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## Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) Board of Trustees Meeting

**MEDIA ADVISORY:**      **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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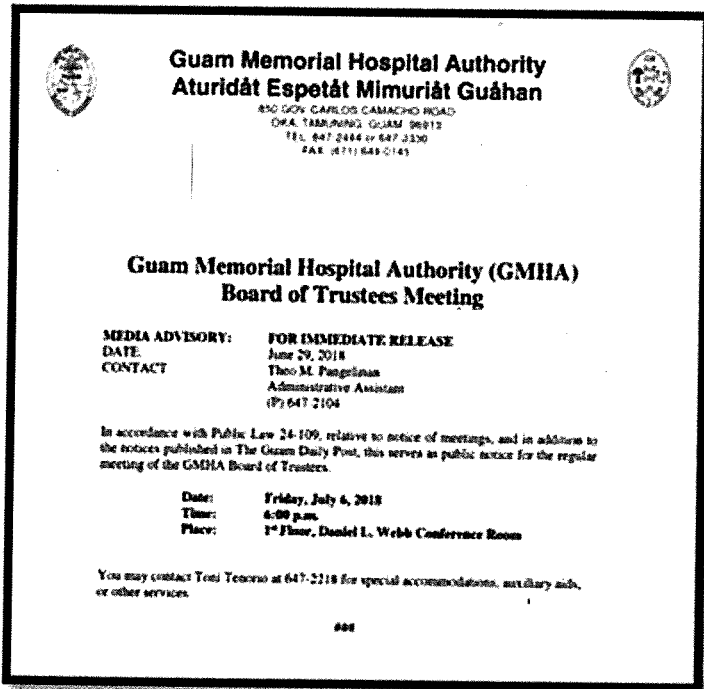
**Date:**                      **Friday, July 6, 2018**  
**Time:**                      **6:00 p.m.**  
**Place:**                      **1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Daniel L. Webb Conference Room**

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# Audit finds compliance issues on spending federal funds

A new audit report shows the government of Guam received at least \$489 million in federal funds in the 2017 budget year.

The compliance review of those funds raised some issues, including:

- \$62,000 spent on bus stops using only one contractor that was hand-picked through what's called a "sole-source" procurement process, even when there were eight bidders.
- \$11,000 spent on water-testing supplies using one supplier that self-certified it was the sole provider of the required supplies; and

- \$54,000 spent on a contract for which no procurement file was available.

### Major programs, services

Here are some of the major federal government funded programs and/or services in fiscal year 2017, the audit report from the Office of Public Accountability states:

- \$114 million for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also called the food stamp program, and other U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded services;
- \$113.9 million for various welfare

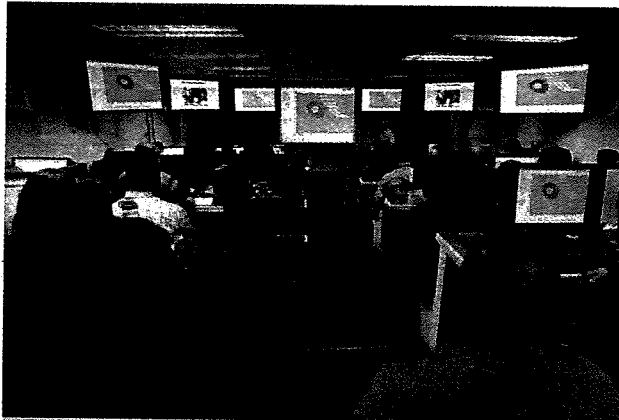
and health care programs, including Medicaid, at \$55 million, and the Children's Health Insurance Program, at \$28 million;

- \$16 million for government services and projects to help Guam as host to regional migrants;
- \$66.3 million for the Guam Department of Education;
- \$42 million for the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, which provides public housing units and rent vouchers; and
- \$28 million for the University of Guam. *(Daily Post Staff)*

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advised to:

- Stay up to date with the latest information. The storm track or intensity may change and advisories regarding flash flooding or high surf may be issued.
- Stay out of the waterfalls and rivers, and avoid hiking today, due to the potential for flash floods.
- Prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household.
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become airborne with heavy wind.
- Gas vehicles and get fuel for your generators.
- Secure outdoor pets in a safe location either indoors or inside the garage. *(Daily Post Staff)*



**BRIEFING:** Chip Guard, the warning coordination meteorologist at U.S. National Weather Service Guam, speaks to response activity coordinators for various agencies during a heavy weather briefing on Tuesday. John O'Connor/The Guam Daily Post

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The defendant profited financially by selling "a harmful, dangerous and destructive drug."

In total, the Drug Enforcement Administration seized \$98,555 in currency that was forfeited on Oct. 19, 2017.

Mendoza pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and submitted to debriefing but provided no substantial assistance to the government, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Rosetta San Nicolas.

A presentence investigation report indicated Mendoza has abused illegal

substances since she was 12 years old.

### 'Callous attitude and total disregard'

Mendoza was engaged in a "highly lucrative scheme" to distribute hundreds of grams of methamphetamine on Guam and appeared to make drug distribution her livelihood. Her behavior demonstrated a "callous

attitude and total disregard" of the harm that methamphetamine causes to individuals and the community, San Nicolas wrote.

The government contends the sentence of 103 months, or eight years and seven months, also will provide Mendoza with an opportunity to obtain adequate treatment.

### FIRE STATION continued from page 1

Mesa said. The actual time spent working on it was probably closer to one week, he added.

The flag is now proudly displayed above the station's ambulance and fire engine.

The crew took several out-of-service fire hoses and wrapped them around a wooden backing after painting one of the hoses red and another white — the supply line hose was already blue. A friend of one crew member owned a 3D printer and used that to make 54 raised, white stars, reserving the four extras in case any should fall off.

While national pride was certainly a factor behind Station Four's new flag, Mesa said interstation rivalries played a part, too.

### 'We're very competitive'

"To be honest with you, one of the reasons why we're very competitive, station-wise," Mesa said. The "Dededo (station) put up the flag in their bay, so we wanted to one-up them by making the firehose (flag)."

"Tell them, Station Four," he added.

### Upgrades

Originally built around the late 1960s, the Tamuning station house is due for upgrades, Mesa said, adding that their next project will be to replace its flooring, which they hope to have finished before their current recruits graduate at the end of the year.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

\*\*\* CORRECTION \*\*\*

The GMHA Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, July 5, 2018 was rescheduled to Friday, July 6, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Daniel L. Webb Conference Room.

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	<b>2017</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>17,420</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>18,200</b>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>-780</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>-780</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,300</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>520</b>

# Guam advocate for radiation-related illness compensation heard in US Senate

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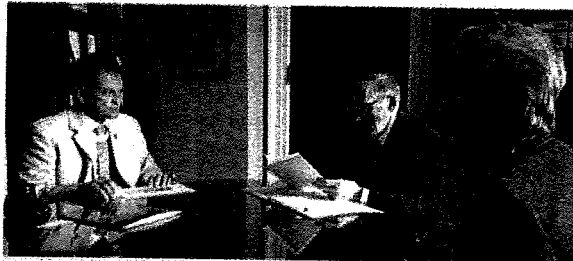
A U.S. Senate committee hearing held Wednesday to consider expanding a bill compensating victims of radiation-related illnesses included testimony from Guam advocate Robert Celestial, president of the Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors.

In testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Celestial said Guam must be included in the expanded bill.

The proposed Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2017 would allow residents of Guam between 1952 and 1962 who have suffered from radiation-related illnesses, including cancer, to apply for compensation.

Currently, RECA covers only certain counties within Nevada, Utah and Arizona for people who were downwind of nuclear fallout from Cold War-era tests, as well as uranium workers in several western states.

"The people of Guam were exposed to nuclear fallout from the Pacific nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands



**DISCUSSION:** From left, Robert Celestial, president of the Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors; Sen. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee; and Del. Madeleine Bordallo discuss the Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. The act would fund health care expenses for veterans who cleaned up nuclear waste in the Enewetak Atoll. Photo courtesy of Del. Madeleine Bordallo

from 1946 to 1962, when 66 nuclear and hydrogen bombs were detonated," Celestial said.

### Gelger counters 'off the scale'

He cited a sworn statement from Lt. Bert Schneider, a chemical, biological and radiological officer with the U.S. Navy who served on Guam in 1952, who said, "the Gelger counters were off the scale" in November 1952, days after a thermonuclear device was detonated in

the Enewetak Atoll, more than 1,100 miles away.

Later findings from the Board on Radiation Effects Research found "that Guam did receive measurable fallout" from the nuclear testing, Celestial said.

Celestial himself participated in nuclear waste cleanup from the Enewetak Atoll test site during his time serving in the U.S. Army.

While he has not been diagnosed with cancer, he said a fellow soldier has been diagnosed with six different cancers, and is currently undergoing chemotherapy in Maine. However,

because this veteran was diagnosed after separating from the Army, he has not received any compensation for his medical bills.

Since the RECA program was established in 1990, more than \$2 billion has been paid to 35,000 victims, according to the Department of Justice website. The bill is set to expire in 2022.

The 2017 amendment would allow victims living on Guam to receive free medical care and up to \$150,000 from the RECA trust fund.

### Historic testimony

Celestial's testimony was applauded by Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje, who also was present for the hearing, calling the testimony "historic."

Terlaje submitted her own written testimony to the Judiciary Committee, saying that Guam's inclusion in the RECA program "is overdue," following the 2005 BRER report cited by Celestial.

Del. Madeleine Bordallo also met with Celestial and Terlaje during their time in Washington, D.C., and later met with members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, according to a press release, to discuss the Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, which would compensate veterans who participated in the Enewetak Atoll cleanup.

"Congress must not ignore the victims of nuclear testing in the Western Pacific any longer," she stated in a press release. "I will not give up on our Guam downwinders and atomic veterans, until they get the recognition they deserve."

### 'Begin the healing process'

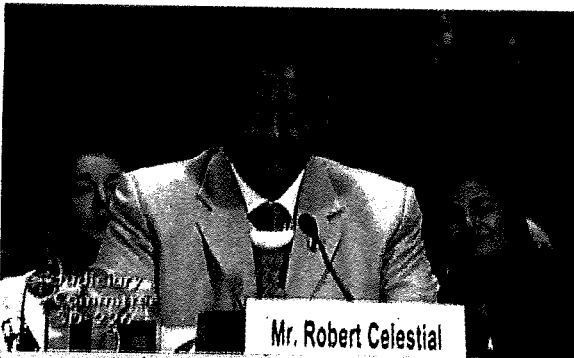
Another witness in the hearing, Jonathan Nez, vice president of Navajo Nation, said, "the money will not fix the health care problems ... but will help begin the healing process."

"Our country hasn't always done right," said committee member Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey. "This hearing is about ... making sure folks who were harmed are not left behind or without redress."

Celestial closed his testimony by expressing his hope that Guam will be included in these "compassionate payments."

“The people of Guam were exposed to nuclear fallout from the Pacific nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands from 1946 to 1962, when 66 nuclear and hydrogen bombs were detonated.”

— Robert Celestial,  
Army veteran and president,  
Pacific Association for  
Radiation Survivors



**TESTIMONY:** Robert Celestial, center, president of the Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors, testifies during the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday in Washington, D.C. Also pictured is Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje, background right. Image via the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's website

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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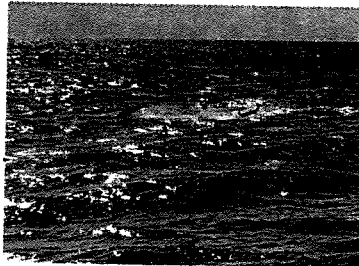
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# Group opposes underwater detonations

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**ENVIRONMENTAL RISK:** Outer Apra Harbor, pictured, is the designated location of the Navy's underwater detonation trainings. Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian is protesting the detonations due to their close proximity to fishermen, sea turtles and dolphin pods. Photo courtesy of Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian

In a letter addressed to the Legislature, community members urged lawmakers to seek an end to routine underwater detonation exercises being conducted in Apra Harbor.

The statement, issued by the group Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian, said the public was given a two-day notice before U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Unit 5 conducted routine underwater detonations Wednesday.

"I urge you to seek a halt to the detonations because of the adverse environmental impacts to an area in close proximity to where fishermen frequent, and dolphin pods with their offspring, and sea turtles can often be spotted," the letter stated.

In response, Joint Region Marianas and the U.S. Navy reiterated their commitment to being safe environmental stewards. The Navy, as of Wednesday, has conducted four underwater detonation trainings this year.

"We employ many protective measures to safeguard marine resources during this type of training," they said in a joint statement.

"Examples of the protective measures include the area being

visually cleared by divers below and lookouts on the surface before, during and after the exercise. In addition, all training activity ceases if a person or marine life is seen in the area."

The underwater detonation trainings take place on a sandy area of the sea floor in a designated location of the outer Apra Harbor, one mile north of Cabras Island, with "small amounts of explosives," ranging from 1 to 5 pounds, according to the statement.

### Other concerns

Members of Prutehi Litekyan also questioned whether a provision of the National Historic Preservation Act had been overlooked. The section requires an account of action in regard to historic properties. Additionally, they voiced concern over whether environmental permits were obtained

for the transportation of ordnance.

The Navy and Joint Region Marianas, in response, stated that the underwater detonation training is conducted after a multiyear environmental analysis commissioned by the Navy, which grants authorization from the National Marine Fisheries Service, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act.

### Legislative resolution

Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje in April introduced Resolution 103-34, which supports the end of further Department of Defense training and testing activities involving detonation of explosives in Guam's land and waters.

Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander of Joint Region Marianas, met with members of the Legislature last year to hear public concern over

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- Letter from Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian, to the Legislature

the detonations, explaining that the Navy has regularly conducted training with EOD units across the country.

"This type of training has been safely and effectively conducted for more than two decades," according to the military joint statement, adding the training also has been evaluated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Marine Fisheries Service.

# Tax preparer to testify in luxury vehicle scam trial

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Ana Absalon

Ana Absalon, the former Prestige Automobiles employee who admitted to taking part in a conspiracy to fraudulently register luxury vehicles on Guam, is expected to testify in the trial against Shen's Corp. (which does business as Prestige), the company CEO and his son, and Orlando Domingo, a sales manager at Prestige.

Absalon has supposedly provided substantial information to the prosecution in their case.

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The trial will take place Oct. 15 at the Superior Court of Guam.

Misdemeanor charges also were brought against Absalon, Domingo and John C.J. Shen - CEO of Shen's Corp. and owner of Prestige - at the District Court of Guam.

However, charges against Shen and Domingo were dismissed in May.

Absalon remains the sole defendant in that case but she has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing at District Court, which is to take place

on Oct. 26.

The case at the Superior Court contains felony charges of conspiracy, identify theft, tampering with public records, forgery and a special allegation of a crime against the community that accompanies some of the charges.

Absalon pleaded guilty to tampering with public records in November 2017 at the Superior Court and has since provided "very valuable assistance" on the case, according to Chief Prosecutor Joseph McDonald.

"We're very thankful for her assistance," McDonald said at District

Court after a hearing to determine Absalon's sentencing date.

He also said Absalon was expected to testify during trial at Superior Court.

Absalon was a tax preparer. She was accused of helping to fraudulently register vehicles for insurance using information from her clients.

Prosecutors allege that between October 2013 and July 2015, Prestige registered 61 Land Rovers and BMW automobiles to Guam residents or businesses, without their knowledge.

The vehicles later were shipped to China, according to court documents.

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