



## Senator ben introduces Bill No. 407 creating the Guam Medal of Honor

Throughout our history, we defended our homeland from invading forces and did so against tremendous odds. From the men of the Guam Militia and Insular Guard in WWII, to our daughters and sons in defense of freedom and in every field of battle since then, we have heroes who answered our island's and nation's call. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Guam has bid a very sorrowful farewell to 14 of our service members.

On May 26, 2010, Senators ben pangelinan and Tom Ada introduced Bill 407, creating the Guam Medal of Honor and the Guam Medal of Honor Roll to honor those who answered the call and gave their full measure of service to our island and country.

The award includes the Guam Medal of Honor, a Guam Flag, and a Resolution which will be presented to the families of all service members who have been killed in action as far back as the Japanese invasion in Guam on December 10, 1941. The names of the soldiers will be added to the Guam Medal of Honor Roll which will be displayed at I Liheslaturan Guåhan.

Senator pangelinan views the recognition of these heroes by our island community as important because each one is a part of i familian Guåhan (the Guam Family). "I feel we owe it to their families to do something that recognizes these soldiers individually. Although there are memorials held and monuments in place, the medal, the flag, and the resolution are special items unique to the memories of these soldiers and can be kept within the families. This is the very least we can do to convey and show our utmost respect and undying gratitude for such a sacrifice."

### Sign up for the Decolonization Registry

If you are eligible to register, please do so at the Office of Senator ben c. pangelinan. You may call 473-4236/7 for details.



### A Message from ben

Håfa Adai,

It's that special time of year when hundreds of seniors are graduating from high school and college. My support for further education goes beyond words, and it is my office policy to allow staff members the time to further their education, whether it is for enhancement or to choose a different career path apart from political life.

I am proud to say that three of my former employees have chosen to be attorneys and have left my office to pursue law school. Two of them have become successful attorneys, practicing in the states, while the third person should be finished next year. I keep in touch with them often, and I am doing my best to get them back home. It will be a proud moment to see them return to Guam to work for our people in a totally different capacity. Another staff member graduated this past December with a Bachelor's degree and is moving on to pursue a Master's Degree program. As our island's graduates celebrate their achievements this month, our office would like to extend a very heartfelt congratulations to all.

And lastly, to the fathers who take the time to read to their children, who make the time to talk to their children, and who use their time to be encouraging and supportive, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Magof Ha'ånen Man Tåta.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',  
ben

## Bills & Resolutions Introduced

### Bill No. 407-30 (COR)

An act to add §1127 to Chapter 1, Title 2 GCA relative to honoring those killed in action by designation of a Guam Medal of Honor.

### Bill No. 405-30 (COR)

An act to amend §5270 of Chapter 5, Article 4, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to government purchase for drugs from manufacturer.

### Bill No. 391-30 (COR)

An act to amend §61619 and §61633 of Article 6, Chapter 61, Title 21 Guam Code Annotated relative to hearing date-notice.

### Bill No. 388-30 (COR)

An act to add a new Subsection (g) to §50103.1 Chapter 50, Article 1, 12 Guam Code Annotated relative to local sale of bonds.

### Resolution No. 379-30 (COR)

Relative to recognizing and commending the Class of 1965 of Father Duenas Memorial School as they celebrate their Forty-fifth (45th) High School Reunion, and for their contributions to the communities of Guam and Rota.

## Island Leadership Day article



On May 12, 2010 students from various middle & high schools participated in “Island Leadership Day.” On this day, hundreds of the island’s youth have the opportunity to get a glimpse of a day in the life of their counterparts who are government of Guam officials and other island leaders. Every year the Guam Legislature participates, and students are assigned to each Senator.

This year, Senator Pangelinan and his staff welcomed J.P. Torres High School Freshman, Ms. Vinecia Q. Pangelinan. We’d like to believe it was fate and not just a mere coincidence that Ms. Pangelinan was assigned to us as she shares the same initials with the senator.

One of the most important jobs of a Senator is to pass legislation. A mock session was scheduled for the youth senators, and they were given the opportunity to write bills, introduce them, and defend them in session. Senator Vinecia Pangelinan had plenty ideas that she wanted to introduce in bill form, but in the end she decided to appropriate \$500,000 to the Dededo Mayor’s Office to build a facility for the homeless and would also be the home of a second-hand store for the homeless community to be able to raise funds. The mock appropriation would also be used to fund programs that would assist these individuals with finding job opportunities. Senator Vinecia Pangelinan is from Dededo so she chose legislation that would benefit her community.

During session, she participated in numerous discussions and voted on several bills. After some debate on her bill, Senator Vinecia Pangelinan’s bill passed 9-3. It was a pleasure to work with Senator Venecia Pangelinan during her day in our office. She is a bright young lady, and we wish her well in all her future endeavors.

## Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Update

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land has heard half of the scheduled FY 2011 budget presentations through the end of May. The remaining presentations will occur in June. The Office of Finance and Budget has posted all the FY 2011 budget requests on the web to encourage public review and comment. The budget files available include full pdf versions as well as Microsoft Word and Excel files submitted by departments and agencies. You can view the information at <http://www.senbenp.com/ofb.html>.

## Did you know?

Did you know that Senator pangelinan purchased his 1999 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster motorcycle in 2002? His Sportster has since been customized to add a personal flair. In his youth, the senator would borrow dirt bikes for leisure. Now, it's his Harley that gets his heart pumping in the two-wheeled world as he rides the island's roads—especially along Routes 16 and 3.



*Senator pangelinan rides his Harley to the unveiling of the "We are Barrigada" mural on April 11, 2010.*

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## Congratulations to Mother-Daughter graduates from UOG



Anjelica Kulani Okada started working for Senator pangelinan in February, 2009. Her work has been invaluable to the office working closely with the Office of Finance and Budget, handling constituent case work and researching and writing legislation for the community. Anjelica graduated with honors from UOG in December, 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology under the Rebecca Stephenson Scholarship.

Her mother Sandra Okada graduated in May, 2010, with a Bachelor's degree in International Business and a Concentration in Custom Design. As part of her final project, she and fellow students presented a paper entitled, "Capstone Project," that focuses on recycling efforts for Guam. She is very active in community social projects and was one of the voyagers who recently sailed Guam-Rota-Guam trip on the "Saina."

Anjelica says, "I am very proud of my Mom, and it was a wonderful experience for us to attend UOG together. In fact, we even took classes together"!

We are proud of Anjelica's and Sandra's academic accomplishments and congratulate both of them for a job well done. Anjelica is not done yet and will begin to pursue her Master's Degree in the Micronesian Studies Program with a Concentration in Cancer Disparity at UOG this fall. She has been awarded with the U-54 Grant from the National Institutes of Health scholarship.

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## Letters to Washington

Senator pangelinan met with and sent a letter to Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment), with a call for the Department of Defense to re-evaluate their final plans for expansion to ensure that the spirit of President Obama's "One Guam, Green Guam" concept is truly achieved.

Other letters have been sent to members of the U.S. House of Representatives as they prepare to finalize the FY 2011 Department of Defense Budget to include provisions that will strengthen Guam's ability to properly plan and fund activities paramount to our success with the impending military buildup.

TO READ THE LETTER [CLICK HERE](#).

## *Congratulations to the Class of 2010!*

*The people of Guam have succeeded for the past 4,000 years, despite repeated invasion and occupation, and despite suffering and death inflicted by those intent on destroying all resistance ----*

*Succeeded in ensuring water, clean air, food, and shelter for the people of Guam by preserving the habitats of turtles, dolphins, fish, medicinal plants, forest and coral for you and your children to fish in, swim in, and hike through, harvest, and learn from;*

*Succeeded in the face of typhoons, war, and other devastation, by putting aside personal gain and profit to work for the benefit of the entire community and to be generous, to welcome, and to share our resources with our neighbors in need;*

*Succeeded in preserving a way of life that is coveted by those in overcrowded cities and allows children to grow freely in the love of their family, friends, and neighbors;*

*Succeeded in preserving an indigenous language and culture for future generations that is as unique as any Native American language, and as beautiful as any song;*

*Succeeded in raising generation after generation of men and women who will stand up for what is right.*

*ALWAYS REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE FROM.*

### **COMMITTEES**

- ◆ Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land
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