Guam Territorial Band celebrates Liberation Day with Hāfa Adai Pledge and concert series

The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) is proud to announce that the Guam Territorial Band has been an official member of the Hāfa Adai Pledge program on Monday, July 30 at Micronesia Mall. The official ceremony will be conducted by the Governor General of Guam, Lt. Governor lquicillo Blas, Guam’s new Adjutant General, Col. Robert Callahan, and the Guam Territorial Band provides musical service to the island and is a second home for members of many of our Military communities. The band has represented Guam on a number of tours to many countries, and most recently, performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Hāfa Adai Pledge family welcomes new members

The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) welcomed The Bôte Bros, Nava’I W.F. Corporation, and independent business consultant Catherine Bergonzoni to the Hāfa Adai Pledge program. The Bôte Bros’s Queen’s first nutritional food brand that offers Paleo-based meal plans to individuals in establishing a solid nutrition foundation. New V.F. Corporation is a general contractor serving Guam for 4 years. Catherine Bergonzoni is an independent business consultant involved with Guam’s tourism industry and community organizations.

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Tourism helps local arts scene thrive

The Hāfa Adai spirit shines through all events on Guam from drumming to dancing, the tropical scenic wonders of paradise island. Recognizing the talent of local artists, the Guam Visitors Bureau is proud to be a strong supporter at the various cultural venues Tourists of Guam. The largest festival of its kind is the Festival of Pacific Arts. The 2017 edition featured the Guam Micronesia National Park, which has inspired hundreds of local artists and visitors from around the world.

Also this year, GVB became a sponsor of the island’s largest-monthly event Pow Wow Guam. In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Guam’s native culture, the Pow Wow Guam will feature both fine and performing artists and local vendors, including the Guam Pottery Guild, who will display their handcrafted art."During the monthly Pow Wow event, visitors will be able to visit the most popular venues of the island and support local artists. The Pow Wow Guam will also feature a variety of new and returning performers, as well as local vendors, to provide a unique and authentic experience for local residents and visitors alike.

For updates on GVB and Pow Wow Guam, go to facebook.com/gvbgov

LIVING THE HĀFA ADAI PLEDGE

Derek Mandal

When it comes to living the Hāfa Adai Pledge, Tunu is truly on the right track.

The Hāfa Adai spirit guides the 30-year-old Chamorro pageant resident in his work and life. "When the Auli is up, we are happy. When the Auli is down, we are sad. When the Auli is on, we are happy. Auli means happiness. When I was young, I always wanted to be happy. I always wanted to be happy," said Tunu.

Derek is a public relations and creative manager of Run Guam, which provides athletic performance apparel and gear for people and organizations. He is the chief of the organization and believes in promoting the spirit of Guam and the culture of its people. He is the head of the marketing team of Run Guam.

Run Guam is a growing company as it develops its brand and promotes Guam. Derek says, “I think that the company is doing a great job in promoting the spirit of Guam and the culture of its people.”

Guam residents may recognize Derek not only from Run Guam but also from the United Airlines Guam Marathon. Derek was one of the first Guam residents who started running and has helped promote marathons.

The Guam Tourism Authority (GTA) recently said that the Guam Adai Pledge is an integral part of the company’s mission. Derek put it this way: “I think that the Guam Adai Pledge is important to the community.”

Marathoners may continue to make strides as a runner and prominent and a business owner. Derek says, “I think it’s important.”

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