

The Airport is a diverse community with special people, places and events that make the Guam International Airport an exciting and unique place to work and travel.

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PEOPLE

GIAA Service Year and Superlative Award Winners



GIAA is proud to announce its Service Year Awardees and Superlative Award Winners. See Page 21 for more on these deserving employees who give their best work to GIAA.

PLACES

"Hafa Adai" Floor Mural at Baggage Claim



Flooring improvements continue in the Baggage Claim Area with a "Hafa Adai" mural recently installed to greet our passengers with a warm island welcome.

EVENTS

50th Airport Anniversary and 2026 Airport Week



January was an exciting month filled with airport pride as GIAA celebrated 50 years of connecting Guam to the world. See inside for highlights of GIAA's 50th Anniversary and the fun-filled events of Airport Week.

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 2026)



HNL - UA201/200	Daily	ROR - UA193/192	Wed, Sat/Thu, Sun (UA193 will return as UA156 on Wed/Sat @ 0625 and will depart as UA183 Tue/Fri @1955
HND - UA849/848	Daily	SPN - UA076/174	Daily, ETA on Sun/Tue, Thu & Sat @1035
NRT - UA874/828	Eff. Feb. 22, 2026	TPE - UA166/165	Wed & Sat
- UA827/873	Daily	TKK - UA133/132	Thu & Sun/Wed & Sat; ETA on Sun @ 1635 and ETD on Sat @ 0930
- UA197/196	Daily	- UA 154/155	Tue & Fri/Mon & Thu
- UA865/864	Mon & Fri/Tue & Sat	PNI - UA 176/176	Mon/Sun
KIX - UA150/151	Daily ETA & ETD on Wed & Sat are 0720	Yap - UA186/185	Wed & Sun/Tue & Sat
NGO - UA136/137	Sun, Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri		
MNL - UA184/183	Daily ETA Wed & Sat 0625		
ROR - UA158/157	Mon, Wed, Thu, Sun/ Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri		



NRT - JL941/942 Daily



KIX - TW509/510 Daily
 NRT - TW517/518 Feb. 4 - Apr. 1, 2026



MNL - PR110/111 Daily
 CEB - PR120/121 Wed, Fri, Sun



ICN - RS101/102 Daily



ICN - KE417/418 Daily
 - KE415/416 Daily



PUS - BX614/613 Daily



ICN - LJ917/918 Daily
 PUS - LJ921/922 Daily



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

GIAA Bids Farewell to Deputy Executive Manager Dr. Hernandez

After serving over five years as GIAA Deputy Executive Manager, Dr. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez received a fond send-off luncheon from the GIAA family on January 9, 2026 - his last day on the job. Dr. Hernandez, surrounded by his executive management team and staff, received well wishes and thanks for the invaluable contributions he has made during his time at GIAA. The GIAA family wishes him the

best in this new chapter in his career as Vice President of Administration and Finance and Chief Business Officer at the University of Guam. *Biba*, Dr. Hernandez! **Pictured below, L-R:** Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu - Comptroller, John "JQ" M. Quinata - Executive Manager, Dr. Hernandez, and Jean M. Arriola - Airport Services Manager.



Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu Named New Deputy Executive Manager

NEW DEPUTY ONBOARD. With the departure of GIAA Deputy Executive Manager Dr. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez this month to the University of Guam, GIAA Comptroller Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu has been selected to take on a new role as the Authority's new Deputy. Ms. Mansapit-Shimizu joined GIAA in September 2023 after her transition from her previous role as Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation. Prior to her government service, she was the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Staywell Insurance Group and previously worked as Financial Controller at other Guam businesses and as Tax Manager/Auditor and Senior Tax Accountant at notable CPA firms on Guam throughout her career. GIAA Board of Directors, management, and staff are excited to welcome her in her new role and look forward to her continued proven record of success, leadership, and extensive knowledge and expertise in government financial management.



GIAA Hosts Rancheros on First Airport Tour of 2026

2026 AIRPORT TOURS BEGIN. GIAA was happy to have hosted the first airport tour of 2026 which took place on January 6 for the head start students of Price Elementary School. The students, along with their parents/guardians, teachers, and school chaperones, enjoyed their morning at

the terminal where they received boarding passes from the friendly team from United Airlines, processed through the TSA Passenger Screening Checkpoint, and toured a United Airlines aircraft.



Binadu Sightings at Guam Airport

WELCOME ABOARD, BINADUS! GIAA was pleased to host the Binadus of Wettengel Elementary School on airport tours in January. Here are photo highlights of the students who were all smiles as they went through the passenger screening checkpoint experience and made their way on the

concourse to board an aircraft provided by United Airlines. GIAA thanks Airport Police, United Airlines, and the Transportation Security Administration for their continued participation in and support of the Airport Tour Program.



Binadu Sightings at Guam Airport (Continued from Page 4)



GIAA Celebrates 50 Golden Years of Connecting Guam to the World

CHEERS TO 50 YEARS! 2026 marks a monumental year for GIAA as it celebrates 50 years since its creation as an autonomous agency and for its unwavering commitment to provide safe and efficient traveling experiences for the millions of passengers who have passed through its doors and have taken flight from and landed on its runways. This year's Airport Week theme, "Connecting Guam to the World. Together We Fly," pays tribute to the men and women of GIAA who, over the course of five decades, have made contributions to the progress of GIAA. We salute them for their hard work to connect our island home to the rest of the world. Through collaboration, cooperation, and a unified commitment, GIAA, its airline partners, tenants, and stakeholders together will continue to fly to greater heights for our traveling public and the people of Guam. This January 2026 issue features highlights of the events and activities of Airport Week.

Many thanks to the Airport Week Planning Committee members for their amazing work to produce a memorable anniversary. We look forward to many more years of connecting Guam to the world. Together we fly! *Biba*, GIAA! *Biba*, Guam!

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50th Proclamation Signing and Aviation Leaders & Tenant Appreciation Luncheon

BIBA, AIRPORT WEEK! The Proclamation Signing and Aviation Leaders & Tenant Appreciation Luncheon on January 19, 2026 brought together local leaders, the GIAA family, its airline, tenant, and local and federal regulatory partners, and past GIAA Board of Directors and executive management, for a morning filled with celebration, a sharing of fond memories of GIAA, and a positive outlook for the

future of aviation on Guam. The event, held in the East Ticket Lobby of the main terminal building, recognized airlines and tenants for their unwavering commitment to and partnership with GIAA and included a fiesta-style luncheon for attendees and even passengers to enjoy. GIAA thanks all who, for the past five decades, have contributed to its growth and success.



Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

Many thanks to Rai Santos of the Operations Division who chaired a successful Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament that took place at the Dededo Sports Complex from December 19 - 21, 2025. The Bank of Guam Chiefs captured first place while United 2 placed second. GIAA thanks Pacific Oriental

Inc. (POI), Menzies Aviation, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF), Airport Police, Transportation Security Administration and United Airlines for their participation in this fun-filled tournament.



Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament (Continued from Page 8)



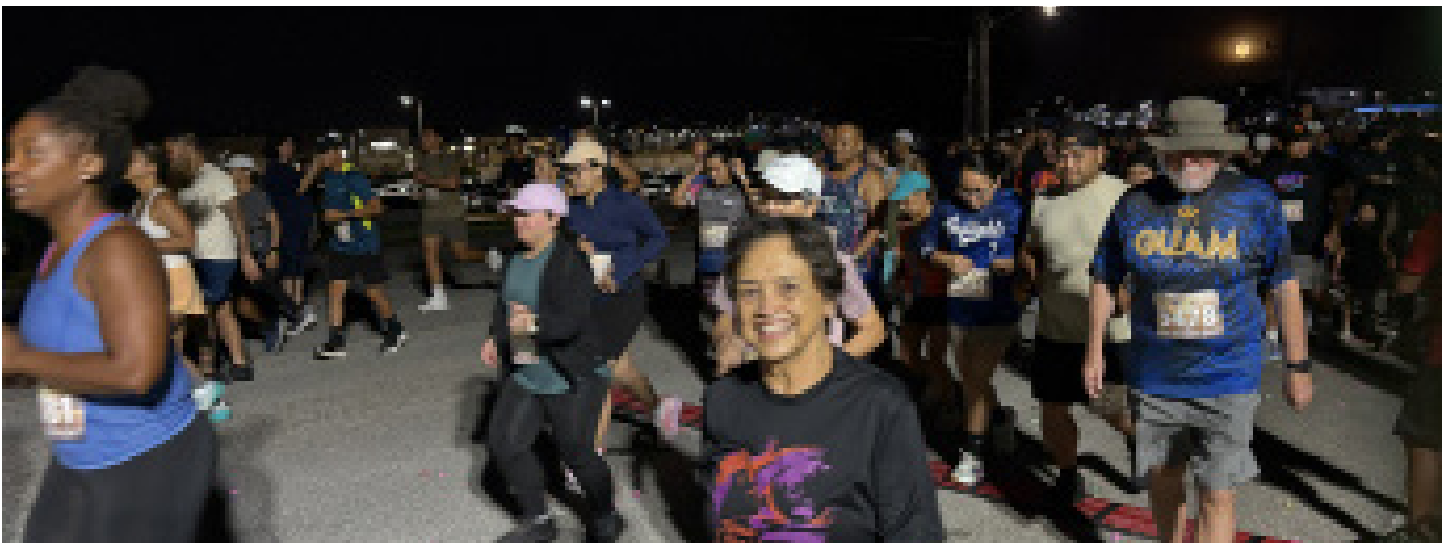
5K Takeoff Run

GIAA hosted the first 5K of the year with its Airport Week 5K Takeoff Run which took place on January 3, 2026, starting from Village of Donki to Capitol Kitchen and back. Led by 5K Chairperson Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, the event attracted

nearly 500 participants - runners and walkers - of all ages, began with a fun warmup and ended with refreshments for all and a presentation of certificates and prizes for winners in different categories.



5K Takeoff Run (Continued from Page 9)



Basketball Tournament

GIAA Executive Manager John "JQ" M. Quinata and Deputy Executive Manager Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu presented awards to the 2026 Airport Week Basketball Tournament winners at the Dededo Sports Complex on January 10, 2026. Team JMI Edison was crowned this year's champions,

Team United placed second, and Team ARFF was presented with the Sportsmanship Award. Tournament Chairperson Vanessa Pangindian of the GIAA Property Management Office thanks Guam Customs, Pacific Oriental Inc. DBA POI Aviation Guam, and Team Airport for their participation.



5th Annual Edward A.P. Muna II Memorial Golf Tournament

Nearly 140 golfers enjoyed a day of golf at the 5th Annual Edward A.P. Muna II Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Country Club of the Pacific in Windward Hills on January 9, 2026. The tournament is named in honor of the late Edward A.P. Muna II, or "Eddie," as he was fondly called, an avid golfer and longtime Airport Week Chairperson who passed

away in 2021. Peter Torres, GIAA Building Maintenance Supervisor of the Properties & Facilities Division, served as this year's tournament chairperson and extends his thanks to his committee members and to all the golfers who helped to make this tournament a memorable and successful one.



5th Annual Edward A.P. Muna II Memorial Golf Tournament (Continued from Page 12)



FOD Walk

This year's Airport Week FOD, or Foreign Object Debris, Walk received a tremendous turnout of participants. GIAA employees, along with its airline and tenant partners, donned safety vests and safety gloves and walked the flightline and

its surrounding areas to pick up trash, debris, and other items that may cause injury or damage to runway users, aircraft, and equipment, in an effort to maintain a safe and efficient runway operation for our passengers and personnel.



Wave

Waving pennants and signs and donning their brightest smiles, GIAA management and staff gathered at their annual Wave event on January 16, 2026, to celebrate the start of Airport Week and to wave at motorists as they traveled on Route 10-A.

Here are photo highlights of this annual event that brings together the dedicated men and women of GIAA who continue to bring the best service possible for our passengers and to the people of Guam.



Wave (Continued from Page 14)



GIAA Family Mass



GIAA GATHERS TOGETHER IN PRAYER. As part of 2026 Airport Week events, GIAA management and employees gathered to celebrate mass at the Santa Teresita Catholic Church in Mangilao on January 16, 2026. **Pictured, L-R:** Raymond Mantanona, John "JQ" M. Quinata, Senator Tina Muna-Barnes, Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Noah Camacho, Danielle Camacho, Minna Cruz, Marlene Pinaula, Jean Arriola, Cheryl Bustos, Therese Santos, Anthony Quidachay, Rolenda Faasuamalie, Austin Grant, Denise Duenas, Rufo Lujan, Jr, and Elfrieda Koshiba.

Bowling Tournament

Always one of the favorite and well-attended annual events of Airport Week, the 2026 Bowling Tournament held at Central Lanes on January 19, 2026 was a huge success and attracted 12 teams from GIAA and its tenant partners. The tournament is traditionally held on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, allowing for participants to enjoy hours of fun

bowling with colleagues, family, and friends. Tournament chairpersons Captain Michael Cuasito and Fire Fighter I Janise Quintanilla, both of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division, thank the bowlers for their participation and happily share photos highlighting this fun-filled and family-friendly event.





Bowling Tournament (Continued from Page 16)



Fourth Annual Edward L.G. Rios, Jr. Memorial Softball Tournament

LET'S PLAY BALL! Inclement weather put a damper on the 4th Annual Edward L.G. Rios, Jr. Memorial Softball Tournament that was originally scheduled to begin on January 21, 2026 at the Guerrero Field in Hagatna. The tournament, named in honor of the late Edward, or "Bundy," as he was fondly called, was postponed and then cancelled

to prioritize the safety of the players, officials, and spectators. However, **better weather has allowed the tournament to be rescheduled to February 6 - 8, 2026 at the Tiyan Upper Softball Field.** See the **game schedule on Page 18** and come out and cheer for your favorite team!



Fourth Annual Edward L.G. Rios, Jr. Memorial Softball Tournament Game Schedule

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GIAA 50th Anniversary/2026 Airport Week
4th Annual Edward L.G. Rios, Jr. Memorial Softball Tournament
February 6-8, 2026 • Tiyen Upper Softball Field

UPDATED: 2-5-2026

GAME SCHEDULE

GAME #	TIME	DAY 1 (Friday February 6, 2026)	
-	6:00pm	OPENING CEREMONY	
G1	6:30pm	PASSKADOTS	vs. UNITED
G2	7:40pm	FYR	vs. TJ HERTZ
G3	8:50pm	CUSTOMS	vs. UA TECH OPS

GAME #	TIME	DAY 2 (Saturday February 7, 2026)	
G4	12:00pm	W1	vs. EAST SIDE
G5	1:10pm	AIRSTRIKE	vs. FIVE-OH
G6	2:20pm	L1	vs. L2
G7	3:30pm	L4	vs. L5
G8	4:40pm	W6	vs. L3
G9	5:50pm	W2	vs. W3
G10	7:00pm	W4	vs. W5

PIZZA & CHIPS

GAME #	TIME	DAY 3 (Sunday February 8, 2026)	
G11	12:30pm	W7	vs. L9
G12	1:40pm	L10	vs. W8
G13	2:50pm	W9	vs. W10
G14	4:00pm	W11	vs. W12
G15	5:10PM	L13	vs. W14
G16	6:20PM	W13	vs. W15
G17	TBD		vs.

POTLUCK / BBQ
CHAMPIONSHIP
IF GAME

9 TEAMS
1 PASSKADOTS (FAA)
2 FYR (ARFF)
3 FIVE-OH (APDI)
4 AIRSTRIKE (GTSD)
5 CUSTOMS (GCQA)
6 UNITED
7 TJ HERTZ
8 UA TECH OPS
9 EAST SIDE (GIAA)

GAMES ARE BACK ON!!!!

50th Airport Anniversary Tenant Appreciation & Employee Recognition Program Gala

This year's Tenant Appreciation and Employee Recognition Program Gala was an exceptionally special one. GIAA Board of Directors, executive management, employees, local leaders, and airline, tenant, and local and federal regulatory partners, enjoyed an evening of good cheer in their finest disco glam outfits and grooved the night away with this

year's theme, "Let's Groove Tonight." This annual event, held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom on January 30, 2026, was the most anticipated event of Airport Week as GIAA recognized its outstanding airlines and tenants and proudly announced and celebrated its dedicated Service Year awardees and remarkable Superlative Award winners.



50th Airport Anniversary Gala (Continued from Page 19)



Congratulations to Our 2025 Superlative Award Winners

GIAA is proud to present its 2025 Superlative Award winners who were recognized at the 50th Airport Anniversary Tenant Appreciation and Employee Recognition Program Gala held

at the Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom on January 30, 2026. GIAA commends these winners for their outstanding service, performance, and contributions to the Guam Airport.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Austin Grant
Program Coordinator II
Property Management Office



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Michael Cuasito
Fire Captain
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division



MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Antonio Laniog, Jr.
Engineer III
Engineering Division



EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S AWARD
Kathrina Bayson
Supply Management Administrator
Administration Division/Procurement Section

Congratulations to Our 2025 Superlative Award Winners (Continued from Page 21)



DIVISION OF THE YEAR Operations Division

Pictured front row, L-R: Darlene Tupaz - Airport Operations Officer (AOO) I, Gerald Javier - AO Supervisor (AOS), Raymond Quintanilla - AO Superintendent, Procesa Dauglash - Administrative Assistant, Juan Reyes - Air Terminal Manager, Timothy Erwin - AOS, Marco Munoz - AOS; Second row, L-R: Wayne Salas - AOII, Scott Aflague - AOS, Rai Santos AOO1; Third row, L-R: Vincent Iglesias - AOOII, Eddie Meno - AOOII, Melton Duenas - AOOI, Mark Delgado - AOOI, Ray Jon Umadhay - AOOII; Fourth row, L-R: John Barcinas - AOOI, Rico Cotelesse - AOOI, and Ralph Cruz - Building Maintenance Supervisor; Not pictured: Michael Ilagan - AOS, Ramon Sison - AOOII, Tracy Mendiola - AOOII, Austin Blaz - AOOI, Amanda Leon Guerrero - Program Coordinator II, and Vincent Meno - AOS



SPIRIT OF THE YEAR
Joseph Mantanona
 Airport Police Officer II
 Airport Police Division



INTEGRITY OF THE YEAR
Glenn Terre
 Electrician II
 Properties & Facilities Division

Congratulations to Our 2025 Superlative Award Winners (Continued from Page 22)



UNIT OF THE YEAR

SIDA Digital Automation Development Team

Pictured, L-R: Rolenda L. Faasumalie, Airport Marketing Administrator - Administration Division/Marketing Section, Noel Dela Cruz, Lieutenant - Airport Police Division, Timothy-Jed Dominguez, Computer Systems Analyst II - Administration Division/Management Information Systems Section, Kenneth Quenga, Assistant Chief of Police - Airport Police Division, Marcia D. Taitano, Program Coordinator III - Administration Division/Marketing Section, and Elfrieda Koshiba, Program Coordinator IV - Administration Division/Marketing Section



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LIFESAVING AWARD

Pictured, L-R: Janise Quintanilla, Fire Fighter I and Eric Chaco, Fire Fighter II
 Not pictured: Jordan Guevara, Fire Fighter I and Taron Pitter, Fire Fighter II
 Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division



Congratulations to Our 2025 Service Year Awardees

30-Year Service Awardees

Patrick B. Blas
Maintenance Worker
Properties & Facilities Division

Edwin H. Kaulia
Fire Captain
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division

Raymond T. Mantanona
Fire Chief
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division

Kenneth V. Quenga
Assistant Chief
Airport Police Division

Lewis E. Santos
Fire Captain
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division

Raymond G. Santos
Assistant Fire Chief
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division

Vanessa L. Pangindian
Management Analyst III
Property Management Office

Milagros C. San Juan
Administrative Assistant
Engineering Division

25-Year Service Awardees

Hilda T. Castro
Accounting Technician II
Accounting Division

Alfredo S. Juaneza
Refrigeration Mechanic Supervisor
Properties & Facilities Division

Brandon Aflague
Fire Captain
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division

Jeffrey Nededog
Fire Captain
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division

Mel B. Portodo
Welder II
Properties & Facilities Division

20-Year Service Awardees

Delbert N. Benlot
Engineer II
Engineering Division

Ronie J. Cardines
Airport Police Officer II
Airport Police Division

Raymond N. Reyes
Airport Police Supervisor
Airport Police Division



Congratulations to our 2025 Service Year Awardees

10-Year Service Awardees

Elpidio C. Antenor
Engineer III
Engineering Division

Lance A. Arriola
Inventory Management Officer
Administration Division/Procurement Section

Danielle E. Camacho
General Accounting Supervisor
Accounting Division

Antonio O. Laniog
Engineer III
Engineering Division

JenielleRuth P. Meno
Buyer Supervisor I
Administration Division/Procurement Section

Jerry L. Munoz
Painter I
Properties & Facilities Division

Albert S. Sibal
Plumber II
Properties & Facilities Division

Janise B. Quintanilla
Fire Fighter I
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division

5-Year Service Awardees

Julian G. Ada
Airport Police Officer I
Airport Police Division

Oliver A. Bejerana
Heavy Equipment Mechanic II
Properties & Facilities Division

John Paul P. Mallari
Airport Police Officer I
Airport Police Division

Raymond I. Quichocho
Airport Police Officer I
Airport Police Division

Sabrina N. Sapp
Airport Police Officer I
Airport Police Division

Richard D. Tambalo
Airport Police Officer I
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