

# Stunning documentary, "Island Soldier" has its first screening in the FSM

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**Pohnpei**—The highly anticipated first screening of the documentary "Island Soldier" took place at the Pohnpei Center Cinemas this afternoon with the support of the US Embassy to the FSM in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the College of Micronesia FSM. Pohnpei Center Cinemas has three theaters. The documentary was displayed in all three of the theaters. Each was full to above capacity.

Writer, producer, and videographer Nathan Fitch served as a US Peace Corps volunteer for two years and also lived in Pohnpei for six months. He said during the question and answer session after the screening that it was because of the relationships and trust he established during that time that he was allowed access to do the documentary.

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Photo by Nathan Fitch

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# Numbers don't tell whole story of the impact of Pacific Partnership 2018 as it closes in Yap

By *Bill Jaynes*  
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**Colonia, Yap**—"All of us are here with you as partners because you are important, because we are committed to your welfare, and because we all share the human desire to live good lives on our own lands," said Deputy Ambassador Joanne Cummings during this morning's closing ceremony of the Pacific Partnership 2018 operations in Yap.

Pacific Partnership is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission. It was begun in 2004 after the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami in an

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# Celebration for Japanese Ambassador's commendation

## Embassy of Japan

On March 21st, 2018, His Excellency Mr. Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, held a celebration party for commendation to College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) at his residence. The Hon. Yosiwo P. George, the vice president of the Federated States of Micronesia, attended as the chief guest.

Ambassador Horie awarded a certificate of commendation along with a handcrafted wooden plaque to COM-FSM in recognition of their distinguished contributions to deepen friendship between Japan and the FSM through a variety of student exchange programs with many different Japanese universities and Japanese language classes by JICA volunteers and Ms. Kamikubo, the associate professor of COM-FSM since its foundation.

The Hon. Joseph J. Urusemal, a member of 19th Congress of the FSM provided the congratulatory remarks and Dr. Frankie Harris, the acting president of COM-FSM accepted the award and expressed thanks and gratitude on behalf of COM-FSM.

In addition to the commendation ceremony, following three events were also taken place.



-The MOU signing ceremony between COM-FSM and Temple University Japan Campus to build a strong and long lasting academic partnership

-Basic agreement signing ceremony among APIC (Association for Promotion of International Cooperation) and Sophia University and Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) to foster human resources who will be able to address environmental issues in Micronesia.

-Fund donating ceremony by Ambassador Yoshiyasu Peter Sato, the



President of APIC to COM for the project to improve COM-FSM Kosrae Campus library

The Ambassador's commendation is awarded to individuals or groups that have been making significant contributions to the promotion of friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and their own countries. COM-FSM is the second recipient in the FSM to receive this Commendation since 1988 when diplomatic relations between Japan and the FSM were established.

The ceremonies were witnessed by the guests from the National and State governments, COM-FSM, Temple University Japan Campus, Sophia University, APIC, MCT and JICA and the Embassy staff.

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# Landowners agree to take forest stewardship on Fefen Island in Chuuk to higher level

## Chuuk Conservation Society

After almost a year of planning and consultation with stakeholders, community leaders for the Sapo, Oror, Ununo (SOU) area on Fefen Island endorse the first comprehensive Forest Stewardship Plan in Chuuk at a brief ceremony on March 4th that took place at the Sacred Heart Parish meeting hall on Fefen Island.

The small funding of a little over \$10,000 for the project was provided by the United State Forest Service and managed by the Micronesia Conservation Trust team in Pohnpei, which subgranted part of that funds to the Chuuk Conservation Society to implement the project, subject to official approval by the Chuuk Department of Agriculture.

Landowners in a designated forest management site have agreed to conserve and replant specific big trees, most especially the native plants facing threat in Chuuk, such as the Eeme tree (Cynometra yokotai), Perfume Flower plant (Fagraea berteriana), and the big Aaw tree (Ficus trukensis). The site includes varied habitats covering coastal vegetation, marshland swamp and taro patches, and upland forest critical to the protection of animal species including the threatened birds, such as the fruit bat and the endemic Chuuk Monarch.

The SOU forest management endeavor is a long term community partnership with the view to assist owners not only by conserving resources but also in seeking for financial and technical support to food crop growers and

gardeners whose properties fall in the management site. Stakeholders have agreed to allow the SOU Conservation Society to serve as the implementing agent of the plan acting on behalf of owners in relating to government entities, outside partners, and service providers.

As early actions, owners identify the need to conduct stock assessment surveys for coconut tree, breadfruit tree, mangrove forest, and big trees such as mahogany, Alexandrian Laurel, and Ivory Palm. Assessment of watershed and shoreline areas claimed to have been affected by shipwreck oil spill are also prioritized as early actions within the first three years.

During the signing ceremony, Fr. Fernando Titus, pastor of the Catholic Church on Fefen Island praised the stewardship plan as a “responsible community project” and encourage other villages to consider doing the same in the near future.

Mr. Benisio Joseph has been chosen the interim chairperson for the SOU Conservation Society to lead the initial administrative matters and set the stage for early action implementation.

The management site covers over 80 hectares which includes land resources identified through the FSM “blueprint” of biological resources tagged as areas of Biological Significance (ABS) for conservation work in 2002. The blueprint contributes to the creation of the FSM National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan (NBSAP), whose major goal is to protect and sustainably manage significant

marine, freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems in the FSM. Chuuk State Department of Agriculture Director Kantito Kanas, who endorses the stewardship plan on behalf of the Chuuk State Government, hails the collaboration effort as a “big step in meeting Chuuk’s commitment to forest protection in the Micronesia Challenge”.

Now, the big challenge for the SOU Conservation Society and the entire UFO villages is to take sure steps in implementing necessary early actions and rallying broad stakeholders’ recognition and support of the plan.

For further information, contact the Chuuk Conservation Society at 330-7227.



*SOU Conservation Society interim chairman, Deacon Benisio Joseph, signs the SOU Forest Stewardship Plan document as Ununo Village chief Mr. Ermas Antonio happily observes. The event took place on March 4, 2018 at the Fefen Sacred Heart Church parish hall. (Photo taken by Representative Narciso Sebastian)*

# FSMPC announces price increase

**April 4, 2018**  
**Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia** – Vital FSM Petroleum Corporation (FSMPC) has implemented the second of three scheduled price increases for gasoline that became effective Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Pump prices in the FSM now parallel Guam and remain below the maximum benchmark.

The FSMPC has had a fuel supply agreement with Mobil Oil Guam Incorporated (MOGI) since September 2013, which was awarded following an international bid and tender process. The MOGI proposal provided the best value-for-money at that time, and used a supply model that transshipped fuel products through Guam.

Proposed legislation changes in Guam may place an upwards pressure on FSM fuel prices in the future. Bill No. 257-34 (LS) was introduced on March 13, 2018 to the 34th Guam Legislature by Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Senator Thomas C. Ada, and Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., and goes into effect sixty (60) days after enactment. The Bill seeks to eliminate a three-decade long tax exemption on liquid fuel transshipped through the Port of Guam. The bill approximates thirty million (30M) gallons of liquid fuel are distributed from Guam throughout the Micronesia region on an annual basis, and proposes that elimination of this tax exemption will generate up to \$4.5M in revenue for Guam.

“The proposed increases in taxes will be passed within the fuel supply agreement, and ultimately to consumers in the FSM,” said FSMPC CEO, Mr. Jared Morris. “We will continue to watch the trend in international oil markets, as well as legislative changes as they develop and assess how they may impact our supply chain costs. Where possible, we will take necessary actions to ensure the viability of our fuel supply model and continue to investigate viable renewable alternatives.”

Vital FSM Petroleum Corporation’s Board and Management express thanks to policy makers, customers and the people of the FSM for their continued support of the company.

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# ...Pacific Partnership closing

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effort to build capacity and relationships in the Pacific region in order to more quickly and effectively respond in times of disaster. Since that time the Pacific Partnership has served in the FSM five times but this mission was the first visit to Yap where they served both on the main island of Yap and in Ulithi.

According to a defense press release, in 10 days over 134 military personnel from the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, and Australia conducted 51 medical engagements and subject matter exchanges, six engineering projects, and 22 community relations and band performances along with subject matter exchanges on high availability/disaster readiness.

28 Seabees from Amphibious Construction Battalion 1 worked alongside the community at six construction projects spread throughout the island. Projects included installing roofing and walls at the Yap Memorial Hospital, painting at the Gilman Elementary School and Early Childhood Center, door replacements at Gaanelay Elementary School and Tomilang Elementary School, and restoration of flooring and doors at the Fanif Elementary School.

The U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet "Deep Six" brass band along with military personnel aboard Brunswick participated in community-wide events including a Sports Day at the Yap Sports Complex and an island-wide parade in downtown Colonia. Other events included visiting students at schools throughout Yap in playing sports, reading together and discussing about life in the U.S. military.

The medical team of audiologists, veterinarians, primary care physicians, medical technicians, dentists, dental technicians and nurses conducted a Community Health Engagement (CHE) providing health screenings to nearly 130 patients, dental care to over 70 patients and optometry support to over 60 patients.

Since 2006, 22 partner nations around the globe in 18 host nations have participated in Pacific Partnership providing medical care to more than 300,000 patients, veterinary services to nearly 40,000 animals and completed nearly 200 engineering projects while building meaningful and close partnerships throughout the region.

Those are the numbers. Numbers of



engagements and services are only sort of an agreed upon measure of the impact of an engagement but in truth, even those numbers are insufficient. The impact of each person served affects that person's entire family, their village and ultimately the state and nation. An engineering project to better the facilities of a school affects the entire student body, the faculty, their families and the community as a whole. Even the impact of one dog being spayed or neutered has knock-on effects on the communities where those animals live.

In point of fact, the hard and fast statistical measurement of an engagement such as the Pacific Partnership vastly understates the actual impact and does nothing whatsoever to reflect the impossible to measure but invaluable importance of new relationships established or knowledge shared.

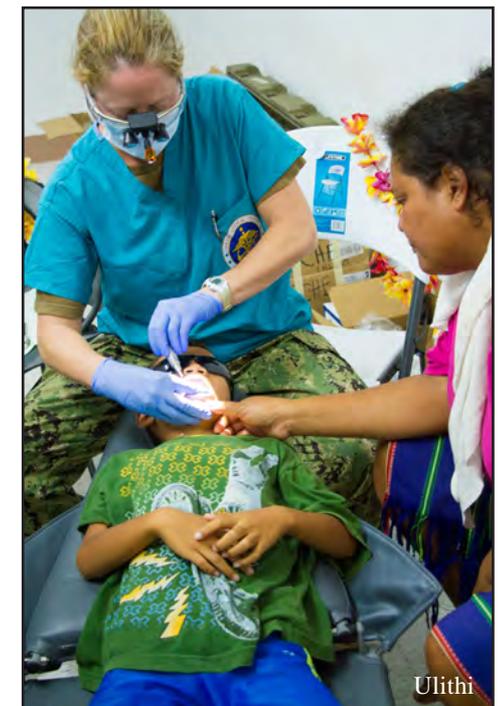
By all measures, the Pacific Partnership 2018 engagement in Yap was a magnificent success, and the effects of the nearly two weeks long engagement will resonate for generations even if in ways too subtle to be directly recognized. That effect goes in both directions as indirectly pointed out by Deputy Mission Commander Captain Peter Olive of the British Navy. "Sir, it has been my honor and privilege to meet you and learn from your wisdom. The culture of these islands

is rich and deep, and we have enjoyed experiencing it if only briefly. We wish you well as you work tirelessly to preserve this environment and lands for future generations," Captain Olive said during his speech when thanking Chief Bruno Tharngan for hosting the team throughout their stay.

There were many texts and subtexts in the speeches given by FSM Senator Joseph Urusemal, Yap State Legislature Speaker Theodore Rhutun, Deputy US Ambassador to the FSM Joanne Cummings, Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, Commander Joint Region Marianas. All spoke of the enduring relationship between the United States and the FSM and the many reasons and motivations for that relationship. They spoke of the immeasurable and unquantifiable importance of the relationships and capacity building progress of the multi-national Pacific Partnership for the people of the beneficiary nations as well as for participants in the mission.

Though the mission was put to bed in Yap it was not put to bed in the sense of a final ending.

"With sadness in our hearts we are leaving, but with the joy of many new friendships that we will cherish hereafter," Captain Olive said at the conclusion of his speech.



Ulithi

# Joe and Marci Ayuyu—portrait of COM FSM supporters

By *Bill Jaynes*  
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**Pohnpei**—When College of Micronesia FSM officials approached Joe and Ruri Ayuyu about the possibility of their purchasing an advertisement in the COM 25th Anniversary commemorative magazine, they didn't hesitate for a moment. They immediately purchased a two page advertisement. The magazine is not only a tool for information on the college; proceeds from advertisements in the magazine went to this year's endowment fund raising goal of \$500,000.

The Ayuyus, who had already owned two McDonald's restaurants in Saipan recently purchased all eight of the McDonald's restaurants in Guam. They closed two of those restaurants and are currently building another in a different location. They employ over 500 people, making them one of the largest employers in the region. They said that more and more new job applicants for their restaurants are from the FSM. Ruri is herself from Chuuk, which is where she met her future husband, who was at the time a young banker from Saipan.

They said that though a remote distant goal might be to open a McDonald's restaurant in Pohnpei, they are not currently on island to explore business opportunities. They said they decided to come so

that they could support the College of Micronesia. They have spent the last few days relaxing and sight-seeing and said that they have enjoyed the kind treatment of the people of Pohnpei and the relaxing environment.

Joe is a member of a very active Chamber of Commerce and Ruri is a Rotarian. They joined the Pohnpei Rotary club for their weekly meeting today.

Joe said that the last time they were in Pohnpei was for then FSM President Manny Mori's inauguration for his second time. He said that he immediately noticed an increase in Pohnpei vehicular traffic and a marked increase in development. "It looks like things are happening," he said.

The Ayuyus were very serious about their commitment to supporting the College of Micronesia FSM. At the fund raising gala dinner at the National Campus last evening, Joe took to the podium and announced that he had just decided to donate another \$10,000 to the College and challenged others to do the same. Then he and his wife continued to bid generously for small symbolic items throughout the remainder of the evening.

By the time the gala fundraising dinner was over, donors had pledged over \$576,000 for the college's endowment fund, smashing their \$500,000 goal.



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# Seabee divers uncover cannon, meet with local school in Yap during Pacific Partnership 2018

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March 28, 2018

**YAP, Federated States of Micronesia (NNS)** -- U.S. Navy Seabee divers from Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 uncovered a cannon and met with students at Yap Catholic High School ahead of Pacific Partnership 2018 in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, March 14-15.

Capable of providing inshore and underwater construction of ocean facilities, UCT 2 work closely with local government agencies including the State Police and Port Operations while connecting with the community through local events and school visits.

"We inspect waterfront facilities, repair, provide depth chart of channel" provide training for local marine resource divers. They do job in future"

While conducting hydrographic surveys of the ocean floor around Colonia, Yap on Mar. 14, Chief Steelworker Jesse Hamblin spotted a cannon on the ocean floor.

"We were in disbelief," said Hamblin.

"Coming across an artifact that old and fragile, we knew it would be difficult to bring to the surface without damaging it."

Referring back to salvage handbooks studied during the U.S. Navy's diver's course, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Vernon Goodwin used barrel hitches of 55-gallon drums filled with air from available scuba tanks.

"We are honored to being part of discovering a little part of Yap's history, and we look forward to working with the local community to return this amazing artifact to the people of Yap," said Construction Electrician 2nd Class Tim Dailey. "We love what we do and welcome every opportunity to share our Navy story."

UCT 2 met with more than thirty students at Yap Catholic High School on Mar. 14 to discuss life as a diver and being part of the U.S. Navy team.

"It's amazing to interact with students who are engaged and interested in serving in the U.S. military," said Builder 2nd class Sean Mchugh. "It is truly inspiring to see the close relationship we have with Yap



and the Federated States of Micronesia."

The U.S. and the Federated States of Micronesia continue a long history of friendship, having participated in the Pacific Partnership mission as host nation for five years with many Micronesian men and women having served or currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.

UCT 2 will be supporting Pacific Partnership 2018 in Yap from Mar. 7 - Apr. 5. Pacific Partnership, now in its 13th

iteration, is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific consisting of more than 800 U.S. and allied military personnel along with non-governmental organizations.

"We look forward to being part of the Pacific Partnership mission as we continue to participate in more community events and subject matter expert exchanges throughout the coming weeks," said Utilities Mate 2nd Class James Rieger.

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# COM FSM dedicates new canoe and canoe house as training opportunity for students

By *Bill Jaynes*  
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**Palikir, Pohnpei**—The College of Micronesia FSM held a dedication ceremony and demonstration of a new canoe and canoe house this morning.

The Yapese community in Pohnpei and Yap student group built the canoe house by working on the Saturdays in February and March. Shaun Suliol, an employee at COM FSM was involved in the project and said that Xavior Yarofmal who is from Woleai and is a professor at the college was the master builder and foreman for the new canoe house.

“It was a bit awkward building a canoe house in the middle of a mountain, but it’s a place of learning—an island classroom,” Suliol said.

He said that materials were purchased from the Pohnpeian community. The wood came from Sekere and the thatch for the roof came from U and Kitt. He said they purchased local ropes from outer islands in Yap and Chuuk and that they used a total of approximately 3000 yards for the house.

The canoe itself was sent to Pohnpei by modern transportation. It was made in Lamprek coordinated by Larry Raigetel and Joe Habuchmai.

There was quite a bit of discussion about the name of the canoe house which is Werieng which, as Habuchmai informed the audience at the dedication means “Seen/see winds”, indicating that it can catch all winds or can catch wind from all directions. But it is also the name of one of the last two schools of traditional navigation. Mau Piailug was one of the most famous navigators of the school. Some wondered if it was an appropriate name for a canoe house in the middle of the COM FSM campus but ultimately the name stuck.

Larry Raigetel was to have presented the canoe and canoe house at the ceremony but as he is preparing for a crossing from New Zealand to Yap by traditional navigation in the next few weeks, could not make it to Pohnpei. Instead Joe Habuchmai presented them in a less traditional style that Raigetel would have done but in an entertaining manner.

At his instruction, burly Yapese men pushed the canoe onto the lawn on a bed of coconut branches. The men demonstrated the various parts of the canoe and hoisted the sail. A fully traditional canoe would have a sail of woven pandanus. The sail on COMFSM’s canoe is of more modern material with the COMFSM seal in the middle of it. Even on land, the raising of the sail and the demonstration of “coming about” was a majestic site.

After the presentation of the canoe and canoe house, the crowd was invited to gather and take photos while the Yap student group finished preparations for traditional Yapese dance.



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# ...Island Soldier

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He said that when he returned to his home in New York he found it a bit difficult to readjust to the completely different life there, the life he'd grown up with. Micronesia had inexorably changed him as it has a tendency to do for those who let it. He found that most people in the US had never heard of the FSM. Worse, when he tried to tell them about his experiences here they didn't seem to care. He said that in some ways, "Island Soldier" was an excuse to come back to the FSM, but it was also an attempt to perhaps make them care.

The documentary ultimately went in a direction that he didn't initially intend. He had set out to educate people about the fact that under the Compact of Free Association with the United States, people in the FSM can serve in the US military. On a per capita basis, more people in the FSM choose to enlist than do in the United States. He wanted to explore the various motivations for enlistment that range from the problem of

high unemployment and low wages through to a feeling of thankfulness to the US for liberating the FSM at the end of World War II, ultimately leading to the establishment of a new sovereign nation.

But a clear subtext developed that needed to be explored. That subtext became just as important, if not more important, than the film maker's original intention. Early on in the project it became quite clear that many of the after service benefits provided to soldiers who are from the US are simply not available to soldiers from the FSM who return home and that story needed to be told.

Fitch beautifully crafted his documentary both in terms of its stellar cinematography and the shaping of the story which is set in Kosrae, Afghanistan, and on several military bases in the US. The documentary has been screened in several settings in the US mainland and Hawaii. Importantly, it was screened at the US State Department and at the US Department of the Interior where its message resonated and has sparked conversation in high

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places.

During the lively question and answer period after the Pohnpei screening, US Ambassador Robert Riley said that the issue of veterans' benefits has long been known and the plight of FSM soldiers in that regard has long been argued. One difficulty is that fixing the problem takes an act of Congress. But he said that at the least, "Island Soldier" has put the dialog into high places and has stirred more conversation on the matter.

It may be that nothing on the matter will happen right away. Still, he encouraged FSM veterans to organize and file for recognition as Veterans' Associations so that their voices can be heard.

Ambassador Riley also fielded questions from the audience on what the relationship between the FSM and the US will be after the financial provisions of the Compact of Free Association as amended expire. He explained that while the annual cash provisions under sector grants will no longer occur after that time, 2023 is really a transition to a new financial arrangement through the Trust fund that the US has been contributing to on an annual basis. He said that this year the US provided approximately \$80 million in sector grants. The intention had been for the proceeds of the Trust Fund to continue to help fund the FSM. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons including the economic downturn in the early 2000's, the Trust Fund hasn't performed as well as expected. He said that currently it is projected that the Trust Fund will only be able to provide about \$45 million a year.

He stressed that the Compact is a treaty in perpetuity. One of the principal provisions of

that document is the US commitment to defend the FSM as if it was its own soil. Diplomatically he took small exception to the statement in the "Island Soldier" that the US has and will have military control in the FSM. The US has no military bases here and no current intention of building any in the FSM. He called it a matter of nuance saying that there is a difference between a commitment to defend and having military control.

Fitch said that he had used that particular wording because of the concept of strategic deniability. While the Compact is in force as a treaty, no other country can operate militarily within FSM's massive EEZ, nearly the width of the continental US.

When Fitch began his documentary project several years ago, he didn't know how to shoot video. He was a bit of a photographer but was really just beginning, but he felt the project was important and so he learned. The quality of the photography in "Island Soldier" shows that he learned extremely well.

"Island Soldier" will return to its home for the first time this Saturday. It will be the first time since he made the documentary that the people of Kosrae will be able to see the documentary, and Fitch will be there.

He said that he is ecstatic about bringing the documentary back to its place of birth. "I never felt so valued anywhere at any time than I did during my Peace Corps days in Kosrae," Fitch said.

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## Where there is no vet: U.S. Army provides animal care, surgeries in Yap during Pacific Partnership 2018

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March 31, 2018  
YAP, FSM —  
Two U.S. Army veterinarians and an animal care specialist conducted surgeries on dogs and cats and shared knowledge and practices with local volunteers during Pacific Partnership 2018 in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, March 26-29.



Veterinarians Capt. Adam Boe from Fort Shafter Hawaii, Capt. Trevor Tenney from Naval Base Yokosuka, and animal care specialist Spc. Diamond DeWindt from Kadena Air Base Okinawa provided vaccinations and conducted spay and neuter surgeries to nearly fifty animals.

“There are no practicing veterinarians in Yap,” said Boe. “The U.S. Army is the only branch of service with clinical veterinarians, and we are honored to be here in Yap working side-by-side with local professionals.”

Prior to conducting surgeries on March 23, the three veterinarians met with volunteers from the Yap Animal Protection Society (YAPS) to discuss about basics of first aid, euthanizations, preventative medicine, zoonotic diseases, animal husbandry and other common animal diseases.

“YAPS consists of nearly twenty volunteers dedicated to bringing veterinarians from nearby countries through donations and fundraising campaigns,” said Tenney. “YAPS is a great resource, and we realized that by sharing techniques and practices, YAPS

volunteers will be able to better assist veterinarians during surgeries.”

As part of the Pacific Partnership 2018 mission to provide sustainable practices in Yap, the veterinarians shared knowledge to improve and increase efficiency of food production from chickens and pigs through discussions on nutrition, housing and medical care.

“As the animal care specialist, Spc. DeWindt's expertise in these areas was truly appreciated by YAPS,” said Boe. “Spc. DeWindt encounters every aspect of animal care, and she is a vital member of our Pacific Partnership team.”

The veterinarian team also participated in the Community Health Engagement (CHE) at the Yap Memorial Hospital as part of a team of more than 35 Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen from U.S., United Kingdom, Australia and Japan.

“The most important aspect we, as visiting veterinarians, can do is to provide the necessary education to the local community about animal care so that the knowledge and experiences we share together during this year's Pacific Partnership will last well into the future,” said Tenney.



## UK, Japan Medical Staff saves life in Yap during Pacific Partnership 2018

*Petty Officer 1st Class Byron Linder  
Commander, Logistics Group Western  
Pacific*

03.27.2018  
YAP, Federated States of Micronesia (NNS) – Two medical staff officers from the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force and a medical assistant petty officer from the British Army helped a Yapese patient who experienced a medical emergency during Pacific Partnership 2018 in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, 23 March.

Lt. Col. Ichiro Matsuura, Capt. Ryuya Maejima and Cpl. Darren Phillips treated

a patient with a severed radial artery during a Community Health Engagement held at the Yap Memorial Hospital.

“We immediately rushed him to the surgical room and onto the operating table to stop the bleeding as soon as possible,” said Matsuura. “The surgical procedure took nearly two hours with eight stitches and a lot of gauze.”

The 67-year-old patient arrived with two tourniquets on his arm while bleeding from his wrist. That morning, while cleaning around his home, the knife used to clear out overgrown branches broke

and struck his wrist causing what could have been fatal blood loss if it had not been treated in time.

“We are trained constantly to respond to trauma situations,” said Phillips. “We saw a patient needing immediate attention, and we acted quickly and efficiently. This is what we do.”

The three medical professionals are part of a team of more than 35 Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen serving as audiologists, veterinarians, primary care physicians, medical technicians, dentists, dental technicians and nurses from U.S., United

Kingdom, Australia and Japan.

“It is a great experience to be part of a multinational team working together to help people from all over Yap,” said Phillips. “We provided medical care to over 100 patients at the hospital, and we are looking forward to continuing during the rest of the exercise.”

Throughout the procedure, two nurses and a doctor from the hospital provided continual support to the operating medical

See “Life saving treatment” on next page

## Imaginative play, “Shipwreck’d on the Body Beautiful” based on Tattooed Irishman

*Review by Jasmine Mendiola*

April 5, 2018—It’s been a rather long time since I heard good storytelling. I can recall when I was a small child, my grandmother would tell me old Pohnpeian stories/folktales. Usually each family at that time had someone who did that very well. Many of us children were very fond of that, and still are. Today I had a chance to relive a similar experience when I attended the storytelling of “Shipwreck’d on the Body Beautiful” by Daniel A. Kelin, II, author and actor of this play loosely based on the life of James F. O’Connell, The Tattooed Irish Sailor.

He read and performed his play so well it got my imagination running. The descriptions of what O’Connell saw, tasted, felt—from the canoes in the Nahs, the mwaramwars, the festivities, the sakau—if you knew Pohnpei you would think to yourself, “Yep, that’s Pohnpei alright!”. It was all so beautifully written and wonderfully performed. Like our elders did while storytelling, Kelin went into character and played each role so well. With distinctive dialogue, singing and a bit of dancing, he brought the story to life. It was phenomenal and it made me realize just how much I missed our good ole storytelling by our elders. It made me wonder if there are Pohnpeians still carrying on that tradition, because we should. It’s been a form of art and history all together and if done well, storytelling is something everyone can enjoy regardless of our ages.

The plot of the story was indeed the best part of this piece for me. From the scene where it all started, to the usual rejection of foreigners, the struggles of adapting to a new culture, and finally a love dilemma—it seemed almost fully fictional like a good Hollywood movie. Perhaps some of it was, or maybe just exaggerated a bit but all in the name of entertainment. Still, it holds enough truth to conclude that maybe James F. O’Connell really was here in Pohnpei and not only witnessed its exotic beauty in every aspect, but perhaps he even loved it.

One truth that I personally agreed with in the piece was the most repeated line that read, “Those civilized might take a lesson from the humanity of these people to the shipwrecked.” If you’ve been in Pohnpei long enough, you know exactly what that means.

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**...Life saving treatment**

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staff including intravenous equipment and liquids, morphine and tourniquets.

“It definitely was nerve-wracking initially,” said Maejima. “But we supported each other during the entire procedure and in the end, we were able to learn from each other and make a meaningful impact.”

The U.S. and the Federated States of Micronesia continue a long history of

friendship, having participated in the Pacific Partnership mission as host nation for five years with many Micronesia men and women having served or currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Since 2006, 22 partner nations around the globe in 18 host nations have participated in Pacific Partnership providing medical care to more than 300,000 patients, veterinary services to nearly 40,000 animals and completed nearly 200 engineering projects while building meaningful and close partnerships throughout the region.



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# College of Micronesia FSM celebrates 25 years of educational service and smashes its fund raising goal

Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

April 5, 2018

**Pohnpei**—At least for The Kaselehlie Press, the events surrounding the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the College of Micronesia FSM began with a parade around Chamorro Bay in Colonia, Yap on March 30 and culminated with this evening's gala fundraising dinner at the National Campus in Palikir, Pohnpei.

Certainly other events took place in the other two FSM states but The Kaselehlie Press was not able to witness them.

In Yap, the parade was headed by a huge float in the shape of the school's mascot, the shark followed by sporting events throughout the day. They were pleased to have the amazing "Deep Six" military band from the Pacific Partnership with them as well.

On the following day an all-day event was held with speeches, dancing and prizes on the grounds of Yap's Living History museum, all of it broadcast live on state radio.

On Monday, April 2, traffic in Kolonia ground to a halt at 9:00 in the morning as students displayed their own cultures and COM pride in a parade through town to the PICS track and field. They took part in sporting events there followed by cultural dances from the various student groups as has been a tradition for several years.

On Tuesday, Father Fran Hezel, the FSM's favorite Jesuit Priest and sociologist gave a seminar on the importance of education.

Early on Wednesday afternoon, prolific Pacific Islands photographer Floyd Takeuchi spoke to a packed house at MITC. During his presentation he shared his vision to share culture and cultural change through the art of photography. He walked participants through what he was thinking and his intentions when he took photos that are featured in some of his books of Pacific Islands photography.

Shortly following his presentation, the first screening of the documentary, "Island Soldier" was shown at Pohnpei Center Cinemas with simultaneous screenings in all three packed theaters.

The events of the landmark week for the college culminated with the Gala Fundraising Dinner held in the beautifully decorated practice gym. Participants paid \$100 each for attendance at the event, both to support the college and also for a chance to win one of four cash prizes up to \$1500. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the accomplishments of the college for the people of the FSM and also to raise money for its endowment fund. It accomplished both in fine order. By the end of the evening, donors had smashed COM-FSM's stated fundraising goal of \$500,000 by over \$76,000.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China and the Bank of the FSM covered the costs of the excellent meal that was served during the evening. Individual donors provided wine and other amenities for the participants in the event.

The celebration of 25 years of educational service in the FSM is now concluded but the service of the College of Micronesia FSM, whose success depends upon students' success is not over by a long shot.

Photo by Anthony Tareg





# Pohnpei celebrates Cultural Day 2018

**Takuya Nagaoka, Executive Director  
NGO Pasifika Renaissance**

Pohnpei celebrated Cultural Day at the Enipein Elementary School on March 29 this year. It is an annual event to celebrate Pohnpei State's cultures. This year, since the official Pohnpei Cultural Day fell on Saturday, March 31, Pohnpei Cultural Day was observed on the 30th while the actual celebration took place on the 29th. This year's theme was "Our Cultures: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The event was co-hosted by two committees of the Kitti Municipal Government and the Pohnpei State Government organized by the Division of Social Affairs, and the Department of Health and Social Services due to the willingness of Kitti. The Kitti Agriculture Fair was also held in conjunction with the celebration.

It was a well-organized event and was attended by a large crowd. Mr. Enerihko Peter humorous served as the Master of Ceremonies. Distinguished guests included Pohnpei State Governor, Honorable Marcelo Peterson, FSM Congress Vice Speaker Senator Esmond Moses, State Senator McGarry Miguel, State Senator Dahker Daniel, the Australian Ambassador, the Acting Chinese Ambassador, and traditional leaders of Kitti. FSM President Peter Christian also briefly visited.

The event started with a sakau ceremony,



Photo by Takuya Nagoaka



Photo by Dana Lee Ling

followed by welcoming remarks by Kitti Chief Magistrate Tony Sarapio. Two of the best essays on the theme, written by Kitti High School students were read. Students from Sokehs, Nett and Kitti gave presentations on the importance of water. Then traditional decrees were made by Governor Peterson and the Nahmwarki of Kitti, His Majesty Gregorio Peter.

Groups from Enipein Pah, Enipein Powe, Mwakot and Rohi performed traditional dances and marching dances. Public Health staff members performed contemporary dances. It was a very special day that we can watch so many traditional dances! This year, stepped dance floors were prepared to accommodate four different types of traditional dances (kepir, sapei, wen and dokia) at different levels which made the performances even more special.

Displays included agricultural products and handicrafts amassed by Kitti people for the Agriculture Fair and historical photo exhibition by the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation and NGO Pasifika Renaissance, in addition to the Public Health staff's consultation held there.

I would suggest that if the event is hosted by one municipality like it was this year and last year, more effort would be required to recruit participation by people from the other municipalities to celebrate it all together as one Pohnpei. The event will need the Pohnpei Tourism office's involvement to promote it internationally. Its counterpart festival, Yap Day, is a good example of success in attracting foreign visitors. As one small first step, we have created a Facebook page for Pohnpei Cultural Day to foster public awareness, especially to Pohnpeians both here and overseas. The event could be expanded to week-long celebrations ("Cultural Week") by different municipalities, including various cultural and educational activities and ending with a large celebration for the whole

Pohnpei, in the future.

The committees, local Kitti residents and other supporters are congratulated for the successful event this year. If you missed it, you can watch our video on our YouTube channel: <https://goo.gl/DXh5vL>. It was a great day to see people's pride and appreciation to their culture! Let's keep tradition alive!



Photos by Takuya Nagaoka



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The Australian Embassy in Pohnpei is seeking proposals from interested parties to provide a suitable leased office space in an existing office building in Pohnpei. The location would ideally be in Kolonia Town or nearby areas of Sokehs or Nett Municipality. The space requirement is between 4500 - 5400 square feet (400-500 square metres) of Net Lettable Area (NLA).

Interested parties should express their interest in providing a leasing proposal by emailing the Australian Embassy at [PHPI.Mail@dfat.gov.au](mailto:PHPI.Mail@dfat.gov.au) no later than 5pm on Sunday, 22 April 2018 and include the following information:

- (1) Name and contact details of the entity or individual intending to submit a leasing proposal; and
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Interested parties who express interest via email will then be emailed a 'Request for Proposal' document from the Australian Embassy after 22 April 2018. The Request for Proposal document further outlines the Embassy's requirements and seeks detailed information in relation to the property/properties on offer.

## US, UK, Japan begin health engagements in Yap for Pacific Partnership 2018

By Lt. Clyde Shavers, Commander,  
Task Force 73  
Destroyer Squadron 7 Public Affairs

3/26/2018

**YAP, Federated States of Micronesia (NNS)** -- The Pacific Partnership 2018 medical team from the U.S., United Kingdom and Japan began the first of more than a dozen health engagements in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia at Nimgil Clinic and Yap Memorial Hospital, March 22-23.

More than 35 Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen from the three partner nations provided medical and dental care to nearly 60 patients at Nimgil Clinic and more than 100 patients at Yap Memorial Hospital. Dental care included tooth extractions and fillings, and medical care included health screenings, audiology screenings, prescription eye glasses, advanced nursing education, veterinary education and home pet care.

"I haven't seen this many people at our [Nimgil] clinic before," said Philip Ranganbay, community health center

operations manager. "This was the first time some people listened to a brass band, and we are very appreciative of the support provided by the Pacific Partnership medical team."

The Pacific Fleet "Deep Six" brass band consisting of five U.S. Navy Sailors and a drummer from the Royal Australian Navy performed at both medical centers, providing musical entertainment for patients waiting to be seen by the medical staff.

The medical team at the Cooperative Health Engagement (CHE) at Yap Memorial Hospital included audiologists, veterinarians, primary care physicians, medical technicians, dentists, dental technicians and nurses.

"I conducted dental screenings for 30 patients," said Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force 1st Lt. Shimoyama Daiji. "This is my first time in Yap, and I am enjoying the time interacting and helping the local people here on the island."

The Pacific Partnership 2018 team includes five staff members from the Japanese Air, Maritime and Ground Self-Defense Force, and a combat medical technician (CMT) and medical assistant petty officer from the United Kingdom's Royal Navy and Army, respectively.

The medical team provided health screenings to nearly 130 patients, dental care to over 70 patients and optometry support to over 60 patients. Health screenings included blood-glucose, vital signs and height-weight measurements as well as pediatric screenings.

"There are no optometrists on the island of Yap, and patients were asking when we were coming back" said Lt. Kaiser Sultaini, optometrist for Pacific Partnership 2018. "It was absolutely amazing to be able to help the community by providing prescription eye glasses."

"The medical engagements were collaborative and cooperative with host-nation medical professionals at the hospital," said Cmdr. Jason Blitz, medical lead for Pacific Partnership 2018. "We worked side-by-side with the host nation nurses and technicians at every step."

The U.S. and the Federated States of Micronesia continue a long history of friendship, having participated in the Pacific Partnership mission as host nation for five years with many Micronesia men and women having served or currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Since 2006, the Pacific Partnership mission has provided medical care to more than 300,000 patients, veterinary services to nearly 40,000 animals and completed nearly 200 engineering projects while building meaningful and close partnerships throughout the region.

## U.S. Navy conducts first Advanced Cardiac Life Support Course in Yap during Pacific Partnership 2018

COMLOG WESTPAC/DVIDS

March 31, 2018

**YAP, FSM** — Two U.S. Navy nurses from the Pacific Partnership 2018 medical team conducted the first-certified Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course at Yap Memorial Hospital in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, 26-27 March.

Cmdr. Chris Jack from Naval Medical Center San Diego and Lt. Cmdr. Joe Pinon from Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton conducted American Heart Association (AHA)-certified ACLS courses to twelve nurses from the Yap Memorial Hospital designed to establish a standardized life support program in Yap.

"ACLS provides the skills and training to health care providers to recognize and diagnose patients suffering from cardiac arrest," said Pinon. "This is extremely important as knowledge and practices shared during these courses regularly saves lives."

Both Navy nurses also conducted Basic Life Support (BLS) courses on March 22 and 28 to twelve nurses during four classroom sessions lasting sixteen hours that culminated with demonstration of motor skills and written tests. The BLS course serves as an introductory course focused on resuscitation without medication or advanced equipment.

"Currently, there is a lack of standardized or certified BLS or ACLS training in Yap, and for health care providers, being BLS qualified is absolutely important," said Jack. "We are committed to working side-by-side with medical staff here to develop a robust medical infrastructure that supports this requirement."

As part of the mission to provide sustainable practices in Yap, the Pacific Partnership medical team continues to focus on establishing recognizable guidelines that assist in developing medical programs that will last well into the future. Currently, nearly 36 BLS-qualified medical professionals reside in Yap through a civilian-led life support program in Guam.

"The goal is to continue sharing our knowledge and experience in life support throughout the medical community in Yap," said Pinon.

Both nurses are part of a team of more than 35 Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen serving as audiologists, veterinarians, primary care physicians, medical technicians, dentists, dental technicians and nurses from the U.S., United Kingdom, Australia and Japan.

"We are learning a lot from our medical counterparts here in Yap," said Jack. "Pacific Partnership 2018 is truly a collaborative and cooperative engagement that builds lasting friendships and lasting memories."



## Pacific Partnership 2018 engineering closes in Yap

POI Byron Linder / COMLOG WESTPAC/ DVIDS

March 31, 2018

**YAP, FSM** — Seabees supporting Pacific Partnership 2018 (PP18) completed a series of engineering projects during the mission stop in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, March 21-31.

Twenty-eight Seabees, from Amphibious Construction Battalion 1 in Coronado, Calif., worked alongside the community at six construction projects spread throughout the island.

First, at Yap Memorial Hospital, PP18 Seabees



DB School

## US and FSM confer at mid-year meetings on compact financial assistance and Trust Fund

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. and Federated States of Micronesia officials met in San Francisco this week for their mid-year meetings to discuss financial assistance provided for the benefit of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia on behalf of the people and government of the United States. The bilateral Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) and the Compact Trust Fund Committee for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia are both chaired by U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs Director Nikolao Pula.

The JEMCO met to discuss policy issues and progress in the health, education, and infrastructure sectors as funded by the Compact, while the Trust Fund Committee met to review trust fund investments and discuss policy options to inform transition from direct grants to trust fund distributions after 2023.

The Compact Trust Fund was established under U.S. Public Law 108-188 to contribute to the economic advancement and long-term budgetary self-reliance of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia when annual grant assistance under the Compact expires after fiscal year 2023.

and volunteers built three new roofs over medical storage containers, installed an interior wall with a lockable door inside one container, and built a six-foot addition to the oxygen storage building.

Simultaneously, Gilman elementary school received a fresh coat of paint on the exterior walls, various doors and screen windows were repaired or replaced, and the school's water storage tank had plumbing repair and a spigot installation. At the



nearby Gilman Early Childhood [Education] Center, PP18 Seabees and volunteers painted the entire exterior of the school building and the roof.

Then, at the Gaanelay elementary school, two buildings received a fresh coat of paint, and various doors were repaired or replaced. Dalipebinaw elementary school also got two buildings painted and brackets were replaced on the second story's water drainage PVC pipe.

Fanif elementary school had suffered eroded flooring and doors due to adverse weather conditions, and PP18 participants worked to prevent further damage as well as provided a fresh coat of paint to the building's exterior. Finally, Tamilang elementary school received cosmetic improvements in the form of fresh paint and repairs to two stairwell doors.

Joining the Seabees every day were volunteers from the ship, lending a hand to painting and minor carpentry work. The community also joined the PP18 participants, with more than 40 young volunteers from the schools showing up in force to paint over the course of the projects.

Lt. j.g. Kelvin Edmonds, officer in charge of the ACB 1 engineering element supporting PP18, praised the efforts of his team.

"Despite many days of torrential rain and heavy wind conditions and a lot of unforeseeable situations, our guys overcame these setbacks by being creative...working in spots where the rain wasn't going to be a factor, and just working a lot of long hours while maintaining communication and teamwork. With construction in general, there's going to be some last-minute changes and things we didn't anticipate back when we started the site survey in September of last year—things like the texture of the bricks soaking up more paint than we

The JEMCO members discussed efforts at the state and national Departments of Education to strengthen their school accreditation processes and policies. The committee also received updates on the status of a nearly completed Education Management Information System (EMIS), a collaborative project funded by U.S. Department of Education supplemental education grants and supported by technical assistance through the Asian Development Bank. "We strive ultimately for improved data management and analysis of education indicators to result in improved educational outcomes for children in the Federated States of Micronesia," said Chairman Pula.

Leadership from the national and Yap State Departments of Health shared information on progress in bringing electronic health record keeping to hospitals and clinics across the Federated States of Micronesia. Development of this program is 80 per cent completed in the State of Pohnpei which also serves as a pilot for a telehealth program. It is hoped that successful efforts in electronic record keeping and telemedicine can be replicated in the States of Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap.

As required under the Compact of Free Association, U.S. Public Law 108-188, the JEMCO serves to ensure effective oversight of U.S. assistance to the Federated States of Micronesia and is comprised of the



Gilman ECE

thought."

Edmonds noted the scope of the work was challenging yet rewarding.

"We definitely took on an ambitious workload here in Yap—six different schools and major projects at the hospital. I'm very honored to work with my guys, and I'm proud to be their leader," he said. "My guys were very touched with the interactions with local schoolchildren and all the host nation volunteers that came out with us—that really inspired us to work and morale was never an issue. We were happy to be working and helping out the community."

Deputy Mission Commander of PP18, Royal Navy Capt. Peter Olive, echoed Edmond's words during a visit to the hospital site.

"I'm very appreciative of all the effort they put in. It's not lost on me that they're the first folks out in the morning and the last folks to come back to the ship in the evening. When I talk to the people of the schools being transformed or the hospital, this work is changing their lives," he said.

following members: Chairman Nikolao Pula (U.S. – Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior), Vice Chairman Lorin Robert (FSM – Secretary of Foreign Affairs), Leo Falcam, Jr. (FSM– Chief of Staff, Office of the President), Nicholas Dean (U.S. – Director, Office of Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Island Affairs, Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs, State Department), and Subroto Banerji (U.S. – Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Region 9, Department of Health and Human Services).

"With respect to the Trust Funds, we all seem to concur that longevity of the Trust Fund is in the best interest of our two nations and that ensuring the stability and predictability of distributions in 2023 makes the most sense for U.S. assistance intended for the benefit of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia," said Chairman Pula. "These are technical and administrative issues that the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia need to mutually agree upon as we approach 2023 and plan a smooth transition of U.S. assistance from direct grants to trust fund distributions."



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December 31, 2017 and 2016**

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Interest bearing deposits in banks	<u>39,003,147</u>	<u>38,821,466</u>
 Cash and Cash equivalents	 47,535,265	 46,825,935
Interest bearing deposits in banks	18,601,000	13,685,000
Securities available for sale	30,443,071	33,948,400
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	44,961,239	50,664,007
Accrued Interest Receivable	385,902	345,771
Prepaid expenses and other assets	385,094	362,901
Premises and equipment, net	<u>2,093,355</u>	<u>2,193,869</u>
	<u>\$144,404,926</u>	<u>\$148,025,883</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
 Liabilities		
Deposit		
Noninterest-bearing	\$36,241,218	\$31,656,843
Interest-bearing	<u>84,623,249</u>	<u>94,120,809</u>
Total deposits	120,864,467	125,777,652
Accrued interest payable	16,013	12,641
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>1,223,934</u>	<u>984,287</u>
Total Liabilities	122,104,414	126,774,580
 Commitments and contingencies		
 Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$5 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized;		
934,348 shares issued and outstanding	4,671,740	4,671,740
Additional paid-in capital	4,663,576	4,663,576
Retained earnings	13,222,483	12,056,219
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>(257,287)</u>	<u>(140,232)</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>22,300,512</u>	<u>21,251,303</u>
	<u>\$144,404,926</u>	<u>\$148,025,883</u>

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**Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Interest Income:		
Loans	\$4,778,403	\$5,224,537
Interest-bearing deposits	770,436	371,217
Investment securities	477,959	400,736
Federal funds sold	<u>36,464</u>	<u>16,089</u>
Total interest income	6,063,262	6,012,579
Interest expense:		
Savings	156,159	129,921
Other time deposits	<u>56,908</u>	<u>59,728</u>
Total interest expense	<u>213,067</u>	<u>189,649</u>
Net interest income	5,850,195	5,822,930
Provision for loan losses	192,700	265,000
Provision for off-balance sheet credit exposure	<u>122,300</u>	<u>0</u>
Net interest income, after loan losses	<u>5,535,195</u>	<u>5,557,930</u>
Non-interest income		
Loan fee income	321,630	332,659
Service charges on deposit accounts	153,702	158,498
Other	<u>372,418</u>	<u>375,351</u>
Total non-interest income	<u>847,750</u>	<u>866,508</u>
Non Interest Expenses:		
Salaries and wages	1,696,959	1,751,609
Occupancy	366,731	357,655
Employee benefits	315,747	326,606
Data processing	295,552	282,879
Professional Fees	283,108	338,063
Gross receipts and use taxes	227,165	181,437
Furniture and equipment	209,593	216,147
Telephone	175,763	176,117
Electronic banking	164,549	180,253
Insurance	92,270	92,615
Travel	92,032	110,009
Correspondent bank fees	90,548	170,160
Director and Shareholder	66,218	80,825
Stationary and supplies	55,598	92,008
FDIC deposit insurance	41,000	70,000
Business development	27,865	24,094
Credit and collection	20,521	12,499
Postage	19,529	16,008
Tellers and operating losses	2,693	6,880
Miscellaneous	<u>38,892</u>	<u>55,236</u>
Total non-interest expenses	<u>4,282,333</u>	<u>454,100</u>
Net Income	2,100,612	1,883,338
Other comprehensive loss:		
Net unrealized loss on investment securities	<u>(117,055)</u>	<u>(82,308)</u>
	<u>\$1,983,557</u>	<u>\$1,801,030</u>



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# ANZAC DAY

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Dawn Service and National Ceremony



The Australian Defence Force and Australian Embassy Pohnpei will conduct the 2018 ANZAC Day Dawn Service on the grounds of the Defence Compound Kangaroo Court, Nett on the morning of Wednesday 25th of April 2018.

ANZAC Day is a time to commemorate the sacrifices made by members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp (ANZAC) on the beaches of Gallipoli, Turkey during World War I and to recognise the contribution of all service men and women across the globe who have served since.

**Date: 25 APRIL 2018**

**Times: 0530 - Gathering**

**0545 - Dawn Service**  
**0630 - Gun Fire Breakfast**

**Venue: Defence Compound,  
Kangaroo Court, Nett  
(West Bank of Nett River)**

**Contact: Australian Embassy  
320 5448**

This event is open to Australian and New Zealand Nationals, Veterans and Serving Members of the Armed Forces of any Nationality and all Members of the General Public.



# Fighting climate change the Micronesian way

Patrick D. Nunn (Professor of Geography, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia)

23rd March 2018

People have been living on islands in Micronesia for as much as 3500 years. We know that the first people arrived at Ritidian on Guam from the Philippines this long ago, and that their descendants have been in these islands ever since. But to listen to some discussions about future climate change and how vulnerable some islands in this region apparently are, you might justifiably wonder how people have survived for more than three millenia in this part of the world.

This summarises the point that sometimes 'western' science is not as well-informed as you might expect. In the last few decades, science has correctly identified a challenge for livelihoods everywhere in the world from climate change. Temperatures are rising, sea level is rising, the intensity and frequency of typhoons and droughts are changing, all of which pose complex challenges to the way people live, whether they be in Micronesia or Mexico, Pohnpei or Pakistan. Scientists use global models of the Earth's climate to understand what is happening, how the complex climate system responds to particular 'forcings' and, in doing so, arrive at particular 'projections' of what may happen in particular places at certain times in the future.

## RISING SEA LEVEL

For island countries, rising sea level is naturally a key concern. In Micronesia, where sea level is currently rising at 2-3 times the global average, scientists are thinking about how 21st-century sea-level rise might reconfigure coastal geographies, especially in low-lying coastal areas. Science has taken on the additional burden of advising countries like FSM and its neighbors how they should best prepare for and respond to such climate-driven changes. Global solutions suggest we might either 'protect' our shorelines, perhaps by building hard structures like seawalls; or we might 'accommodate' the effects of sea-level rise by rethinking the ways in which we use the coast; or we might 'retreat' from the shoreline, moving our activities and infrastructure to more secure locations.

These three options are often touted as new ways in which communities in countries like FSM should think about responding to sea-level rise, both now and in the future. Commonly such suggestions overlook the fact that people have lived in Micronesia for more than three millenia, during which time they have overcome climate changes, including swings of sea level up and down. How did this happen?

## FIGHTING BACK – MICRONESIAN RESILIENCE

Scientists in the Pacific are starting to take an interest in the resilience of indigenous cultures and how their people overcame climate-driven changes to the environments they occupied in the past. For example, we know that in many higher-island groups in the tropical Pacific about AD 1300, there was a fall of sea level (about 20-28 inches in 100 years) that exposed reef surfaces and caused coastal water tables to drop, leading to a prolonged food shortage for coastal dwellers. In many places, this led to increased competition for the dwindling food resources, a situation that led to conflict. In island nations like Fiji and Samoa, this led to the construction of hill forts where people lived for perhaps several hundred years. In the 1860s, a colonial official wrote of Viti Levu Island in Fiji that "jealousy that made every village distrustful of its neighbours compelled the inhabitants to fortify themselves on the most inaccessible heights, and prevented them from cultivating any land beyond the few feet around each man's dwelling; if more were required, the cultivator, afraid to descend into the plain discovered some spot in the recesses of the mountains where he might plant his yams secure from molestation".

But such situations did not always result in conflict. In many Micronesian islands, there seems to have been less extreme responses by people to past climate changes. And science is becoming interested in these responses and how they might help modern Micronesians meet some of the challenges of future climate change.

## MICRONESIAN STONEMWORK

Most high islands in Micronesia have an abundance of stone, especially in the form of boulders, that appears to have been used by some of the earliest inhabitants of these islands to build structures. While there are impressive inland sites like Sapwtakai on Pohnpei – a bit like some of the Fijian hill forts – the ninety-three rock-founded artificial islands of Nan Madol and its megalithic monuments are what most people associate with human-made structures on Pohnpei.

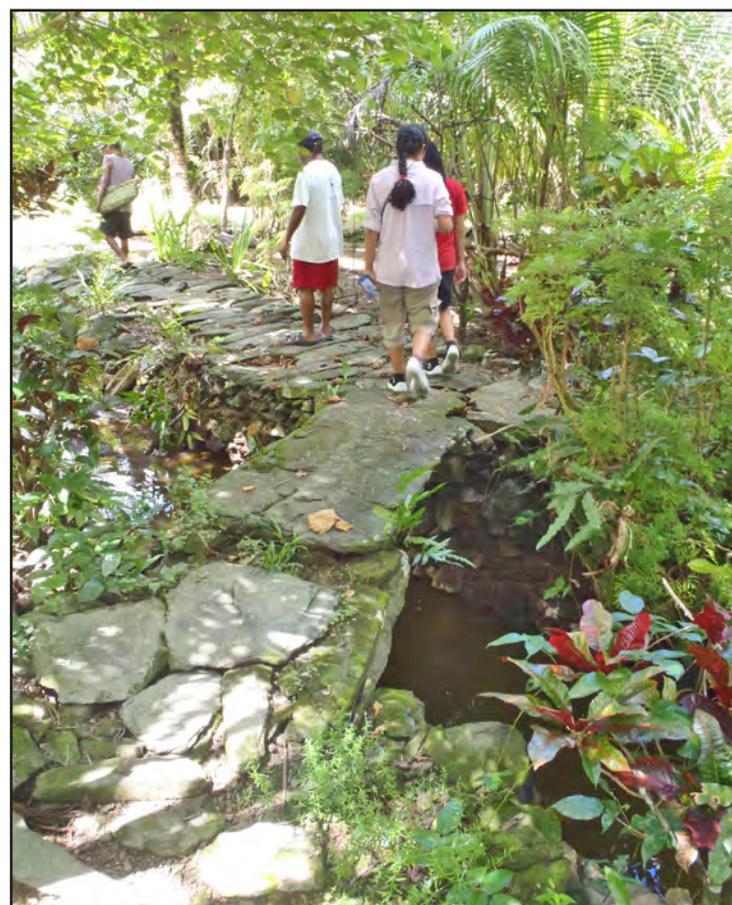
But beyond such iconic and complex sites, there is abundant evidence that Micronesians have for hundreds (if not thousands) of years been routinely building structures from rock along island coasts. Many of these structures are designed to protect shorelines from erosion, perhaps during past periods of rising sea level. Others appear to have been built as a way of making new land, perhaps when sea level fell in the past. Yet others seem simply to have been intended to make island coastlines more stable and therefore better suited to their use by humans. Examples of the latter include the construction of jetties and wharves, harbors and channels for irrigation and drainage. Given that such structures often formed part of a communication network involving stone-laid pathways, it seems clear that Micronesians were among the most adept of all Pacific people at manipulating stone.

## IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Sea level is rising faster in Micronesia today than perhaps at any time within the past few thousand years, certainly since before humans arrived on Pacific islands. While the magnitude of the challenge may be greater, its nature is not. Micronesians have been here before. Repeatedly. Traditional



Stone walls lining the river at Alamoar Church on Pohnpei are probably modern counterparts of much older structures intended to stabilize the river banks and even to reclaim land along this narrow coastal strip. Photo by Patrick Nunn.



John Runman from Yap HPO leads a group along the stone paths and bridges at Gaanvang Village on Rumung Island in Yap. Photo by Patrick Nunn.

knowledge about what structures to build to prevent shoreline erosion and how to build them is extremely valuable, often far better for Micronesian environments than externally-designed solutions. Throughout the Pacific Islands, science is slowly coming to appreciate that Indigenous responses to all kinds of environmental adversity are grounded in long experience and familiarity with local environments. Such traditional knowledge should complement science-based solutions for dealing with the effects of climate change.

## Students gearing up toward robotics competition

*Colonia, Yap* - Scale, isolation, and limited natural resources are major barriers to economic development in the many tiny islands of Micronesia. The islands of this remote and strategically situated nation span a length nearly the distance from Los Angeles to New York across the remote Western Pacific

These challenges aren't stopping hard working high schools of the Yap Robo League. Students from five of Yap State's high schools have been working to design, build, and operate complex robots constructed from simple parts, and will showcase their achievement in a public competition and science fair this May.

The Yap Robo League was created by Habele, a volunteer driven, US based nonprofit, with deep ties and cultural fluency across Micronesia, in 2011. Established in 2006 by former Peace Corps Volunteers, Habele is heavily reliant on cash and in-kind donations, as well as gifts of time and talent, from individual American citizens.

In 2017, the Office of Insular Affairs, under the leadership of Douglas W. Domenech, Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, invested in a pilot project to expand the league, growing this hands-on STEM program from two independent high schools to five public and private high schools across Yap State.

"Habele's work is founded on the recognition that publicity, competition, and consequences empower and sustain long term ownership and capacity," explained Scott Leis, a former Peace Corps Volunteer and Habele's CEO.

Ameila Weiss, Director of Habele's STEM Department, provided instruction

for students and school staff this winter at a series of workshops and trainings. Her visit followed extensive community meetings and consultations with local leaders and parents by Habele's senior leadership at the start of the school year. The schools on Yap have also been paired with robotics teams at high schools in the United States, who've provided additional technical support as well generous in-kind donations of robotics parts

Now, Deborah Weiss of the Habele's Special Projects Section is working with Teresa Filepin, Director of Yap State's Department of Education, and the staff of all five participating high schools to plan the day long robotics exhibition in Colonia, scheduled for May 22, 2018. "We are all tremendously excited about the progress made by each team," explained Michael Wiencek, Principal of Yap Catholic High School, one of the original Yap Robo teams, and which fielded the team that represented the Federated States of Micronesia at the First Global international robotics Olympics in Washington, DC last summer.

As the students make progress toward their May 22 goal, incentives and rewards flow in, most recently in the form of 11 boxes of donated robotics parts mailed by the Eagle Engineering robotics team of Chaminade Prep, a Habele partner school in Los Angeles. "Building on our relationship with the students of Yap, and empowering them with more materials to build robots, is tremendously satisfying," said Tommy Smeltzer, coach of Eagle Engineering. "As Habele reminds us time and again, the strength of these remote island lays in their human capital, and for us that is a high yield investment."

## APIC President presents major gift to College of Micronesia-FSM

TOKYO, Japan – The Association for Promotion of International Cooperation has presented a check for \$20,000 to the College of Micronesia-FSM to acquire learning resource materials for the college's Kosrae Campus Learning Resource Center.

"Our financial support will help the College of Micronesia-FSM prepare for its pending application to offer a four-year undergraduate degree in education," said APIC's President, Ambassador Peter Yoshiyasu Sato. "We are pleased to support the college as it celebrates its 25th anniversary."

Ambassador Sato recently led a delegation from Tokyo to Pohnpei, capital of the Federated States of Micronesia, which included Dr. Yoshiaki Terumichi, President of Sophia University in Tokyo; APIC Directors Yoshito Honda and Megumi Araki, who also serves as APIC Secretary general; Chie Kato, Senior Associate Dean at Temple University Japan Campus (TUJ); and, Dr. Alistair Howard, Chief Academic Officer of TUJ.

While on Pohnpei, Dr. Terumichi signed a Basic Agreement regarding Sophia University's Entrance Examination for the Graduate School of Environmental Studies with the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) and APIC to provide people in the Micronesian region with an opportunity to get higher education in the field of environmental studies.

"APIC has played a key role in expanding Sophia University's activities and role in the region," Dr. Terumichi said.

Also during the APIC mission, Dr. Frankie Harriss, acting president of the College of Micronesia-FSM and Dr. Howard of Temple University Japan Campus, signed a Memorandum of Understanding that is expected to lead to an Articulation Agreement between the institutions in the near future. An articulation agreement will allow College of Micronesia-FSM graduates to have their associate degree credits counted toward a bachelor's degree from Temple University Japan Campus.

The APIC delegation also spent time at Xavier High School, a Jesuit

mission school on Weno Island, in Chuuk State. APIC sponsors a special scholarship program for top students from Xavier to study at Sophia University. The four-year-old "full ride" scholarship program currently supports five Xavier High School graduates who now attend the Jesuit university in Tokyo.

The delegation met two Xavier students who will be this year's scholarship recipients, and will be studying at Sophia University in September. Their names will be announced soon.



*Ambassador Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, (right), president of the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation, presents a check for \$20,000 to Dr. Frankie Harriss, left, acting president of the College of Micronesia-FSM.*



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**For Applications please contact**  
**Moses Pretrick:**  
 telephone - 320-8369  
 e-mail: mpretrick@fsmhealth.fm  
**Jim Tobin:**  
 telephone - 320-8914  
 e-mail: fsmnoc@mail.fm

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- Must have completed an Associate's Degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and is currently enrolled college student.
- Must have been accepted for admission into an accredited four-year institution, majoring in Physical Education or Sport Administration.
- Must enroll as a full-time student.

**Application Details and Deadlines**

- The Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick Memorial Scholarship Committee must receive applications containing the following information no later than June 1, 2018 to be considered.
- The Scholarship Application Form, which must be filled-out completely and accurately in the applicant's own handwriting. The complete form consists of:
  - Part I General Information
  - Part II Financial Information
  - Part III Education and Training
  - Part IV Career Objectives Essay
  - Part V Honors/Awards/Community Service
  - Part VI Scholarship Agreement Form
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers, counselors, school administrators, or religious leaders.
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance at the applicable institution of higher education.
- In addition, your school office must send a copy of your school transcript, including cumulative grade point average, directly to the Scholarship Committee. Applications will not be considered complete until the Scholarship Committee receives the Applicant's school transcript.

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The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward an IT DEVELOPER based at the FSM NORMA in Pohnpei, FSM and reporting to the Chief, Division of Statistics, Compliance & Technical Projects. The IT DEVELOPER services include:

**GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**  
 The IT Developer will be focused on the implementation of recommendations presented in the recent NORMA IMS Assessment or any other initiatives for enhancing the current and developing new IMS capabilities. Focus of work will be to ensure a functional system or set of systems at FSM NORMA that effectively support the business/work processes at the Authority. This can include maintenance and support for the existing systems, or new developments of supplementary IMS functionality and data warehouse and business intelligence. Tasks and duties include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- Liaise with external system providers (FFA, SPC, WCPFC, PNAO, etc.) for the purpose of analysing and documenting the systems and data managed by these providers and defining how the systems can be customised and optimised for NORMA's needs;
- Carry out analysis and develop in-house solutions (both hardware and software) for specific business requirements (database applications, document management, etc.) based on the in-house IMS assessment report as appropriate;
- Coordinate and implement the setting up and subsequently maintaining and optimising the use of a SharePoint Online/Office365 IMS environment;
- Develop data extracts from external systems and create custom reports for business users;
- Coordinate and implement the planning, design and implementation of the Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence capability, in any suitable capacity as needed;
- Coordinate and implement any other projects carried out as part of the IMS Program;
- Undertake and/or facilitate development and implementation of trainings for NORMA and relevant staff on systems use.
- Carry out other general IT duties in support of business users, including advice on ICT procurement needs of NORMA
- Other duties as may be assigned by Chief of SCTP Division.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- A Degree in Computer Science with at least 5 years relevant experience; or extensive experience and management expertise in technical or administrative fields; or an equivalent combination

- of relevant experience and/or education/training.
- Good working knowledge of relational databases and SQL language (e.g. MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server or similar);
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