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UPDATE: Guam Humanities Council exhibit opening, returning to Agana Shopping Center, January 22, 2015

The Guam Humanities Council presents the third venue in the Guam tour of the national exhibit *Journey Stories*, presented in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program. As part of the tour, the Council has developed a local companion exhibit with complementary programs entitled, *Sindálu – Chamorro Journeys in the U.S. Military*, to explore the many significant and oftentimes unrecognized journeys of Chamorro men and women who currently serve or have served in the U.S. Military. A collection of interviews and past narratives, personal images and artifacts, as well as historical and contemporary photographs and film are presented to illustrate the rich and multifaceted stories of Chamorros in service. The Council worked with Chamorro scholar and historian Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua to develop the Guam-focused exhibit.

Once again, the Council is partnering with the Agana Shopping Center for the third venue of the Guam tour and will be re-opening the exhibits on **Thursday, January 22, 2015** with a public reception that will feature a presentation on the history of naval bands and military music with Dr. Michael Clement, a historian at the University of Guam and a live musical performance of marches, hymns, and jazz by the 721st Army Band, presented in partnership with the Guam National Guard. The exhibit will be open weekly, Wednesday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m..

Exhibit programs include the following:

- Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m. – Exhibit tour with the scholar, Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua
- Wednesday, January 28, 6 p.m. – Film and Discussion: *Body of War* presented with Iraq-Afghanistan-Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific
- Saturday, February 7, 1 p.m. – Family Story Hour, *Freedom on the Menu*
- Thursday, February 12, 6:00 p.m. – Screening and discussion part 1 *The Abolitionists*
- Thursday February 19, 6:00 p.m. – Screening and discussion part 2 *The Abolitionists*
- Saturday, February 21, 1:00 p.m. - Family Story Hour, *Child of the Civil Rights Movement*
- Saturday, February 28, 1:00 p.m. - Family Story Hour, *Moses*
- Thursday, March 5, 6:00 p.m. –Lecture and discussion: *Indigenizing the Military, Creating Chamorro Spaces in Deployment* with Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua
- Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. – Traditional Navigation at Guma TASI, Hagatna
- Thursday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. - Screening and Discussion – PBS *America By the Numbers: Island of Warriors* presented with presented with Iraq-Afghanistan-Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific
- Saturday, March 21, 6:00 p.m. – Closing Reception, Music and Memory lecture and musical showcase

This exhibition project is modeled on three successful exhibition tours the Council hosted in Guam in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, including in 2007 with *New Harmonies! Celebrating American Roots Music*, in 2009 with *Key Ingredients* –

America By Food, and in 2012 with *Between Fences*.

The tour of *Journey Stories* and *Sindālu* is made possible through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA), and Guam Naval Officers' Spouses' Connection (GNOSC). Sponsors for the tour include Triple B Forwarders, Isla Center for the Arts, the Agana Shopping Center and Marianas Variety.

The Guam Humanities Council is a non-profit organization that provides foundational support and educational programs for the people of Guam. The mission of the Guam Humanities Council is to foster community engagement and dialogue, inspire critical thinking, celebrate diversity and enrich the quality of life of island residents through the power of the humanities.