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PEOPLE

United Airlines Guam Station Chief Pilot Errol Lee

In this month's segment of "Getting to Know," we meet United Airlines Guam Station Chief Pilot Errol Lee who was inspired as a youngster to reach great heights in aviation. See Page 3 to learn about his inspirations and his commitment to serve our island community.

PLACES

Rehabilitation Continues on Apron & Taxiway

More rehabilitation work continues on the Guam Airport apron and taxiway. This repair work is vital for maintaining airport safety, operational efficiency, and structural integrity. Rehabilitating these pavements will help to prevent Foreign Object Debris (FOD) and support heavier aircraft loads.



EVENTS

Making Our Mark 2026

GIAA's interns of the 2026 Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program (GSYEP) made their mark at the Guam International Airport with the unveiling of a unique art piece they designed and created for all to enjoy. See Page 8 for details.

Passenger Flight Network (For August 2026)

AIRLINE	DESTINATION	FLIGHT NO.	ETA/ETD	FREQUENCY
	HNL	UA201/UA200	1805/0705	Daily
	HND	UA849/UA848	0420/1930	Daily
	NRT	US827/UA873	1545/1700	Daily
		UA196/UA197	2145/1215	Daily
		UA865/UA864	2115/1300	M & F/T & SAT
		UA874/UA828	0140/0705	T, TH, SAT, SUN
	KIX	UA150/UA151	1550/0715	Daily
	NGO	UA136/UA137	1610/0730	SUN, M, TH, F
	MNL	UA184/UA183	0615/1905	Daily, ETA W/SAT 0545
	ROR	UA192/UA193	0615/1905	W & SAT/T & F
		UA158/UA157	1510/2345	M, T, TH, F/M, W, TH, SUN
		UA076/UA174	1040/0805	Daily
	TPE	UA166/UA165	1715/0745	W & SAT
	TKK	UA133/UA132	1745/0825	TH & SUN/W & SAT ETA SUN 1640/ETD SAT 0930
		UA154/UA155	1805/0755	T & F/M & TH
		UA176/UA176	0335/2025	Departures SUN, Arrivals M
	Yap	UA186/UA185	0405/2335	W & SUN/T & SAT
 JAPAN AIRLINES	NRT	JL941/JL942	1435/1635	Daily
 Philippine Airlines	MNL	PR110/PR111	0420/0600	Daily, except Aug. 11 & 25
 KOREAN AIR	ICN	KE417/KE418	2335/2022+1	Daily
		KE415/KE416	1535/1720	Daily
 JIN AIR	ICN	LJ915/LJ916	2345/0050	Daily
		LJ917/LJ918	0335/0440	Daily, except Aug. 3
	PUS	LJ921/LJ922	0140/0250	Daily
 AIR SEOUL	ICN	RS101/R102	0100/0200	Daily
 AIR BUSAN	PUS	BX614/BX613	0110/0240	Sun 0230 / ETC 0330
 t'way	KIX	TW509/TW510	1530/1630	Eff July 17 - Aug. 30, 2026
	NRT	TW517/TW530	1515/1635	Aug. 8 - 10 only
		TW517/518	1515/1615	Aug. 11 - Sept. 6 only
 STAR Marianas Air	ROP	**3401/**4301	1200/1230	M, T, W, TH, F

Getting to Know **United Airlines Guam Station Chief Pilot Errol Lee**

Growing up in New York City, I discovered my passion for aviation early. On my 13th birthday, I took my first glider flight, and from that moment on, I knew flying would be a lifelong pursuit. Like many young aviation enthusiasts, I dreamed of becoming an astronaut, but that dream ultimately led me to an equally rewarding career in professional aviation.

My professional aviation journey began as a flight instructor, where I developed a passion for teaching and mentoring aspiring pilots. I later served as Senior Check Pilot at Comair Aviation Academy and then as a Professor and Chief Ground Instructor at Jacksonville University, helping educate the next generation of aviation professionals. From there, I transitioned to the airlines, flying for Comair Airlines before joining Continental Airlines, which later became United Airlines.

Throughout my career with Continental and United, I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of roles, including Ground Instructor, Pilot Recruiter, Pilot Interviewer, Flight Manager, Assistant Chief Pilot, and now Chief Pilot. Each position has reinforced the importance of leadership, teamwork, and supporting others in achieving their full potential.

I arrived in Guam in 2009 expecting to stay for only six months. Instead, I fell in love with the island, its culture, and, most importantly, its people. Guam quickly became more than just a work assignment—it became home.

Today, I consider it a privilege to serve the pilots and community here while flying throughout Micronesia, where every flight offers an opportunity to connect people across these beautiful islands.

As Chief Pilot, I lead the Chief Pilot's Office (CPO), which is responsible for supporting more than 180 pilots based in Guam. Our office assists pilots with both their professional and personal needs, helps develop and maintain our Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and works closely with operational teams to ensure safe and efficient flight operations. I am fortunate to work alongside three outstanding team members whose dedication keeps our department running smoothly. My leadership philoso-

phy is simple: remove obstacles so that they have the tools and support they need to do their best work for our pilots.

People often ask me what I enjoy most about my job. My answer has never changed. The airport is a microcosm of humanity. Every human emotion can be found there. It is a place of joyful reunions, new friendships, exciting adventures, heartfelt goodbyes, and sometimes profound loss. Love, hope, excitement, sadness, and even frustration all pass through an airport every day. As a pilot, knowing that I play a small part in bringing people together during life's most meaningful moments is incredibly fulfilling. Whether helping someone celebrate a wedding, reunite with family, begin a new career, or return home during difficult times, it reminds me that aviation is ultimately about serving people.

Outside of aviation, I enjoy teaching traditional Japanese martial arts and traveling to different parts of the world. Lifelong learning has always been important to me. I hold an Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Technology, a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science, and an MBA. Looking ahead, one of my personal goals after retirement is to pursue a Ph.D., continuing my commitment to education and personal growth.

Perhaps my greatest career goal is not another title or achievement but giving back to the community I now call home. I hope to inspire Guam's young people to pursue their dreams, especially those who may be considering a future in aviation. The aviation industry offers countless opportunities—for pilots, mechanics, dispatchers, engineers, and many other professions—and I hope my journey shows that with dedication, hard work, and perseverance, those dreams are achievable.

It has been an honor to make Guam my home for the past 17 years, and I look forward to continuing to serve our pilots, our passengers, and this incredible island community.



Pictured, L-R:
Toni Geisinger –
Manager Guam Flight
Operations Business,
Captain Errol Lee – UA
Guam Station Chief
Pilot, Stacy Quintanilla –
Operations Specialist,
and Annemarie Cruz-
Rodriguez – Senior Staff
Representative

From the Desk of the Executive Manager

Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Discussions

The Guam International Airport served as the venue for discussion to include the Philippines in the CNMI-Guam Visa Waiver Program. This working group consisted of high levels of three governments. The Philippines was represented by Attorney Jose "Jojo" R. Cadiz, Jr. - Department of Justice Undersecretary for Immigration and Special Concerns Cluster and Attorney Joel Alejandro S. Nacnac - Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration (BOI). Guam was represented by LT Governor Joshua F. Tenorio, and Senator Jesse A.

Lujan and Senator Christopher M. Duenas - Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Committee on Transportation of the 38th Guam Legislature. CNMI was represented by Joe Guerrero - Co-Chair of the CNMI Governor's Economic Council, Marissa Flores - Floor Leader of the 24th CNMI House of Representatives, and Matthew Deleon Guerrero - Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the CNMI House of Representatives, and Matthew Deleon Guerrero - Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.



Pictured above, bottom row, L-R: Joaquin Ricardo Aragon - Consul, Philippine Consulate General, Haganta, GU; Attorney Ruben C. Casibang, Jr. - Acting Chief, Board of Special Inquiry, Philippine Bureau of Immigration (BOI); Attorney Florediza B. Flora - Visa Supervising Officer, Legal Division, Philippine BOI; Attorney Nacnac; Attorney Cadiz, Jr.; Senator Lujan; LT Governor Tenorio; Senator Duenas; Warren F. Villagomez - Board Chair, Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA); Joe Guerrero; Marissa Flores; Juan S. Salas - Board Member, Commonwealth Ports Authority; Second row, L-R: Karl A. Pangelinan - Finance & Investment Analyst, 38th Guam Legislature; La'Kiesha Pereda - Consultant, Office of Senator Jesse Lujan; Jhalam Kenaz G. Dattoon - Liaison Officer, Office of Deputy Commissioner Nacnac, Philippine BOI; Luisa Llave - Philippine Department of Tourism; Brian Bamba - Board Chairman, GIAA;

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About Our Airport Community

Doing Business with GIAA

Are you interested in doing business at the Guam Airport? If so, simply visit the **Business Opportunities** page of the GIAA website at www.guamairport.com and register to become a vendor for public solicitations, leases, and concessions, including providing supplies, equipment, and advertising.

To become a vendor, complete the **Procurement Registry** and provide the following information:

Company/Firm Name

Point of Contact

Types of Services/Supplies Provided

Upload of Business Documents, such as Business License, Certificates, Brochures

For more information on **how to become a vendor**, contact:

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United Airlines' Bring Your Family to Work Day

United Airlines (UA) has a wonderful tradition of family engagement programs that help demystify the workplace for loved ones. In April 2018, UA participated in "Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day" to show children how adults use their talents in the workplace and contribute to team success. In September 2019, the program expanded to "Bring Your Family to Work Day," opening invitations to all family members — spouses, parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. — to tour UA offices in Chicago. The program was paused during the pandemic and returned in September 2023, allowing different UA stations to host events at various locations across the network.

This special day highlights UA's commitment to celebrating its UA families and identifying itself as

a family-friendly workplace. It allows employees to provide their loved ones with a glimpse into their work environment, providing a unique and fun opportunity to blend family and professional lives that UA employees balance every day. This day strengthens the bond between the UA family, the families they support, and the families that support them.

The participants started their day with a safety briefing, passenger screening conducted by officers of the Transportation Security Administration, and tours of the airport Ramp Control, the UA Flight Operations Office, the UA Inflight Office, the UA Ramp and Station Operations Center, and the UA Tech Operations Office. Their day ended with a planeside observation of Flight UA76's arrival from Saipan and lunch hosted by UA.



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Guam Airport Braves Super Typhoon Bavi



It was a challenging start to the month of July as Super Typhoon Bavi impacted Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Bavi, which caused widespread power outages, torrential rainfall, and downed power lines, swept through our region just months after Super Typhoon Sinlaku left Guam and its neighboring islands still in recovery mode. Even before Governor Lou Leon Guerrero declared Condition of Readiness (COR) 1 on July 5, 2026, GIAA management and staff were hard at work securing the main terminal and its surrounding properties and facilities, meeting with airport stakeholders, airlines, and tenants, and providing updates and

notifications to the public and the airport community regarding operations and changes in flight schedules. GIAA extends its appreciation to all who worked around the clock and enacted preventative measures to secure facilities and reinforce vulnerable equipment to prevent wind damage prior to the typhoon's arrival. Facilities remained opened and were staffed with emergency responders to ensure readiness for post-storm relief flights.

Pictured above: GIAA Executive Manager John M. Quinata and Air Terminal Manager Juan Reyes facilitate a post-Typhoon Bavi de-brief for airlines, tenants, and stakeholders on July 7 2026.

Korean Air Hosts July FOD Walk to Promote a Safer Airport

Nearly 40 pounds of FOD, or Foreign Object Debris, were collected at the July FOD Walk, hosted by Korean Air on July 23, 2026.

Volunteers from GIAA, airlines, ground handlers, tenants, and interns of the Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program participated in a safety briefing, donned safety vests and gloves, and picked up trash, debris, and foreign objects on the airport runways and their immediate surrounding areas, in an effort to promote a safer environment for those work on the flight line. This monthly activity is vital to ensure that our travelers and flight crews are safe upon takeoff and landing.

GIAA thanks Korean Air and all its airline and tenant partners who host these monthly FOD Walks for their commitment to a safer and more secure environment for all who work at and travel through our airport.



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GIAA's Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program Interns Deliver Capstone Presentations

To conclude their summer employment at the Guam Airport, GIAA's interns of the Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program (GSYEP) delivered their capstone presentations on July 16, 2026. The presentations, both in video and Powerpoint formats, highlighted work experiences, knowledge, and skills the interns learned during their internship and were delivered to John M. Quinata - GIAA Executive Manager, Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu - GIAA Deputy Executive Manager, Melanie Brennan - Director of the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA), Michael Weakley - Deputy Director of DYA, Captain Errol Lee - Chief Pilot of United Airlines, division and section heads, and GIAA staff.



Pictured above: GIAA congratulates Engineering intern Ilia Alimov, third from left, for his exceptional presentation on Wayfinding & Signage Redesign. Alimov conducted an audit of the airport's physical signs and designed an intuitive digital wayfinding app prototype to help travelers navigate the terminal easily. L-R: Captain Lee, Mansapit-Shimizu, Alimov, Brennan, Weakley, and Quinata.



GIAA's Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program Interns 'Pack to School' to Assist Local Elementary School Students



GSYEP interns, pictured above, gather with GIAA Executive Manager, John M. Quinata (second from left) and GIAA Deputy Executive Manager Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu (first from left) with school supplies that they and GIAA employees donated as part of the GSYEP out-



reach project, "Pack to School," in an effort to be good stewards of our island community and to assist Guam's students in the elementary level to prepare for School Year 2026 - 2027. Pictured above: GIAA's interns delivered backpacks filled with school supplies to the Governor's Office on July 24, 2026. GIAA commends its interns for their coordination, teamwork, and compassion and encourage them to continue the good work of stewardship and generosity for our island students.

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Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program Interns Make Their Mark

GIAA's interns of the 2026 Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program (GSYEP) collaborated to design, produce, and unveil a custom piece of artwork as part of their "Making Our Mark" art project. Led by interns and artists Amari McGinnis-Torres of the Marketing Section of the Administration Division and Noah Castro of the Airport Police Division, the interns painted an ocean-theme design and incorporated tactile

elements of clay, shells, and woven mats on an 8-foot tall latte stone which will serve as a permanent art piece and a photo backdrop in the terminal for all to enjoy. The art project, proudly sponsored by the GIAA Employee Organization, was presented to management and leadership of GIAA and GSYEP organizer - Department of Youth Affairs - at an unveiling ceremony on July 16, 2026.



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