the maximum dissemination of veteran-related information;
17 and for the validation of Guam’s veteran population to further strengthen the
18 Office’s ability to pursue financial resources and support in the provision of
19 services programs for the benefit of Guam’s veterans and their families. The
20 Office may use data collected at other government agencies which may be
21 collecting the required data, in whole or in part. Nothing herein shall relieve
22 the duty of any other entity to collect veterans’ data for the benefit of veterans
23 on Guam.

24 All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render
25 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions
26 contained herein. All government entities for whom a DD214 form is
27 presented by an applicant as an identifying or as a qualifying document for

1 benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant's DD214 form to the
2 Office of Veterans Affairs no later than five (5) days after the date of
3 acceptance by that government entity. Transmission of forms may be made
4 by electronic means as prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The
5 Office of Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to
6 implement and administer the provisions of this Section.

7 The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a
8 monthly progress report of the Guam Veteran Registry to the Speaker of *I*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan.*"

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(B) Office of Finance & Budget (OFB)	<p>(1) Does the Bill contain appropriations or authorizations for appropriations from any fund sources? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>(2) Does the Bill contain an authorization to expend government funds? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>(3) Does the Bill contain provisions that have potential fiscal impacts on the government of Guam budget? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>	<p>Notice to OFB: <u>Thurs., December 14, 2017 @ 4:59pm.</u></p> <p>Completed by OFB: <u>Fri., December 15, 2017 @ 1:23pm</u></p>
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslatura Guahan finds that since the enactment of P.L. 32-101 in November 2013, the Office of Veterans Affairs has been responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry.

I Liheslatura Guahan further finds that the established number of veterans on the registry can help make the case to increase the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam veterans by the U.S. Federal Government. P.L. 32-101 authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to use data collected at other government agencies which may be “*collecting the data in whole or in part*” and allows that all other government agencies “*whenever applicable, shall render assistance*” to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the enumeration of the registry.

In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura Guahan* to require all government agencies from which a DD214 or other proof of Veteran status is a required in order to qualify for benefits, to forward a copy of the proof

1 of veteran status to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of
2 updating the Guam Veteran Registry in accordance with 10 GCA 67110.

3 **Section 2.** §67110. Guam Veteran Registry of Chapter 67, Title 10,
4 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

5 §67110. Guam Veteran Registry.

6 “The Office of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for the
7 establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veteran Registry (Registry),
8 which shall be updated no less than semiannually. The update of the
9 Registry shall entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on
10 Guam, and the scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who
11 no longer reside on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the
12 Registry. The Registry shall be utilized by the Office for the purpose of
13 providing Guam veterans and their families with current information on
14 veterans’ benefits and activities, through the use of its webpage or other
15 means deemed necessary that would ensure the maximum dissemination of
16 veteran-related information; and for the validation of Guam’s veteran
17 population to further strengthen the Office’s ability to pursue financial
18 resources and support in the provision of services programs for the benefit of
19 Guam’s veterans and their families. The Office may use data collected at
20 other government agencies, which may be collecting the required data, in
21 whole or in part. Nothing herein shall relieve the duty of any other entity to
22 collect veterans’ data for the benefit of veterans on Guam.

23 All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, shall render
24 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions
25 contained herein. All government entities for whom a DD214 form or other
26 proof of veteran status is presented by an applicant as a qualifying document
27 for benefits or services shall forward a copy of the applicant’s DD214 form

1 or other proof of Veteran status to the Office of Veterans Affairs no later
2 than thirty (30) days after the date of acceptance by that government entity.
3 Transmission of forms may be made by electronic means over a secured
4 network as prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of
5 Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to implement
6 and administer the provisions of this Section and ensure the confidentiality
7 of veteran information.

8 The Administrator of the Office of Veterans Affairs shall submit a
9 quarterly progress report of the Guam Veteran Registry to the Speaker of *I*
10 *Liheslaturan Guahan.*

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January 18, 2018

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Fiscal Note Waivers

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

Attached, please find the fiscal note waivers for the following bills:

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

Please forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jean Cordero, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee
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Hafa adai! Senator Biscoe Lee:

The Bureau requests that Bill No. 217-34 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill 217-34 (COR) proposes to amend § 67110 of Chapter 67 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to updating the Guam Veteran Registry. The amendment basically requires all government agencies from which a DD214 form is a required document in order to qualify for benefits forward a copy of the form to the Office of Veterans Affairs. The form may be transmitted by electronic means as an option.

The intent of the Bill is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

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COMMITTEE REPORT CHECKLIST

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Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As substituted by the Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens. AN ACT TO AMEND §67110, CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY.		
Introduced by: Therese M. Terlaje, Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.		
REFERRED TO: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens		
(A) FISCAL NOTE or WAIVER	(1) Requested by COR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date & Time: <i>THURS, DEC. 28, 2017 @ 4:10 PM.</i>
	(2) Received by COR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Date & Time: <i>THURS., JAN. 18, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.</i>
	(3) Waived by COR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Date & Time:
	(4) Bill contains appropriations or authorizations for appropriations from any fund sources? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES: (4/5)(a) Funding Availability Note/Waiver (OFB) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Unable to file CMTE Report)
	(5) Bill contains an authorization to expend government funds? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	(4/5)(b) Funding source identified? 2 GCA § 9101 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
	(6) Restrictions Against Unfunded Appropriations (2 GCA § 9101) <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies specific alternate funding source <input type="checkbox"/> De-appropriates from previous appropriation with available funds and fiscal note <input type="checkbox"/> Written certification by CMTE Chair that a situation exists which "threatens the safety, health and welfare of the community"	(4/5)(c) Funds available and sufficient? 2 GCA § 9101 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
		<i>If no boxes checked:</i> UNABLE TO PLACE ON SESSION AGENDA 2 GCA § 9102



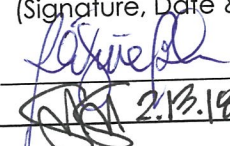
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 Bill No. 217-34 (COR) As substituted by the Committee.
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(B) PUBLIC HEARING	(1) HEARING NOTICES SR §§ 6.04(a)(1) and 6.04(a)(2), Open Government Law (5 GCA, Ch. 8)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) Five (5) working days prior (A L Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: Fri., Jan. 26, 2018 @ 11:37 a.m.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Forty-eight (48) hours prior (ALL Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: Tues., Jan. 30, 2018 @ 10:54 a.m.
	(2) Date and Time of Hearing: Fri., Feb. 2, 2018 @ 9 a.m.	or (4) HEARING WAIVED by Speaker in case of emergency SR § 6.04(a)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A If YES: Attach memo indicating WAIVER
	(3) Location: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building	
	(5) AMENDMENTS or SUBSTITUTIONS BY COMMITTEE SR § 6.04(b)	
	(a) Committee elects to substitute bill? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES: Date and Time: Feb. 13, 2018 @ 9:30 p.m. (a)(1) Vote sheet affirmative? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (a)(2) Preliminary report filed with COR? SR § 6.04(b)(2) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (a)(3) Public Hearing noticed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	(b) Bill materially different after committee amendment or substitution? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES: SECONDARY PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE REQUIRED SR § 6.04(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	COR Chair	

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<p>(C) COMMITTEE REPORT</p>	<p>(1) Committee Report filed with COR? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>If YES: Date & Time: Tues., Feb. 13, 2018 @ 3:30 P.M.</p>	Notes:	<p>If NO: UNABLE TO PLACE ON SESSION AGENDA SR § 6.04(d)(1)</p>		
	<p>(1)(a) Secondary CMTE Report filed with COR? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>If YES: Date & Time:</p>				
	(2) LAND LEGISLATION				
	<p>(a) Bill involves government taking, transfer, purchase, or lease of land? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			<p>If YES: ATTACH TWO (2) PROPERTY APPRAISALS TO CMTE REPORT SR § 6.04(c)(4) 2 GCA § 2107(b)</p>	
	<p>(a)(1) Please indicate on both columns:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> <p>(i) Type of transaction: <input type="checkbox"/> Taking <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Lease</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> <p>(ii) Type of entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>(i) Type of transaction: <input type="checkbox"/> Taking <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Lease</p>	<p>(ii) Type of entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government</p>		
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	<p>(b) Bill involves legislative land rezoning? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			<p>If YES: INCLUDE Land Zoning Consideration Report 2 GCA § 2110</p>	
	<p>(b)(1) Bill involves legislative rezoning of property zoned Agricultural (A)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			<p>If YES: INCLUDE Agricultural Consideration Report (Dept. of Agriculture) 2 GCA § 2110 [Proceed to (b)(2)]</p>	
<p>(b)(2) Proof of Agricultural consideration report reviewed by Guam Land Use Commission? 21 GCA § 61637 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>					

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	(3) G.A.R.R. LEGISLATION SR § 6.04(c)(1) 5 GCA §§ 9301 and 9303	
	a) Bill involves approving or amending Rules and Regulations? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	If YES: INCLUDE Economic Impact Statement 5 GCA §§ 9301(d), 9301(e), 9301(f)
(D) COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)	(4) COMMITTEE REPORT COMPONENTS	
	(a) Front Page Transmittal to Speaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(a)(1) COR Chair Signature Line	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(b) Title Page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(c) Committee Chair Memo to All Committee Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(d) COR Referral Memorandum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(e) Notice of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(f) Public Hearing Agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(g) Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(h) Written Testimonies & Additional Documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(i) Committee Vote Sheet(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(j) Committee Report Digest(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k) Bill History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(1) Copy of Bill as introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(2) COR Pre-Referral Checklist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(3) Copy of Bill as corrected by Prime Sponsor (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(4) Copy of Bill as amended/substituted by Committee (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Substitute/Amended Mark-Up Version	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Substitute/Amended Word-Version Emailed to COR?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(l) Fiscal Note/Waiver and Funding Availability Note (OFB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(m) Two (2) Property Appraisals (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(n) Related News Reports (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(o) Miscellaneous (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(p) Committee Report Checklist(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Originals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Single-Sided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Letter Size	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No Staples/ Paper Clips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(E) COR Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CMTE Report duly filed; Available for Placement on Session Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> CMTE Report non-conforming for acceptance; Return to Committee	COR CHAIR (Signature, Date & Time)  2.13.18 @ 7:30 PM

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