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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S QUOTE OF THE MONTH



FC Paul "Duce" Romias

*"The month of March awakens spring, the 3rd month in the 1st quarter for the year. March inspires gratitude and optimism. Let's march on Guam Flotilla."*



On this day

*March 03, 1819*

Congress authorized the revenue cutters to protect merchant vessels of United States against piracy and to seize vessels engaged in slave trade. The cutters *Louisiana* and *Alabama* were built shortly thereafter to assist in the government's efforts against piracy.

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# March Calendar/ Upcoming Training or Events



## MARCH 2024

### DIVERSITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NEXT MEETING</b> <b>APR 9, 2024</b>	<b>Guam Events</b>		Guam Visitors Bureau 	Guam Time 	1  <b>Employee Appreciation Day</b>	2 D204 Lions Int'l CHamoru Story Time Literacy Partnership 
3 <b>World Wildlife Day</b> 	4 <b>CHamoru Heritage Day</b> 	5 <b>Reel Film Day</b> 	6 <b>Dentist Day</b> 	7 <b>Plant Power Day</b> 	8 <b>Int'l Women's Day</b> 	9 <b>D204 Lions Club International Feature</b> 
10 <b>Daylight Savings Begins</b> 	11 <b>Dream Day</b> 	12 <b>GU Flotilla Mtg Social Diversity Gathering: Mes CHamoru</b> 	13 <b>Nat'l K9 Veterans Day</b> 	14 <b>Pi Day</b> 	15 <b>Consumer Rights Day</b> 	16 <b>Nat'l Panda Day</b> 
17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 	18 <b>Nat'l Biodiesel Day</b> 	19 <b>World Social Work Day</b> 	20 <b>French Language Day</b> 	21 <b>World Down Syndrome Day</b> 	22 <b>World Water Day</b> 	23 <b>Nat'l Puppy Day</b> 
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 	25 <b>Greek Independence Day</b> 	26 <b>Nat'l Spinach Day</b> 	27 <b>World Theatre Day</b> 	28 <b>Nat'l Vietnam War Veterans Day</b> 	29 <b>Good Friday</b> 	30 <b>Nat'l Doctor's Day</b> 



**EVENTS: \*National Nutrition Month**

**\*Women's History Month**

**\*Mes CHamoru** (Valley of the Latte: March 2 - Coconut Oil and Coconut Candy; March 9 - Coconut Leaf Weaving (basket & fan); March 16 - Mwarmwar Workshop; March 23 - Hotnu Bread Baking Workshop; March 30 - Ti Leaf Lei Making Workshop)

In March, there are several exciting diversity activities. One notable event is the celebration of Women's History Month, which highlights the achievements and contributions of women throughout history. This gives us the opportunity to learn about inspiring women like Lou Leon Guerrero, the first female Guam Governor; Kamala Harris, the first female Vice President of the United States; and Malala Yousafzai, a young activist advocating for girls' education. Additionally, March also marks CHamoru Month on Guam, as well as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, promoting equality and respect for all races. We encourage you to embrace diversity and celebrate the unique qualities that make each person special. These events provide valuable learning opportunities for all of us to understand and appreciate the importance of inclusivity and acceptance in our world.

In celebration of Mes CHamoru, the Valley of the Latte will be hosting the following activities: March 2 - Coconut Oil and Coconut Candy; March 9 - Coconut Leaf Weaving (basket & fan); March 16 - Mwarmwar Workshop; March 23 - Hotnu Bread Baking Workshop; and March 30 - Ti Leaf Lei Making Workshop. Also, don't forget to join us for the D204 Lions International CHamoru Story Time Literacy Partnership event to hear meaningful and relevant stories and a special message from Coastie!"



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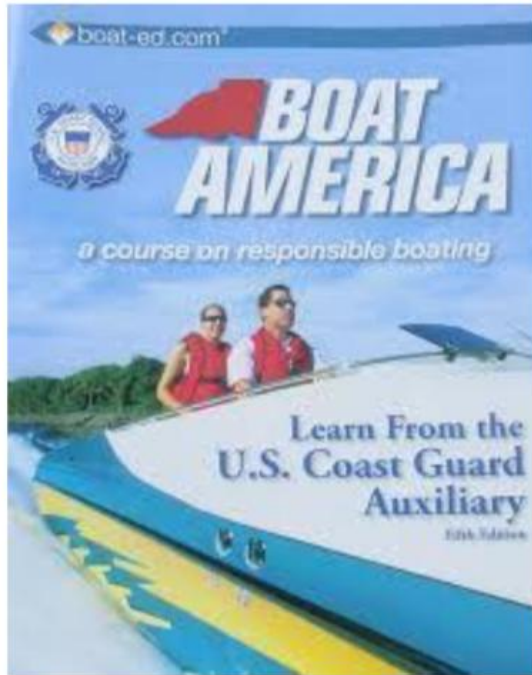




# Upcoming Training or Events

## Boat America

If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, the Boat America class will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to operate a vessel safely. It is also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).



### TOPICS INCLUDE:

**Know your boat**

**Before you get underway**

**Operating your boat safely**

**Legal requirements of boating**

**Boating emergencies**

**Enjoying water sports with your boat**

### Presented by Guam Flotilla 140-02-24

**Course:** Boat America

**Start Date:** Sat., 16 March 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**End Date:** Sat., 17 March 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Exam:** Sat., 17 March 2024, 12:35 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**Contact:** \*Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, DSO-PE  
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\*Mye Ganán-Flores, AFSO-PE: (671) 482-6930, 735-2193  
\*Call Mye to register for the course and pick up your textbook.

**Course Cost:** \$30 – USCGAUX Members  
\$45 – All Others

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•PayPal Payment to uscgauxiliaryguam@gmail.com  
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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 204

Together with the Guam Public Library System, Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, GDOE CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, University of Guam's School of Education's Reading Program, UOG-SOE Alumni Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, Guåhan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club, Guam Police Department's Recreational Boating Safety Program, and Peto's Journey LLC present the



### REGISTER NOW!

To register, please scan the QR code or click the link below:

<https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading>



Win books and other exciting prizes by answering questions during the Read Aloud!



**FEATURING:**  
Coastie Time ~ Boats 'N Kids



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# INFORMATION SOURCE

For AUXILIARISTS



**LT. Richard Min**  
**USCG FM/SG Chaplain**

## Crisis Support

Available  
24 hours a day  
7 days a week

Chaplains offer a wide spectrum of counsel, advice, and pastoral care. Your communications with us are held in confidence unless you direct otherwise.

**Sexual Assault:** Reporting this crime can have significant implications. The Chaplain is trained to assist Sailors in determining what is right for them. SAPR Officers and Victim Advocates exist in every command. 24/7 help and referral are available on line and by phone: 1-877-995-5247.

**Suicide:** Chaplains are trained to respond to suicidal thoughts and ideations and apply appropriate referrals. Trained counselors are available at the hotline, 1-800-273-8255, and your local medical center.

## Chaplain Crisis Response

100% Confidentiality  
on all matters

### OFFICE LOCATIONS

USCG FM/SG Building #2  
Chaplain Office

Monday through Friday

0800 – 1600

Or anywhere by appointment

If unable to reach the USCG  
FM/SG Chaplain,  
please call the JRM Duty  
Chaplain at  
(671) 488-0274

**USCG FM/SG Chaplain**  
**LT Richard Min**  
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E-mail or call for appointment

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## Supporting Navy Chaplains in the Coast Guard

Coast Guard Chaplains are responsible for administering, supervising, and facilitating religious support and chaplain activities for the Coast Guard.

This is accomplished through delivery of the Navy Chaplain Corps' four Core Capabilities:

- (1) Provision of religious rites, services, ordinances and other religious activities according to a chaplain's particular faith tradition.
- (2) Facilitation of religious accommodation for members of other faith traditions.
- (3) Care for all, regardless of faith tradition or no faith tradition.
- (4) Advisement to the command.

The ACS Program does not supplant CG Chaplains but supplements and supports their mission. ACS Chaplains serve under the direct supervision of their designated CG Chaplain and must coordinate and report all Religious Ministry support to that CG Chaplain.

### Training

After appointment, ACS Chaplains will receive training in the following:

1. FEMA Incident Command System
2. Living Works ASIST Suicide Intervention
3. Critical Incident Stress Management
4. Basic Leadership Course Training from the Naval Chaplaincy School.



Interested in this exciting  
ministry opportunity?

Would you like more  
information?

Please contact  
**Rev. Dr. Phil Poole,**  
**ACS National Director**

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## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN SUPPORT PROGRAM



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# Boating Term(s) of the Month

**Marlinspike Seamanship: Knots, Bends and Hitches** (continued) Last month we learned the difference between a **knot**, a **bend** and a **hitch**. And we tried our hand at tying two simple knots, the **figure 8 knot** and **square knot**. (AKA **stopper knot** and **reef knot**) This month we will look at how to tie a **becket bend** (AKA **sheet bend**) and a **clove hitch**.

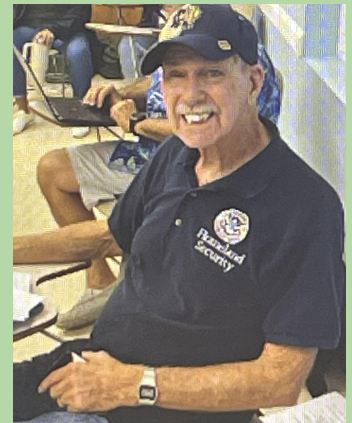
A **becket** – or **sheet - bend** is useful when you need to join lines of different thickness; or when you join lines that are made from different materials, such as polypropylene to nylon. A **becket bend** may be tied in one of three different configurations: **single becket**, **double becket** or **slippery**. The **single becket** and **slippery** versions are best used when the line will be under constant tension, because a line that is continually taut then eased will eventually work the single and slippery becket bend loose. For a more secure connection, a **double becket** bend is recommended.

The **clove hitch** is useful to attach a **fender\*** to the rail of a boat when at a dock or to hang a coiled line from a rail, or secure a dock line to a **bollard\*\*** or piling. And like the becket bend, it is most effective when there is a constant tension on the line, since it may work itself loose when the line is repeatedly eased then tightened.

\* **fender** – an inflatable device placed between a boat's side and a dock or other boat used as a cushion to prevent damage to the boat.

\*\* **bollard** – a heavy post set into a pier or dock to which a boat may tie up.

Reminder: A **slippery knot** is one tied in such a way that one tug on a part of the line and it all comes undone – like the knot used to tie shoelaces! With the line distributed to many of you last month, let's try the becket bend and clove hitch. (See illustrations below.)



By: Robert Sajnovsky,  
FSO-MT



Sheet Bend



Square Knot



Clove Hitch



Reef Knot



Figure 8 Knot



Fisherman's Knot



Carrick Bend



Overhand Knot

## FENDER



## BOLLARD



# *In the Spotlight! Tribute*

## □ "To a life well Lived"

### Eulogy for Frank

I would describe Gary Wayne Francis Gumataotao's life as a series of **Fs**. Frank was a **Fearless Foe** of those who would perpetrate **Fraud** on others or attempt to take away their **Freedom**s. In the courts, he **Fought** for the rights of the oppressed and unjustly preyed-upon.

He was **Fair** in dealings to those he worked with and those he worked against. He was occasionally heard to utter **Four-letter** words or tell an **oFF-color** joke. He always stayed **Fast** and loyal to **Friends** and **Family**. He was known for his **Frankness** of opinion, and willingness to share it with anyone. And **Finally**, he was a **Friend**.

You see, I don't mean, "**F**", as in a school grading system, but, "**F**", as in **Fine**, like a good wine and the **First** letter of the name that those of us who loved him, called him by. He was just **Frank**, to those closest to him.

Fair winds and Following seas as you Follow your Forebears, Frank. May your soul Find peace as you enter that Final resting place. You deserve all of those "**Fs**."

Your Friend Forever.  
Bob

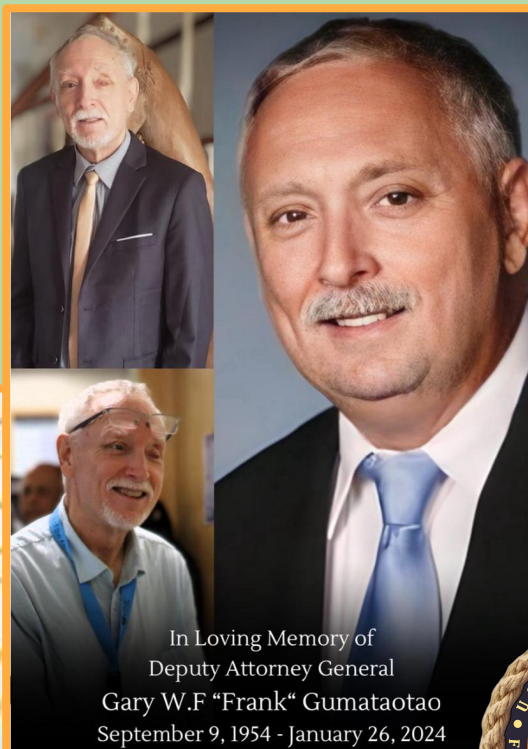
FSO-MT Robert Sajnovsky

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### *Positions served:*

FC, FSO-PA, DLO, DCDR, DCAPT,  
IPDCDR, DCOS, DCO, IPDCO

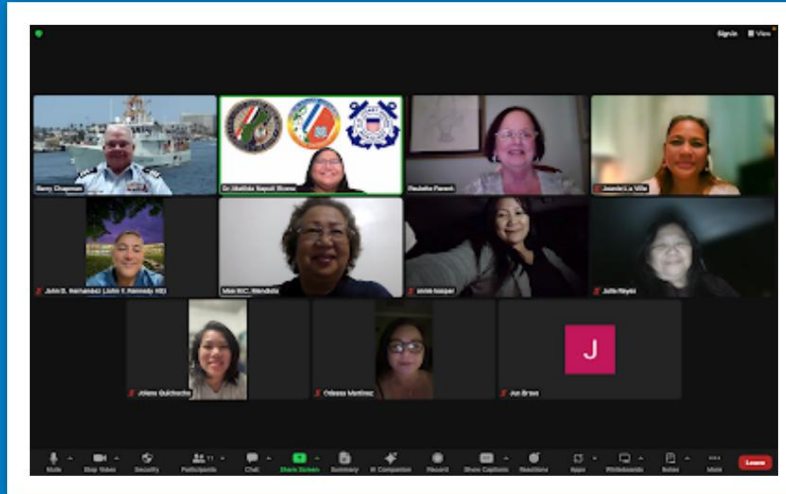


In Loving Memory of  
Deputy Attorney General  
Gary W.F. "Frank" Gumataotao  
September 9, 1954 - January 26, 2024



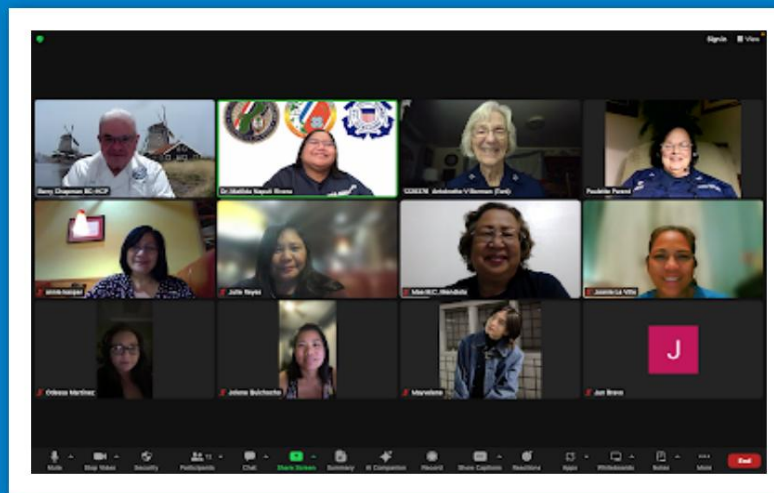


# AUXCA Day 1 Training - Jan. 17



The AUXCA Day 1 Training held on January 17, 2024, via Zoom was a success! Instructor Barry Chapman, along with Paulette Parent, presented valuable information.

# AUXCA Day 2 Training - Jan. 24



The culminating AUXCA training held on January 24, 2024, via Zoom was meaningful! Bravo Zulu to the participants, and most especially to instructor Barry Chapman, along with Paulette Parent and Toni Borman.

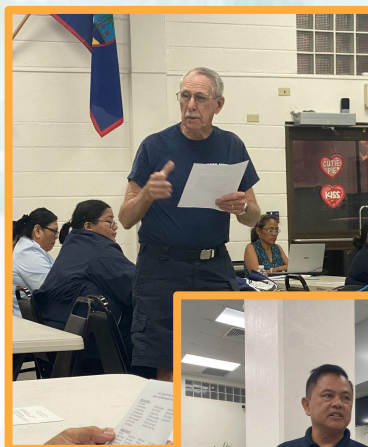


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# February Flotilla Meeting



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HAPPY  
*birthday*

*Sheila Mollot*  
March 26

*Biba Mes CHamoru!*



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