



# Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs



## Citizen-Centric Report: FY2022

### ABOUT US

The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs, through its Executive Order mandate, serves as the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Central Clearinghouse of all communication, documents, and information between the Department of Defense (DoD), and its various departments and commands. In furthering its mandate, the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs through Special Assistant to the Governor for Military Affairs serves as the liaison between the DoD and the government of the CNMI and aids, assists, and coordinates the CNMI government in its engagement with the DoD.

The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs is also mandated to establish and maintain the CNMI repository of all military and military-related records; to facilitate military integration into the Community; and to seek to promote economic opportunities and activities through engagement with the DoD creating stronger ties with the CNMI and its residents.

The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs regularly monitors military related matters for the Governor and formulates plans and policies that create a comprehensive approach for coordinating programs and activities that result in an improved relationship between the CNMI and the U.S. Armed Forces.

### WHO WE SERVE

CBMA supports the goals and vision for the entire CNMI population across Saipan (49,220), Tinian (3,136), Rota (2,527), Northern Islands (196) and serves a total population of over 55,000 residents and their desires for cooperation and benefits from military activities on their islands.



BG Jeremy T. Sloane, Commander, 36th Wing of Anderson Air Force Base; Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson, Commander of Joint Region Marianas, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, Admiral John Aquino, INDOPACOM Commander, Major General Mark Hashimoto, Mobilization Assistant to INDOPACOM Commander, Fleet Master Chief James Honea.

### WHO WE ENGAGE WITH

The U.S. Department of Defense Armed Forces (U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army) and various components assigned to the Indo-Pacific Theater), along with the Pentagon, the National Guard and relevant federal agencies and contractors.



In the Marianas, CBMA works in close collaboration with INDOPACOM LNO to the CNMI, Joint Region Marianas (JRM), U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas, 36th Wing Anderson Air Force Base, and Marines Corps Base Camp Blaz.



### GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS:

Government departments, agencies, offices, other entities of the Executive Branch, heads of independent entities, government instrumentalities and government public corporations, the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Mayors of each respective municipality, Office of the Attorney General, and the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

### MISSION

To improve communication, coordination and response of the CNMI government to the United States Military, facilitate the military's integration into the community, and to ensure the relationship between the military and the CNMI is one based on mutual respect and benefit.

### VISION

A strong and mutually beneficial collaboration between the CNMI and the U.S. Department of Defense that recognizes and preserves the cultural values of the people.

### LEADERSHIP

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Governor

**Glenna Sakisat Palacios**  
*Special Assistant for Military Affairs*

### SUPPORT TEAM

**CBMA Central Office**  
Seven (7) Employees

**CBMA Tinian Satellite Office**  
Two (2) Employees

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Delivering toys to Army Reserves for 2021 Toys for Tots



The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs won the float competition in the 2022 Liberation Day celebration.

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# Our Progress



CJMT Technical Working Group Meeting

## CENTRAL CLEARINGHOUSE



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In partnership with the INDOPACIFIC Command and Joint Region Marianas, the Department of Defense Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System continues to enhance the centralization of communication for entry authorization protocol through the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs.

## CRITICAL COORDINATION HIGHLIGHTS

- MITT Programmatic Agreement  
Public engagement on Section 106 Consultation on Saipan, Tinian, Rota with subsequent execution of the 2022 Programmatic Agreement between the CNMI and DDD.
- CNMI-DOD CJMT Technical Working Group
- CNMI-DOD Divert Technical Working Group
- CNMI-DOD Chiget Range UXO Clean-up Technical Working Group
- CNMI-DOD Industry Days
- CNMI-FEMA Industry Days
- Pacific Defense Contracting Summit in Hawaii
- Small Business Administration, Hub Zone: A Valuable Contracting Mechanism for CNMI Businesses
- Saipan and Small Business Development Center and FEMA Region IX Industry Day Event: Staying Competitive in the Local/Federal Market, How to Business with FEMA, Mock Solicitations/Critical Thinking, to name a few



CNMI DoD Divert FSEIS Working Group

## REPOSITORY OF MILITARY RECORDS

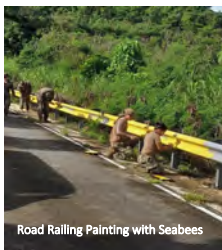
Increased number of resource library with an additional 20,404 accessible records.

## MILITARY INTEGRATION INITIATIVES

- Toys for Tots Drive, in partnership with the Marines Corps Base Camp Blaz and Lady Diann Torres Foundation
- Ball for Musclar Dystrophy engagements between Seasebes and residents
- Military assets Show and Tell event with Tinian Headstart students
- CNMI Mini Games Volleyball Tournament with Koa Moana Unit
- joint collaboration with Tinian leadership, Tinian DPW and Seasebes for community projects (road rail painting, speed bump, pedestrian walkways and vegetation clearance around the island.



COMREL: Headstart, Show and Tell on Tinian



Road Railing Painting with Seasebes

## MILITARY FOOTPRINT

As part of its mandate, CBMA regularly monitors military related matters for the Governor through its Clearinghouse and with active participations on military engagements throughout the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Support Visits		Military Training Exercises	
Military Dignitary / Congressional and Federal Agency – Military	54	Rota	7
Military Aircraft/Military on Commercial	182	Tinian	75
Military Ship	82	Saipan	24
Military Personnel	1,978	Farallon de Mendinilla	99

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

To advance its mandate in the development of economic opportunities for CNMI communities, CBMA works closely with service components' training exercise logistics officers and other DoD contracting officers to connect them to readily available products and services to support projects/programs resources, and in support of training requirements and military personnel life support.

- \$4M Maritime Prepositioning Ships Squadron 3 vessels within the 7th Fleet Area of Operations for food provisions, laundry services, husbanding & agency fees, security services, storage and miscellaneous purchases, etc.
- \$4.781M of resources to support Service Components' Training Exercises in the CNMI
- Provided Procurement Technical Counseling to Local Businesses
- CBMA Client's garnered 38 Federal Contracts, with an aggregate amount of \$74M
- Completion of the CNMI Resilient Sustainable Islands Management Plan.
- Launched Commonwealth Ports Authority Strategic Long Range Inter-modal Study



US Coast Guard Cutter Oliver Henry Guardsmen, in partnership with the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors and the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs, painting CEDA's parking curbs.



One-on-One matchmaking session with industry leaders at the 2022 Pacific Defense Contracting Summit.

## CBMA led numerous round-table discussions and engagement activities between the CNMI government and the Department of Defense with the following notable partnership engagements:

- In partnership with INDOPACOM LNO Captain Kimberly Hofschneider, Protocol Officer Jean Chabanne of Marines Corps Base Camp Blaz and the MARFORPAC Band, the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs won the 2022 Liberation Day Float Competition.
- CBMA secured military support for veterinary services for 240 animals spayed and neutered and 302 animals vaccinated at no cost to Saipan pet owners. CBMA also secured Military support for full medical mission in Fiscal Year 2023, which would include dental, optometry, behavior health, public health education campaign, and veterinary services at no cost to residents of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.
- Serving as the Co-Chair to the CNMI-DOD CJMT Technical Working Group, CBMA takes a lead role in round table discussions with DoD counterparts to address CNMI concerns. The initial proposed CJMT program has been descope with the removal of the island of Pagan altogether from the proposal and in the removal of the proposed bombing activities on Tinian.
- Worked in unison with NAVFACMAR, NAVFAC PAC, USAE, and the Tinian Mayor's Office for the completion of Chiget Mortar Range Non-Time-Critical Removal Action Remediation Project, which is now open to public access.
- DIVERT Technical Working Group comprised of representatives from Pacific Air Force (PACAF) and Joint Region Marianas and CNMI government resource partners to discuss impacts of proposed SEIS technical review and comment submission by Governor Torres for Divert FSEIS and Divert pipeline, along with CNMI Agencies.

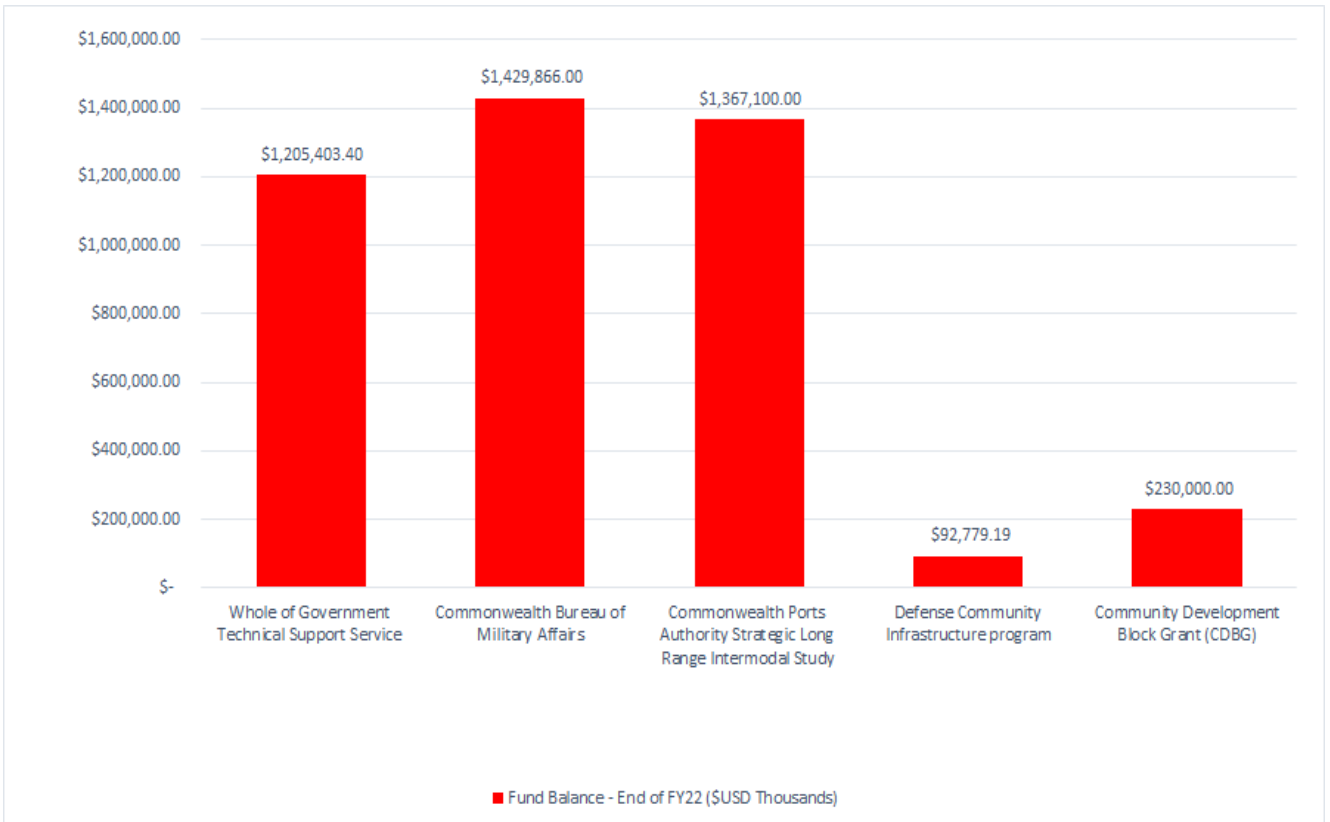


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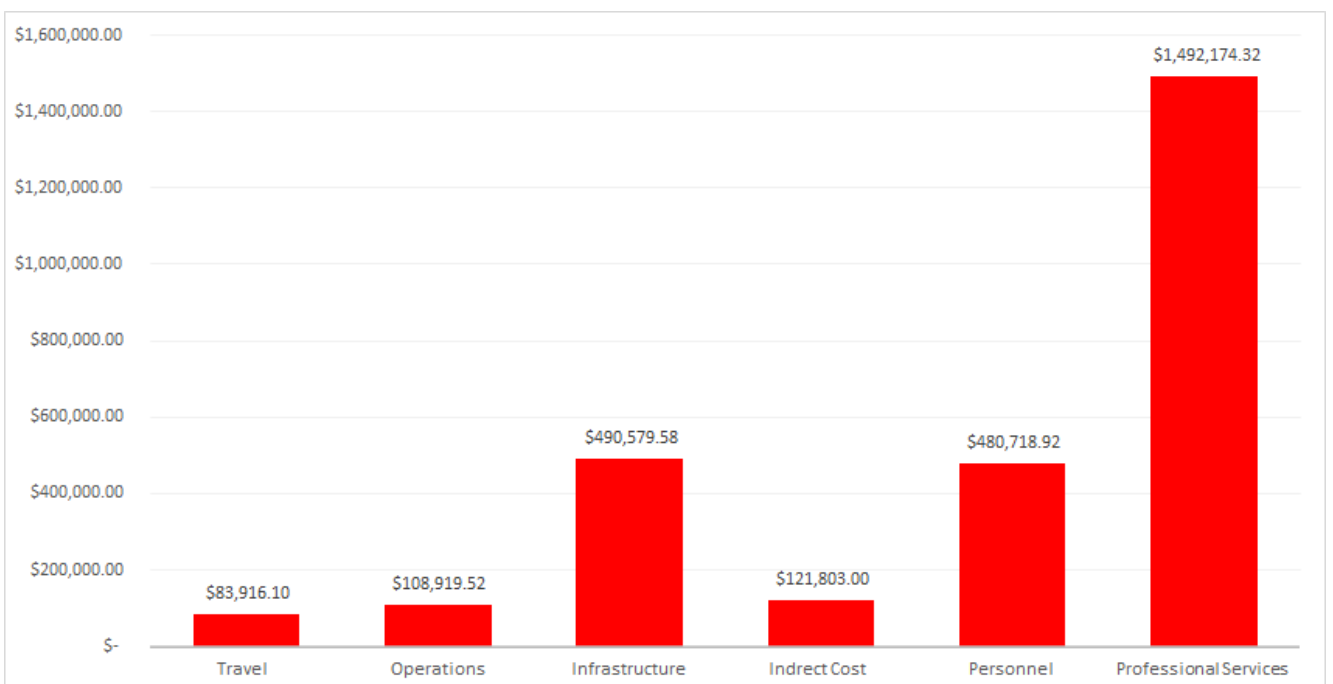
## Our Finances



### GRANT PROJECTS AND REMAINING BALANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022



### EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022



In managing the various programs assigned to CBMA, total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022 amounted to \$2,778,111.44

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# Way Forward

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023

- Launch CNMI's Economic Diversification Study
- Finalize Commonwealth Ports Authority Strategic Long Range Inter-modal Study
- Continue to build stable and lasting relationships with the U.S. Department of Defense and expand the benefits of U.S. Military activities in the region to the economy and residents of the CNMI
- Enhance clients and services to CNMI local businesses to increase clients' access to federal government contracts
- Execution of military support for full medical services to include full medical mission in Fiscal Year 2023, which would include dental, optometry, behavior health, public health education campaign, and veterinary services at no cost to residents of Saipan, Tinian and Rota
- Launch CBMA's Comprehensive Website and Community Engagement Activities

### CHALLENGES

CBMA will continue to seek more opportunities to expand the technical capacity of the CNMI government to adequately assess and respond to the wide-ranging impacts proposed in voluminous Environmental Impact Statements and proposals provided by the U.S. Department of Defense and to seek benefits within the CNMI's partnership with our nation's military.



Navy restores, reopens Chiget Beach for public use on December 22, 2021 on Tinian



Meeting with Pacific Air Force to discuss Lt. General Jacobson's responses to Governor Torres' comments on the Divert Pipeline FSEIS



### RSIMP Key Recommendations:

- Develop Land Fill on Tinian
- Development of Wastewater Treatment System on Tinian
- Increase potable water capacity on Tinian
- Target investment incentives toward the construction of new housing units
- Seek establishment of National Guard Unit in the CNMI
- Build upon the Tinian Healthcare Infrastructure
- Increase domestic workforce participation in DoD activities
- Establish a CNMI Contractors Association
- Continue to develop and cultivate contracting skillset among local businesses for integration of local businesses in defense contracting opportunities
- Target investment incentives to develop a military contracting industry



Throughout the course of the past seven years engaging with DoD Senior Leaders, Governor Leaders, Governor Torres successfully forged a strong partnership with the Department of Defense. With the interest of the people at the forefront of his agenda, he makes certain that the CNMI has a seat at the table in all engagements. #LeadershipInAction



May 20, 2022 Armed Forces Day Proclaimed



IRT Veterinary Services Mission on Saipan

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