



FROM CAPITOL HILL ACROSS THE AGENCIES

“TO ADVANCE OUR PEOPLE’S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH STABLE, COMPASSIONATE GOVERNANCE”



GOVERNOR WELCOMES PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAGUE

Governor Arnold I. Palacios welcomed William W. Hague, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, to the CNMI for his first official visit, joined by Deputy Assistant Secretary Angel A. Demapan. The meeting marked a meaningful introduction and laid the groundwork for a strong working relationship rooted in mutual respect and shared goals. Governor Palacios expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to personally engage with Hague and emphasized that this visit represents the beginning of a promising partnership as the CNMI and federal leadership continue critical Section 902 discussions for the long-term benefit of the Commonwealth.

A JOYFUL KICKOFF TO CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE IN THE CNMI!

On June 6, 2025, the Governor’s Office hosted a proclamation signing officially declaring June 22–28, 2025, as Saipan Agricultural Fair Week in the CNMI. Joined by government partners and members of the CNMI Legislature, the event featured a vibrant display of local produce and community spirit. This year’s theme, “Together We Grow and Support Our Farmers’ Growth,” underscores the importance of unity in supporting local agriculture.

The celebration will continue at the 38th Annual Agricultural Fair on Saturday, June 28, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM behind the Garapan Public Market at the Garapan Fishing Base.



CNMI CELEBRATES FIRST REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION

The CNMI Department of Labor proudly hosted its inaugural Registered Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony, marking a historic milestone in workforce development in the Commonwealth. This celebration recognized individuals who successfully completed specialized training programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Graduates gained hands-on experience and industry-recognized credentials in areas such as certified pharmacy technician, culinary arts, emergency medical services, and office management.



CNMI JOINS REGIONAL LEADERS TO ADVANCE BOATING SAFETY AT WSBAA CONFERENCE

The CNMI participated in the 63rd Western States Boating Administrators Association (WSBAA) Annual Conference held from May 19–22, 2025, at the Westin Resort Guam. This annual event brings together boating law administrators, safety professionals, and federal partners—including the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary—to collaborate on improving recreational boating safety across the Western U.S. and Pacific territories. CNMI representatives from DPS presented updates on the Commonwealth’s Recreational Boating Safety activities for 2024.



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PUBLIC VOICES SHAPE CNMI'S NEW SOLID WASTE PLAN

The CNMI Office of Planning and Development, representing the Inter-Island Solid Waste Management Taskforce (ISWMT), recently held public hearings across all senatorial districts to gather community feedback on the updated draft of the CNMI Comprehensive Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan sets a bold vision and strategy for managing waste and boosting recycling efforts across the CNMI over the next five to ten years, shaping a cleaner, greener future for the islands. Members of the ISWMT, representing the CNMI Office of Planning and Development (OPD) and the CNMI Department of Public Works (DPW) on Tinian, pictured following the CNMI Comprehensive Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (CISWMP) Public Hearing held on May 21, 2025, at the Tinian Public Library.

DOC OUTREACH PROGRAM CONTRIBUTES TO LIBERATION DAY 2025 PREPARATIONS WITH SKILL AND PURPOSE

The Department of Corrections' Outreach Program builds momentum for Liberation Day 2025 with pride and purpose. Pictured are DOC Outreach participants who continue to gain hands-on experience in carpentry, construction, and project management. Commissioner Anthony Torres extends his gratitude to the Liberation Day Steering Committee and the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for entrusting the Outreach Program with the opportunity to showcase their talents during this annual and meaningful celebration.



JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM
REGISTRATION BEGINS
JUNE 10th - JUNE 14th, 2025 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Color Our World 2025

- Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Children's Library**
June 17th - 27th
Toddler Ages: 0-5 (Package to Go)
Session A: 6-12 yrs (Tues-Fri / 8:30am - 11:30am)
Session B: 6-12 yrs (Tues-Fri / 12:30pm - 3:30pm)
- Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Teen Program**
Ages 13-18
July 22nd - August 1st
1:30pm - 4:00pm
- Bookmobile Outreach**
Fernando Benavente Memorial Library
July 9th - August 1st / 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Open to ages 0-17
- Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Internet Camp**
Ages 9-12
Session A: July 8-10 / 9:30am - 12:00pm
Session B: July 15-17 / 9:30am - 12:00pm

For more information call 670-235-7315 / 670-235-7322 or email us at cnmilb.info@gmail.com

Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training

The United States Marine Corps has prepared a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to support land-based expeditionary ground and aviation warfare training for all service components within lands leased by the military on Tinian.

Location	Date	Time
Tinian	Monday, June 23, 2025 Tuesday, June 24, 2025	stating at 5 p.m. ChST
Tinian Junior/Senior High School (Cafeteria) Canal Street, San Jose, Tinian		
Saipan	Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Thursday, June 26, 2025	starting at 5 p.m. ChST
Crowne Plaza (Hibiscus Hall) Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan, Saipan		
Rota	Friday, June 27, 2025	starting at 3 p.m. ChST
Mayor's Office San Francisco de Borja Highway, Tatchok, Rota		

Submit Comments

Comments on the Revised Draft EIS and potential effects to historic properties per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act are being accepted from **June 6 to August 20, 2025**

Submit your comments:

- In person at one of the public meetings
- Through the project website
- By mail to:
CJMT Project Manager
Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Pacific c/o AECOM
415 Chalan San Antonio Road, Suite 112
Bajet Pavilion Building
Tamuning, Guam 96913

Written comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically on or before **August 20, 2025**, to be considered in the preparation of the Final EIS and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process.

www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com

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Apply for the CNMI State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant!

Eligible Uses:

- Website Development
- Translation Services
- Product Shipping & Packaging
- Support & Connection

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Three (3) selected small businesses will be sponsored to attend the **MegaShow Bangkok International Trade Show** July 16 - 18, 2025 Bangkok, Thailand

To be considered, submit your exportable products to the CNMI Department of Commerce no later than Monday, **June 09, 2025.**

Call for more information:
Commerce STEP Team
(670) 664-3000