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## PEOPLE

Air Transportation  
Legislative Oversight Committee  
Tours Guam Airport



This new year has seen new faces in the 38th Guam Legislature and the Legislative Oversight Committee on Air Transportation. GIAA management led a tour of the terminal and facilities for some newcomers. See more on Page 2.

## PLACES

Main Terminal Building  
Refresh



Prepping and painting of the main terminal building is in full swing. See Page 12 for more on how this iconic building is getting a refreshed look.

## EVENTS

2025 Airport Week/  
GIAA 49th Anniversary  
Celebrations



January was an event-packed month for GIAA as it proudly celebrated its 49th Anniversary/2025 Airport Week, recognizing its hardworking team of employees and all its aviation partners who make air service to and from Guam possible.

The Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) is a self-sustaining autonomous government agency, charged with the mission to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public, maintain superior and reliable level of airport services, and support the development of air services and facilities which are integral to the island's economic growth.

## PASSENGER FLIGHT NETWORK (For February 2025)



HNL - UA201/200 Daily  
HND - UA849/848 Daily  
NRT - UA874/UA828 Daily from  
Feb. 23 - 28 only  
- UA197/196 Daily  
- UA865/UA864 Mon, Wed, Fri,  
Sun/Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun  
- UA827/UA873 Daily  
SPN - UA076/174 Daily  
MNL - UA184/UA183 Daily  
KIX - UA150/151 Daily  
- UA178/UA177 Wed, Fri, Sun/Tue,  
Thu, Sat from Feb. 6 - 27, 2025  
only  
NGO - UA136/137 Daily, except for  
Feb. 4  
PNI - UA176/UA176 Sun/Mon  
ROR - UA158/UA157 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri/  
Mon, Wed, Thu, Sun -  
UA193/UA156 Tues, Fri/Wed, Sat  
TKK - UA132/UA133 Thu, Sun/Wed, Sat  
- UA154/UA155 Mon, Thu/Tue, Fri  
Yap - UA186/UA185 Wed, Sun/Tue, Sat



NRT - JL941/JL942 Daily



ICN - 7C310/3102 Daily  
ICN - 7C3175 Feb 1 - 3 only



KE421/KE422 Daily



CJU - KE9425/KE9426 Feb 15, 18,  
21, 24  
ICN - LJ913/914 Daily  
ICN - LJ915/916 Daily beginning  
Feb. 19



PR110/PR111 Daily



ICN - TW303/TW304



TPE - CI1026/CI1027 Feb. 2 only



ROP - 3401/4301 Mon, Tue, Wed,  
Thu, Fri

## Senators Tour Guam Airport



GIAA Executive Manager, John "JQ" M. Quinata, Deputy Executive Manager, Dr. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, and the GIAA management team held a briefing and led a comprehensive tour of the Guam Airport and its facilities

for newly-elected legislators of the 38th Guam Legislature - Senator Shelly Vargas Calvo, Senator Sabrina Salas-Matanane, and Senator Vince Borja, and senior staff from Senator Jesse A. Lujan's office.



## GVB Greets Lunar Year Flights



The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) welcomed Lunar New Year charter flights operated by Starlux Airlines from Taipei, Taiwan, on January 25, 2025. The passengers were greeted

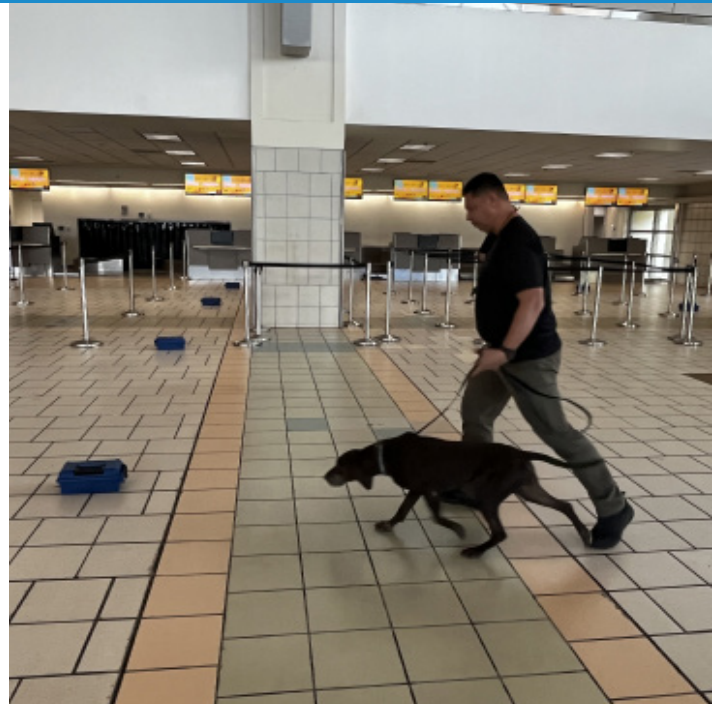


with live Chamorro music, received welcome gift bags, and took photos with GVB's ko'ko bird mascot, "Kiko".

## GIAA K-9 Teams in Training



Aligned with its mission to ensure safety and security of the traveling public, the GIAA Airport Police K-9 Teams trained to detect different explosive core odors in preparation for their annual evaluation scheduled for March this year. Airport Police Officer (APO) and K-9 Handler, Joseph "J.R."



Mantanona, and his K-9 partner, Sasha, are seen above left during odor validation training. K-9 Hummer-Hopper, pictured above, leads his K-9 Handler, APO John Flores, to a training prop during odor validation training on January 27, 2025.



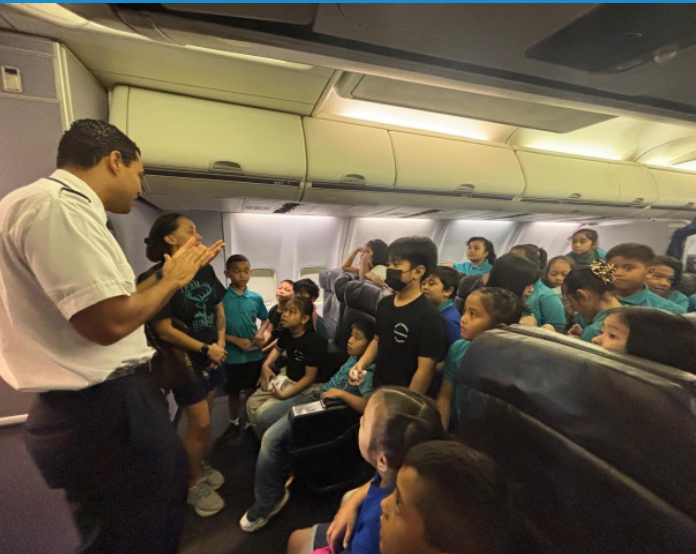
## Dragons Visit Guam Airport



**WELCOME, DRAGONS!** As part of its efforts to promote community engagement and to encourage students to pursue careers in aviation, GIAA hosted the Dragons of M. U. Lujan Elementary School on a tour of its terminal, its tower, a United Airlines aircraft, and the Aircraft Rescue &

Fire Fighting (ARFF) Facility on January 7, 2025. The Airport Police K-9 Team also presented a demonstration. **Pictured above:** ARFF Fire Fighter Alex Tenorio explains how he and his fellow fire fighters use an axe in a fire emergency.

## Binadu Sightings at Guam Airport



**BINADUS ON BOARD.** A United Airlines (UA) pilot answers questions from the Binadus of Wettengel Elementary while on board a UA aircraft on January 14, 2025. The students enjoyed a fun-filled tour of the terminal, including a demonstration by the Airport Police K-9 Team and a visit to the U.S. Customs & Border Protection and Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency.



**BINADUS READY FOR BOARDING.** The Binadus of Wettengel Elementary School listen attentively to an officer of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) before clearing the Passenger Security Checkpoint and boarding a United Airlines aircraft, while on an airport tour on January 28, 2025.

## GIAA Celebrates 49 Years



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Airport Week 2025 was celebrated in true GIAA fashion, filled with events and activities that brought together its Board of Directors, management, staff, tenants, and all aviation partners who have provided

exceptional air service to the island for 49 years. Many thanks to the incredible Airport Week Planning Committee for their efforts to make this celebration a successful and memorable one. We are pleased to share photos of how GIAA celebrated Airport Week 2025 and its 49th anniversary as an Airport Family. Biba, GIAA! Biba, Guam!

Proclamation Signing • Governor's Cabinet Conference Room • January 17, 2025



Airport Week Wave • January 17, 2025



GIAA Family Mass • January 17, 2025  
Santa Teresita Church, Mangilao

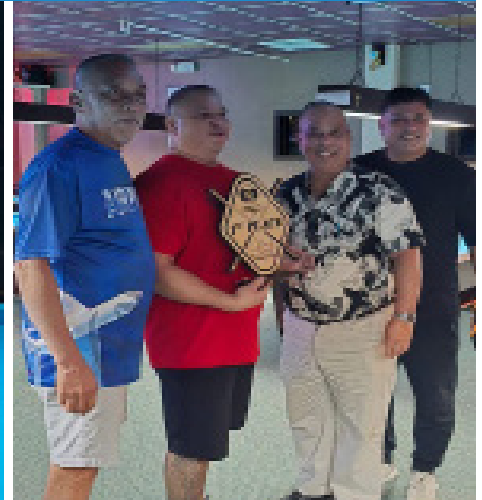




## Billiards Tournament & Karaoke Contest • January 9, 2025



Jordan Guevara, center, receives his 1st Place Karaoke Contest award from Airport Police Chief Vince Naputi (left) and GIAA Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata (right).



Robert Umadhay celebrates his 1st Place Billiards win with (L-R): Juan Reyes - Air Terminal Manager, John "JQ" M. Quinata - GIAA Executive Manager, and Airport Police Chief Vince Naputi.

## Edward L.G. Rios 3rd Annual Memorial Softball Tournament • Guerrero Field • January 11 - 12, 2025



The family of Edward "Bundy" Rios gather for a photo with GIAA Executive Manager John "JQ" M. Quinata before the start of the tournament. Pictured above, L-R: Cecelia Rios - mother, Michael Rios - nephew, Ryan Rios - brother, and Quinata.



Tournament champions, "GIAA East Side," celebrate their first-place win with GIAA management. The team was comprised of players from the Administration Division, Property Management Office, Operations Division, and Properties & Facilities Division.



## 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament • Harmon Sports Complex • January 18 - 19, 2025



Pictured right: The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament champs from United Airlines are surrounded by the second-place team from the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division and GIAA management.



## Bowling Tournament • Central Lanes • January 20, 2025



## Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Walk • January 22, 2025





Edward A. P. Muna II 4th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament • Onward Talofofu Golf Resort • January 15, 2025



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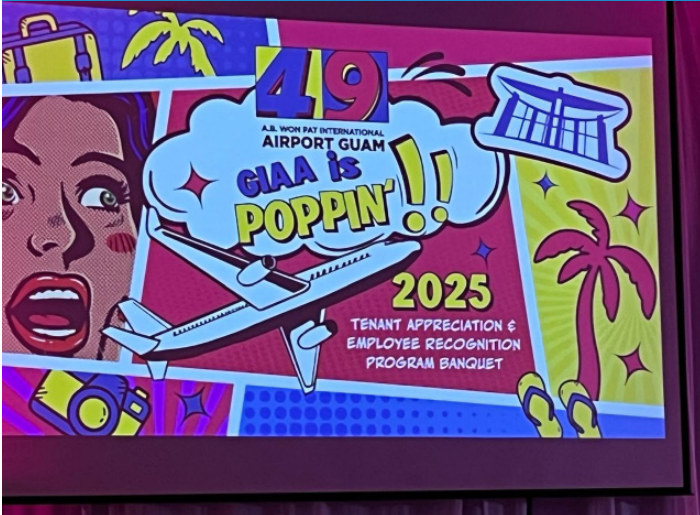


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## Tenant Appreciation & Employee Recognition Program Banquet • Hyatt Regency Guam • January 24, 2025



## Congratulations, Service Year Awardees!

GIAA congratulates its Service Year Awardees and commends them for outstanding years of service, unwavering commitment and exceptional work. The awardees were

### **FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARDEES:**

Juanita B. Cruz, Management Analyst II - Procurement Section/Administration Division

Vince Naputi, Chief of Airport Police - Airport Police Division (APD)

### **TEN YEAR SERVICE AWARDEES:**

Christine E. A. Evangelista, Accounting Technician III - Accounting Division

Edgar L. Guiking, Engineering Technician II - Engineering Division

Scott F. Aflague, Airport Operations Supervisor - Operations (OPS) Division

Joseph L. G. Anderson, Airport Police Officer (APO) II - APD

Eric S. P. Chaco, Fire Fighter II - Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division

Jayton O. Fejaran, Fire Fighter II - ARFF Division

### **TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARDEE:**

Michael Ilagan, Airport Operations Supervisor (AOS) - OPS Division

recognized and awarded at this year's Tenant Appreciation & Employee Recognition Program Banquet held at the Hyatt Regency Guam on January 24, 2025.

### **TWENTY-FIVE YEAR AWARDEES:**

Pedro N. Lizama, Safety Inspector Supervisor - Safety Section/Administration Division

Elfrieda Koshiba, Program Coordinator IV - Marketing Section/Administration Division

Ramon L. Sison, Airport Operations Officer (AOO) II - OPS Division

Arnell J. Orallo, APO II - APD

Juan D. Manibusan, APO II - APD

Robert D. Umadhay, APO II - APD

Mark S. Calvo, APO II - APD

### **THIRTY YEAR SERVICE AWARDEES:**

Timothy S. Erwin, AOS - OPS Division

Wayne A. U. Salas, AOO II - OPS Division

Richard M. C. Cabrera, Electrician Supervisor - Properties & Facilities Division

### **THIRTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARDEE:**

Gerald O. Javier, AOS - OPS Division



## Celebrating Superlative Awardees

GIAA proudly announces the Superlative Awardees who were selected from a panel of their colleagues for their exceptional work, demonstration of leadership and innovation, and contribution to the success of GIAA.

The awardees were recognized and awarded at the Tenant Appreciation & Employee Recognition Program Banquet, held at the Hyatt Regency Guam on January 24, 2025.



**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**  
**Eddie Meno**  
Airport Operations Officer II  
Operations Division



**SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**  
**Jenielle Meno**  
Buyer Supervisor I  
Procurement Section/  
Administration Division



**SPIRIT OF THE YEAR**  
**Austin Grant**  
Program Coordinator II  
Property Management  
Office



**INTEGRITY OF THE YEAR**  
**Jeanette San Nicolas**  
Program Coordinator II  
Property Management  
Office



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**MANAGER OF THE YEAR**  
**Audie Artero**  
Engineering Supervisor  
Engineering Division



**UNIT OF THE YEAR**  
**Raymond Reyes • Michael Winn**  
Airport Protocol • Airport Police Division



**DIVISION OF THE YEAR**  
**Airport Police Division**



**EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S AWARDEES**  
**Community Engagement Team**  
**School Outreach Readiness Team (SORT)**



## Getting to Know United Airlines' New General Manager



Tammy Castro, United Airlines' (UA) new General Manager - Airport Operations, began her new role on October 1, 2024, after coming off a three-year military tour at Joint Base Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii where she served as the Yellow Ribbon Program Manager. Prior to this tour she served as Cargo Operations Manager, Passenger Service Manager, and Terminal Operations Manager with UA, over the course of six years. She held various roles as an Airport Operations Supervisor, Vendor Management Supervisor, and frontline passenger service agent. The responsibilities of her current role as General Manager include overall direction of UA's airport operations in Guam and Saipan. She ensures that

station safety goals and initiatives are met and directs the airport operational activities for all airport lines of service, including customer service, ramp service, and station control center operations. She monitors performance against plans, initiates corrective actions to improve results, and is responsible for compliance with station controls and internal audit standards. In addition, Tammy, leads and negotiates vendor service contracts as required, coordinates the implementation of contract services, leads community engagement activities, and represents UA at airport and government activities.

"Our most important responsibility and goal every year is to provide Safe, Caring, Dependable and Efficient service to our customers. Guam received its Platinum Safety Excellence certification in 2023, and my goal is not only to maintain it, but also to prepare the station for re-certification in 2026. It is always a goal to keep our number one asset - our employees - safe, and reduce occupational injury rates, all while having zero aircraft damages. Improving customer communication and improve station engagement across departments, business partners, and governmental agencies is important."

**Pictured above (L-R):** Stuart Suarez - Manager, Passenger Service, Joseph Diaz - Supervisor Airport Operations Finance & Administration, Castro, Benny Barcinas - Manager, Terminal Operations & SOC.

## GIAA's Austin Grant Selected for Executive Leadership Development Program



GIAA extends its congratulations to Program Coordinator II Austin Grant of the GIAA Property Management Office for having been selected to the prestigious Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP) organized by the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs and



Graduate School USA. He was selected as 1 of just 29 participants from throughout the region. The ELDP is an intensive year-long program that includes on-site sessions, virtual sessions and between-session assignments. We wish Austin the best during this time of growth and learning.



## GVB Welcomes Samsung Lions at Guam Airport



**A ROARING Hafa Adai!** The Samsung Lions received a warm "Hafa Adai" welcome by the Guam Visitors Bureau, upon its arrival at the Guam Airport on January 22, 2025.

The Samsung Lions is a professional baseball team from Daegu, South Korea and is back on Guam for its winter training.

## A Fresh Paint Job for Guam Airport Coming Soon



### PREPPING AND PAINTING IN PROGRESS.

A fresh new look is underway at the Guam Airport! The exterior of the main terminal is being prepped and power washed ahead of painting which will begin this month on weekdays during regular business hours until mid-summer this year. GIAA kindly reminds its tenants and users to be mindful of the preparation and painting signage displayed as painting crews move through different areas of the terminal exterior. GIAA thanks all for their understanding and patience as it continues to improve the quality of its terminal for all to enjoy!

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