

The People

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Hafa Adai Senator Akaka,

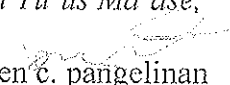
It has come to my attention that 100% disabled veterans do not have the same access to Military Airlift Command (MAC) flights as our military retirees. I believe this particular group of veterans have earned this benefit and understand and respect the needs these veterans encounter as a result of their disability.

For veterans with 100% disability living on Guam, MAC flights are not a luxury, but often necessary to visit family members who live in other parts of the world. Travel has become quite expensive especially for residents in isolated regions where air travel is the primary mode of transportation, especially our veterans who live on a fixed income and travel costs can be prohibitive.

By providing this additional benefit many of our veterans can worry less about travel expenses and focus on more important matters, aside from disability resulting from serving our country.

I bring this to your attention and ask your assistance to help our Guam resident veterans with 100% disability status secure MAC flight privileges as military retirees.

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