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## **District Court of Guam's Celebration of Law Week 2012** **NO COURTS, NO JUSTICE, NO FREEDOM**

In celebration of Law Week, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., and 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Lawyer Representative, Rodney Jacob, celebrated Law Week at the District Court of Guam by opening its doors and welcoming the community to see and learn more about Guam's federal court and its federal legal partners. This year was the most ambitious year for the District Court of Guam's Law Week celebration.

Law Week events at the District Court of Guam have emphasized the importance of open and accessible courts to all. This year's Law Week theme was "**No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom**," which underscores the importance of our courts to everyone.

This joint effort by Guam's federal court and Guam's federal law enforcement agencies were the first of its kind in celebration of Law Day on Guam, and the District Court of Guam was proud to host events that included all segments of our community: children, young adults, veterans, senior citizens, local and federal law enforcement, community leaders, non-profit organizations, the U.S. military, our court staff and federal partners.

At the District Court of Guam's special Law Week Naturalization Ceremony, Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam, was the keynote speaker. There were 52 citizens from various countries that were naturalized at this momentous ceremony. Amongst the family and friends of the citizens, dignitary guests were invited and present to witness this special occasion in celebration of Law Week. Making this event extra special, our court was honored to have children from our Guam Catholic Schools sing the national anthem.

In addition to the many exciting events scheduled during Law Week, Guam's community leaders had an opportunity to come to the District Court of Guam to learn more about the federal judiciary system. The Mayor's Council of Guam utilized the District Court of Guam's facilities for their Regular Monthly Meeting.

The District Court of Guam is proud to have reached out to an overwhelming amount of community members, federal agencies, local agencies, government agencies, and not for profit agencies – we are proud to have celebrated Law Week with the Judiciary of

Guam, the Guam Bar Association, the Office of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor of Guam, the First Lady of Guam, the 31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature, Guam's veterans, District Court of Guam and U.S. Probation Office staff and family, U.S. Federal Protective Services, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Attorney's Office District of Guam, Federal Public Defender's Office, U.S. Marshals Services, U.S. Secret Service, Guam National Guard, Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting, Talk Show Host Monty McDowell, Joint Region Marianas, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Postal Inspector, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Defense, Mayor's Council of Guam, Office of the Attorney General of Guam, Office of the Congresswoman of Guam, University of Guam, University of Maryland, Friends of the Crime Lab, Office of Civil Defense and Guam Homeland Security, Department of Agriculture, Department of Corrections, Department of Military Affairs, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Youth Affairs, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, Guam International Airport Authority and Aircraft Rescue Firefighters, Guam Fire Department, Port Authority of Guam, Guam Police Department, Oasis, Erica's House, Alee Shelter, Sanctuary, Inc., VARO (Victim Advocates Reaching Out), Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center, Guma Mami, Salvation Army, Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence, Catholic Social Services, Island Girl Power, Inafamaolek and Guam Homeless Coalition.

**Friday, April 27**

## **Law Week Proclamation and Resolution Presentation**

Law Week kicked off with a Proclamation Signing by the Acting Governor of Guam, Ray Tenorio, a Resolution presented by Chief Justice F. Phillip Carbullido on behalf of the Judicial Council of Guam, and a Resolution presentation by the 31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature by Senator Adolpho Palacios.



**Saturday, April 28**

## **Coffee and Donut Hour with Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. and Vietnam Veterans of America**

In celebration of Law Week, Guam's Veterans were invited to the District Court of Guam to have an opportunity to meet with Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Representative, Attorney Rodney Jacob, and other court staff. The 35 Veterans that visited were also able to have a court tour. The Veterans and staff of the District Court of Guam were able to enjoy the company of each other over breakfast at the court.



**Monday, April 30**

## **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day**

In conjunction with the national “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work” day, children of the staff were invited to observe/shadow their parent at work. Children had the opportunity to meet with Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., the Drug Enforcement Agency Resident Agent In Charge, the Federal Bureau Investigations Resident Agent in Charge, the U.S. Attorney, the Federal Public Defender, the Chief U.S. Probation Officer and the U.S. Probation Officers, the U.S. Marshal and U.S. Deputy Marshals, and U.S. Secret Service Resident Agent in Charge and Secret Service Agents. The children were also introduced to the Guam National Guard Counterdrug Drug Reduction Task Force Team, where each child was able to enjoy fun team building activities on the rock wall. The children enjoyed a full work day of learning about the judicial system, meeting many of the court’s federal counterparts, and witnessed a Naturalization Ceremony. There were a total of 11 children that participated. All 11 children took an in depth tour of the entire courthouse, and were able to receive hands on experience with some training equipment and testing equipment used in the federal judiciary system.





**Monday, April 30**

## **Law Day Naturalization Ceremony**

On this special Naturalization Ceremony, 52 applicants became United States citizens before hundreds of special guests that included, the families of the new citizens, Supreme Court of Guam's Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, Keynote Speaker, Justice Richard Benson of the Supreme Court of Guam, First Lady of Guam, Ms. Christine Calvo, President of the Mayor's Council of Guam, Mayor Melissa Savares, U.S. Marshal Frank Leon Guerrero, U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco, Attorney General of Guam, Leonardo Rapadas, student singers, and the children of the staff that participated in "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" day. Present to assist the new citizens after the ceremony were the U.S. Passport Office and the Guam Election Commission, so that at the end of the ceremony, new citizens were able to apply for their U.S. Passport and register to vote on Guam.



**Monday, April 30**

**Appearance on “Mondays with Monty” Talk Show re: District Court of Guam and Judiciary of Guam’s Law Week Celebration**

Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood appeared on a popular radio talk show on Guam for a Law Week awareness talk; she appeared with Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr., Guam Law Week Chairman, and Attorney Cynthia Ecube, Guam Bar President.



**Tuesday, May 1**

## **Meet and Greet: Guam Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Responders, and Military Service Members that Support the Legal/Judicial System**

Guam Law Enforcement Officers, Emergency Responders, and Military Service Members that support the legal/judicial system had the opportunity to meet the Chief Judge, Magistrate Judge, Chief U.S. Probation Officer and U.S. Probation Officers, the U.S. Secret Service Resident Agent in Charge and the U.S. Secret Service Agents, the U.S. Marshal and the U.S. Deputy Marshals, the DEA Resident Agent in Charge and the DEA Agents, the U.S. Postal Inspector, the FBI Resident Agent in Charge and the FBI Agents, and the District Court of Guam court staff. The attendees were also able to get a courthouse tour and were able to visit the Guam Homeland Security and Office of Civil Defense's Mobile Command Center that was situated in front of the District Court courthouse in celebration of Law Week. All those in attendance also received a special counterfeit training from the U.S. Secret Service. There were over 75 participants in attendance. Those who participated were: The U.S. Navy; U.S. Air Force; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Army; Department of Military Affairs; Judiciary of Guam, Marshals; Judiciary of Guam, Probation Officers; Guam Police Department; Office of Civil Defense and Homeland Security; Department of Agriculture; Department of Corrections; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Youth Affairs; Guam Customs and Quarantine; Guam International Airport Authority, Airport Police; Guam Fire Department; Guam Port Authority Police; and the Guam National Guard.





**Wednesday, May 2**

## **Student Island Leadership Day at the Federal Court**

In partnership with the Guam Bar Association and the Judiciary of Guam, an essay contest in celebration of Law Week was conducted island wide. Amongst many other prizes, the top middle school and high school winners were given the opportunity to sit as a leader in federal court system. There were 6 winners; the winners represented their school as a “leader” in the federal court system, as a: Chief Judge; Magistrate Judge; U.S. Marshal; United States Attorney Chief U.S. Probation Officer; Navy Legal Services; Joint Region Marianas Fleet Judge Advocate; and Joint Region Marianas Office of General Counsel. The leaders for the day received a special counterfeit training from the U.S. Secret Service and also enjoyed a special luncheon with Guam’s leaders, which included the Governor of Guam, the Lieutenant Governor of Guam, the Chief Justice of Guam, the Mayors and Vice Mayors of Guam, the Captain of the U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Guam, judges and lawyers.



**Wednesday, May 2**

**Access to Justice: Mayors Council of Guam Regular Meeting Held at the U.S. Probation Office Conference Room**

The Mayors and Vice Mayors of Guam held their Regular Monthly Meeting at the U.S. Probation Office Conference Room. Prior to the start of the meeting, all those in attendance were greeted by 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Representative, Attorney Rodney Jacob. The Mayors and Vice Mayors also met with Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Jr. All those in attendance also met the Chief U.S. Probation Officer and the U.S. Probation Officers. The Mayors and Vice Mayors also received a tour of the courthouse. The Mayors and Vice Mayors Regular Monthly Meeting is a meeting that is open to the public. Some community members were present during this meeting.



**Wednesday, May 2**

## **Community Leaders' Access to Justice Dignitary Luncheon hosted by the District Court of Guam**

The Governor of Guam, the First Lady of Guam, the Lieutenant Governor of Guam, the Chief Justice of Guam, the Mayor's Council of Guam, military leaders, and the leaders of our federal judiciary partners were given the opportunity to take a courthouse tour and to learn more about the court's function and role in the community. Leaders were also invited to observe the Drug Offender Re-Entry Program/Drug Court hearing. A special luncheon was hosted by the District Court of Guam for all of the island's leaders in attendance.



**Wednesday, May 2**

**Observation of Drug Court and College Tour:  
University of Guam and University of Maryland**

College students studying in the Criminal Justice field from University of Guam and the University of Maryland were invited to observe the Drug Offender Re-Entry Program/Drug Court and also take a tour of the courthouse.



**Thursday, May 3**

## **Department of Defense Elementary, Middle and High Schools Courthouse Tour**

Students from the Department of Defense visited the District Court of Guam for a courthouse tour. Andersen Elementary and Middle School visited with a total of 70 students, Guam High School visited with a total of 20 students, and McCool Elementary and Middle School visited with a total of 70 students. Students had an enjoyable time visiting all of the court's federal counterparts, and getting hands on experience with training gear and testing gear. Students learned about the court's role in the judicial system and were able to meet many of the leaders in the federal judiciary system.



**Thursday, May 3**

**Not for Profit Organization Leaders Meet and Greet,  
and Courthouse Tour**

Not for Profit Organizations that deal with the court system, such as: Oasis; Erica's House; Alee Shelter; Sanctuary, Inc.; VARO (Victim Advocates Reaching Out); Guam Legal Services Corporation-Disability Law Center; Guma Mami; Salvation Army; Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence; Catholic Social Services; Island Girl Power; Inafamaolek; and Guam Homeless Coalition, were invited to spend an afternoon at our courthouse. The attendees had an opportunity to meet the Chief Judge, Magistrate Judge, U.S. Secret Service Resident Agent in Charge and U.S. Secret Service Agents, DEA Resident Agent in Charge and DEA Agents, the U.S. Marshal and U.S. Deputy Marshals, FBI Resident Agent in Charge and FBI Agents, and the Chief U.S. Probation Officer and U.S. Probation Officers. Attendees were given a special counterfeit training by the U.S. Secret Service Agents. A courthouse tour took place at the end of the day.



**Friday, May 4**

## **Military Tour at U.S. Naval Station Guam and U.S. Coast Guard Base Guam**

The judicial leaders in the federal court system took a military tour of Naval Base Guam and the U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Guam, to gain more knowledge of the working relationship with the federal judicial counterparts and becoming aware of what capabilities and networks exists within the military bases/personnel. The tour included briefs, presentations, demonstrations, and hands on training experiences. The tour group Visited with the Naval Base Guam Security Forces Team; Naval Base Guam K9 Unit; U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Guam and all the supporting boats, and law enforcement Coast Guard teams; Navy Exchange Security and Loss Prevention Team; U.S. Navy military courthouse, courtroom and legal team; and took a tour of the USS buffalo (SSN715), a submarine. Participants were able to enjoy several K9 law enforcement training exercises and were also able to enjoy a luncheon on base with all of the Navy Base security and law enforcement leaders.



**Saturday, May 5**

**Story Hour with Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. (Special audience guests: Girl Scouts of Guam and Boy Scouts of Guam)**

Children from the Girl Scouts of Guam and the Guam Boy Scouts were invited to attend a story hour with Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. The children were able to enjoy some hands on activities after the story. A coloring contest took place for the most creative artwork and the winning artwork will be displayed the District Court of Guam's webpage.





# Saturday, May 5

## Law Fair

In partnership with the Guam Bar Association and the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam was proud to be involved in coordinating the 2012 Law Fair Outreach at the Micronesia Mall. There were over 40 agencies that participated in the law fair. The District Court of Guam was responsible for inviting and coordinating for all federal counterparts to participate. The U.S. Probation Office and the District Court of Guam were amongst the many agencies that participated in the law fair.



**Sunday, May 6**

## **Guam National Guard Tour and Hometown Hero's Salute**

The judicial leaders in the federal court system and Attorney Naoko Shimizu Tenorio, wife of Lieutenant Governor of Guam, took a tour of the Guam National Guard Base headed by Major General Benny Paulino. The Tour group also had the honors of attending the Hometown Hero's Salute. The purpose of this tour was to become knowledgeable of how the Guam National Guard service members support/work with the judicial system and legal system. The tour group visited with Guam Air National Guard Hometown Heroes Ceremony in Andersen Air Force Base; Guam National Guard's Legal Team; and the 94<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team Weapons of Mass Destruction. The tour included briefs, presentations, demonstrations, and hands on static display experiences.





**Monday, May 7**

**Coffee and Donut Hour with Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, Magistrate Judge Joaquin V. E. Manibusan, Jr. and Guam's Manamko**

In conjunction with Senior Citizen's Month, our island's senior citizens were invited to to meet with Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr., to have breakfast at the District Court of Guam, and to take a courthouse tour. The seniors also met with the Chief U.S. Probation Officer, the U.S. Marshal, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Lawyer Representative for the District Court of Guam, the Deputy Clerk for the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association President. There were over 40 attendees who participated.



**Monday, May 7**

## **VTC Middle School Mock Trial with the NMI District Court**

In partnership with the Judiciary of Guam, Agueda Johnston Middle School mock trial team participated in a VTC Mock Trial as jurors for the Northern Marianas Islands' District Court mock trial competition. The NMI's prosecution and defense teams were from the Hopwood Junior High School.



**Friday, May 11**

## **Military Tour at Andersen Air Force Base Guam**

The judicial leaders in the federal court system took a military tour of Andersen Air Force Base Guam. The tour consisted of: a Wing Mission Briefing; Legal Office Briefing; Security Forces Briefing; Office of Special Investigations Briefing; B-52 Static Display; HSC-25 Static Display; Security Forces Working Dog Demonstration; and AAFES BX Security/Loss Prevention Brief. A luncheon took place at the Sunset Conference Lounge with the Assistant General of the Andersen Air Force Base, with the court staff, and with the security and law enforcement leaders and staff.



**Saturday, May 19**

## **Island Girl Power Career Talk with District Court of Guam staff and the Guam Bar Association President**

The District Court staff and the Guam Bar Association President visited with the Island Girl Power Club House to give a career talk to all the young club members. Presenters included: Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, Guam Bar Association President, Cythina Ecube, Pro Tem Law Clerk, Cathleen Moylan, Chief U.S. Probation Officer, Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon, Jury Administrator, Marilyn Alcon, and Court Reporter, Veronica Reilly.

