



# The Port Report

October 2010

## PAG Celebrates 35 Years

Thirty five years of serving Guam's residents and the region is truly a reason to celebrate. At the Port Week opening ceremony on October 18, the men and women of the Port Authority were again recognized for the exceptional work they do and their commitment to delivering cargo to the people of Guam.

On behalf of the Governor and Lt. Governor, Speaker Judy T. Won Pat presented the 2010 Port Week Proclamation and congratulated the agency for a job well done in executing its modernization plans. Senators Tom Ada and Tina Muna-Barnes presented the Port with a resolution and



praised the employees for all their hard work and the important role they play in the community.

Also speaking at the opening ceremony was Chairman of the Board, Monte Mesa who said "It's a legacy-setting year for the Port itself, because this is the only opportune time that the Port is getting the financial support it needs from the Department of Defense.

More importantly, the Port is earning its financial creditability for the loan by the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

General Manager Rick Agustin thanked employees for welcoming him into the Port family. "Our annual Port Week celebration is the time we take to commemorate our accomplishments and the

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## Employee Awards

Port Week events concluded with the Grand Finale and presentation of employee service and outstanding awards for FY 2010. Dinner, drinks, and dancing were enjoyed by everyone at the Hotel Nikko Guam.

### Sick Leave Award

#### 1,000 Hours

Alan I. Calip

Eddie N. Castro

Doris C. Aguero

Edgar R. Martin

Frankie S. Peredo

Romy C. Defensor,

William M. Hudson

Mark J. Manibusan

Benjamin B. Pineda

Francisco A. Belmes

Peter R. Cruz

Jesse B. Flores

Enrique S. Conde

Antonio Q. Untalan

Antoinette M. Mafnas

Joseph C. Quintanilla

#### 3,000Hours

Michael J. Taitano

### 1500 Hours

Julio D. Yap

Eric J. Salas

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employees who made it happen.” The sounds of honking horns from tractors participating in the parade of trucks also entertained the crowd. Nearly 20 tractors participated in this year’s parade. The Opening Ceremony concluded with presentations to recent Port retirees, along with presentations to employees who have graduated from

the 2010 Apprenticeship Program. Port Week concluded with the employee recognition ceremony and dinner at the Nikko Hotel on Friday, October 22. Those present enjoyed an evening of great food, lots of drinks, good music, fun with family and friends.





## Port Week Awardees

### Service Awards

#### **20 Years :**

Vincent D. Pangelinan, Doris C. Agüero, Jesse B. Flores, Michael A. Taitano, Anthony M. Blas, Richard A.S. Dydasco, Junior D.N. Topasna, Steven G. Torres, Frank S. N. Cepeda, Joseph C. Guerrero, Anilo L. Pronoble, Mamerto P. Inciong, Ronnie J. Cruz, Michael B. Diaz, Dennis J. Perez, Randy J. Tainatongo, Jose P. Bamba, Frankie R.J. Cruz, Derrick M. Balajadia, Anthony R. Francisco, Edwin A. Malaga, Joseph J. Nagauta, Gerald F. Torres, Anthony P. Yamasta, Perdo E.J. Concepcion, Anthony J. Evangelista, Ricky E. Garrido, Peter L.G. Topasna, William M. Hudson, Rudel J. Mangubat, Annie N.

Leon Guerrero, Jennie C. Untalan

#### **25 Years:**

John B. Santos, Lina M. Quinata, Sooja L. Suk, Roy c. Mendiola, Atanacio C. Manibusan, Jr.

#### **30 Years**

Terrence R. Aflague, Jesse S. Mendiola





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**Left: Outstanding Work Center of the Year - Building Maintenance Section (Facility Maintenance Division), Category II**

**Not Pictured:**  
**Employee of the Year** - Jesse F. Aguigui, Administrative Assistance, Category I  
**Supervisor of the Year** - Anthony J. Aguon, Building Maintenance



**Employee of the Year** - Shaun R. Gumataotao, Maintenance Worker I, Category II



**Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Year** - General Manager's Office, Category I



**Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Year** - Maintenance Manager's Office, Category II



**Outstanding Work Center of the Year** - Strategic Planning Division, Category I



**Spirit of Excellence Award**  
 - Helen S. Aguon, Marine Traffic Controller

**Special Service Award** - Francisco G. Santos, Harbor Master





# Apprenticeship Program

*Maintenance Mechanic Apprenticeship Program: Richard P.C. Flores, Curtis R. Ettleman, Jerry I. Narcis*  
*Construction Equipment Mechanic Apprenticeship Program: Ionatana Faasuamalie*  
*Diesel Mechanic Apprenticeship Program: Gus Alan Aromin*  
*Refrigeration Mechanic Apprenticeship Program: Chris J. Rodriguez*  
*Welder Apprenticeship Program: Pete Junior Fejeran, Ray D. Aromin, Jesse C. Mendiola*  
*Office Manager/Administrative Services Apprenticeship Program: Marylyne R.P. Pecina, Antoinette M. Mafnas*  
*AMA Human Resources Management Program Certificate: Shawn B. Cepeda, Carmelita C. Nededog*



## Save the Date!

### PAGGMA Christmas Party

**When:** Dec. 3, 2010, 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

**Where:** Hotel Nikko Guam

- **Members - free**
- **Member's Guest - \$15 (transferable), Non-members - \$30.00**
- **Open to all employees, special hotel room rates**
- **Members/employees are encouraged attend**
- **For more information contact Doris Blas, ext 325; Carmen Nededog, ext. 307**
- **Great Food, Drinks, & Door Prizes**



WITH DEEPEST  
SYMPATHY

Our condolences to families of the late Paul Heflin, brother of Steve J. Heflin (Terminal Division) who passed away on September 28, 2010 and Aljean Piolo, wife of George Piolo (Equipment Maintenance Division) who passed away on October 08, 2010. Our deepest condolences are extended to the families.



## Halloween Photo Highlights



# Port Gets \$104.5 Million



The Port now has access to \$50 million of funding from the Department of Defense and an additional \$54.5 million loan from the USDA which was announced at the Modernization Kick-Off held on October 22, 2010. The total amount will fund the first phase of the Port's modernization program, which will include:

- The expansion of the cargo yard;
- Extension of the communication capabilities between cargo arrivals and account billing operations; and
- Improvement on customer processing to provide better reporting and check-in services.

Construction for the first phase of projects is slated to begin in mid- to late-2011 and be completed in 2014.

"We are now faced with a new challenge of (modernizing) the port while tasked with keeping the service levels that the customers are accustomed to," General

Manager Enrique Agustin said. "I'm very proud to say that the people we have at the Port are up to the challenge. Never has the Port embarked on a project of this magnitude and we all are excited to move forward."

Present at the kick-off ceremony was Maritime Administrator David T. Matsuda who gave remarks on behalf of MARAD, Director of Marine Division Jeff Schechtman who spoke on behalf of Parsons Brinkerhoff, Major General David F. Bice who gave remarks for JGPO, and Lt. Governor Michael W. Cruz who delivered the keynote address. Rear Admiral Paul J. Bushong presented the DOD check for \$50 million to Lt. Governor Cruz and Port officials while Area II Director Joe Diego presented the loan check for \$54.4 million from Rural Development, US Department of Agriculture.