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**SENATOR PANGELINAN SUPPORTS VETERANS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE - HAGÁTÑA – (November 10, 2009)** – For several months, Senator ben c. pangelinan, (D) Barrigada has been in communication with Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo to support 100% disabled veterans to enhance their benefits to include space available seating on military airlift command (MAC) flights from Guam to Hawaii or the US mainland. Currently, the veterans can use MAC flights for medical travel. Senator pangelinan has asked Congresswoman Bordallo for her assistance to extend these benefits to all travel and not be limited to medical care.

“I find it curious that our Guam resident veterans with 100% disability do not already have this benefit. Air travel has become quite expensive for residents on Guam and is the *only* way for any of us to travel outside of Guam. Many in our community, especially our veterans live on a fixed income and travel costs can be prohibitive”, says Senator pangelinan.

In his letter to Congresswoman Bordallo, he states, “The changes to their benefits can be amended to include the MAC flight benefit and I believe it can be done at the congressional level”.

Senator pangelinan has also written a letter to U.S. Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka to solicit his support.

Senator pangelinan will continue to work collectively with Congresswoman Bordallo and Senator Akaka to support 100% disabled retired veterans who wish to travel MAC flights for purposes other than for medical care, and to include this as part of their benefit package. Inclusion of this benefit is justified and it will make a significant difference with their quality of life.

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