

CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs  
*A Citizen-Centric Report*  
*Fiscal Year 2019*



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**WHO WE ARE**

The CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs under the Office of the Governor maintained operation and support to all Veterans from the CNMI. The office assists those returning home after serving and family members in seeking employment, medical, and health issues in collaboration with the federal VA office. Currently, our office has five personnel. We have collaborated with Rota Mayor's office and has designated one liaison staff to help with Veterans on Rota. We are currently collaborating with Tinian Mayor's office to assign one designated liaison staff to help with Veterans on Tinian. Currently, there are 2 staff certified to assist Veterans with compensation, claims, pension and funeral arrangements.

In 2019, our office laid 4 fallen Veterans and 4 spouse at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi, Saipan, one in Rota and one in Tinian.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING

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### Memorial Day



Memorial Day event arranged by OVA. Wreath, bouquets, candles and flags are provided for Veterans and family. Tinian and Rota event handled respectively by liaison staff.

### Veterans Day



Veterans Day event arranged by OVA. Tinian and Rota event handled respectively by liaison staff.

### Veterans Cemetery – Funeral for Veterans and Family



All arrangements for military funeral honors for Veterans arranged by OVA.

### Town Hall Meeting

Quarterly meeting with Veterans from Saipan and Tinian on quarterly basis. First meeting held in July followed by second meeting in September 2019. Traveled to Tinian for Town Hall meeting.

**Meeting** with DPL, BMV, NMHC,

Issues of homestead, Identification Card, housing were discussed and conveyed to Veterans at Town Hall meeting.

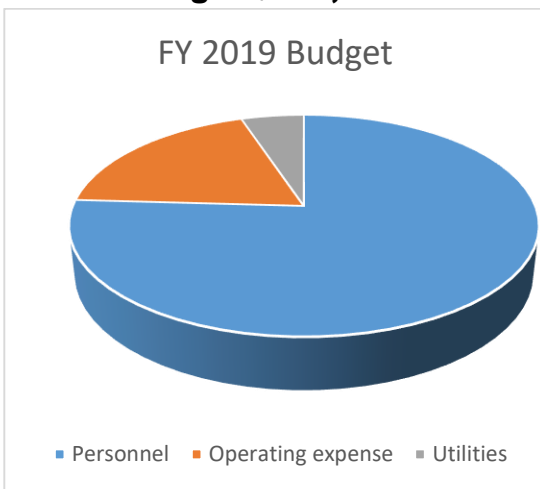
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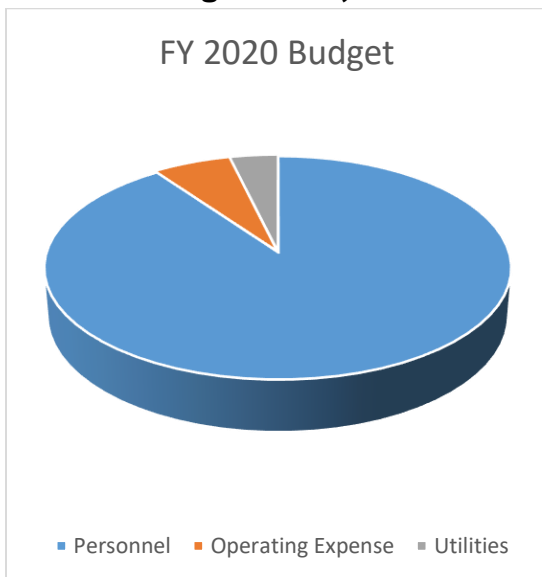
For Fiscal Year 2019, the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs under the Office of the Governor received a total of \$250,734 for its operation. The General Fund is the major source of funding for its personnel and other expenses. \$190,310.00 was appropriated for personnel, \$47,599 for other operating expense and \$12,525 for utilities.

Government leased vehicle, which was leased on February 2017 was returned to Joeten Motors on February 2019 due to damages sustained during the recovery of typhoon Yutu. To assist with cost cutting and austerity measures, Purchase Requests submitted for equipments and other operating expenses were cancelled.

### FY 2019 Budget \$250,734



### FY 2020 Budget \$213,487



# Looking Ahead

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## Goals

Deligently continue Quarterly Town Hall meeting in Saipan, Tinian and Rota to ensure open communication with Veterans and family.

Purchase equipment for Veterans Cemetery to ensure cleanliness and grounds maintenance are followed through according to the VA Cemetery Administration guidelines.

Increase visits from VA Benefit Counselor from quarterly visit to montly visit.

Request VA Benefit Counselor to visit Tinian and Rota for claims, compensation and pension services.

Partner with NMC and NMTI and arrange computer training for Veterans and family.

Partner for Non-profit oranization to sponsor events of interest for Veterans and family.

Arrange with Small Business Administration for training relating to owning own business for Veterans and family

Provide timely and integrated care and support to Veterans and family.

Purchase vehicle to provide transportation to Veterans and family without vehicle.

OVA facility are updated and utilize the latest technology to better serve Veterans.

