



**AGA Guam Chapter
General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Media Room, Sheraton**

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Attendees: 41 AGA Members, 14 JAS Members, 4 Non-Members

1. Meeting called to order at 12:23pm by President Clariza Roque.
2. Approval of Minutes. Tabled.
3. Treasurer's Report. Tabled.
4. Committee Reports.
 - a. Presentation of Award (2017 John M. Phillips Excellence in Government)
 - i. Vincent Duenas along with the Phillips' family presented the award to the Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz for his cumulative achievements as a government professional, that throughout his public career has served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest personal professional standards.
5. Topic: North Korea and Disaster Threat Preparations
Guest Speaker: Mr. George Charfauros, Jr., Guam Department of Homeland Security

Mr. George Charfauros serves as the Homeland Security Advisor for the Guam Department of Homeland Security. As a Guam resident from Merizo, Mr. Charfauros was a Father Duenas Memorial HS graduate and graduated from the University of Guam in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts. He has also served in the U.S. Army Reserve and the National Guard, along with 4 years of active military duty.

Amongst concern over a possible North Korea missile attack against the island, Mr. Charfauros explained to the audience that defense against North Korea is not even listed as one of the Top 3 priorities for the Guam Department of Homeland Security. These priorities would be: drugs, transnational criminal organizations, and cyber security. Currently, he noted that North Korea does not have the capability to accurately strike Guam, due to their re-entry vehicles needing to be properly calibrated.

He explained about the various missiles North Korea currently has to offer: the SRBM (short-range ballistic missile), MRBM (medium-range ballistic missile), and IBRM (intermediate-range ballistic missile). The IBRM has the capability of striking the island; however, with the various U.S. surveillance regarding missile detection, including but not limited to: early warning satellites, Pacific warships with radar ability to detect missile launches, and THAAD (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense), the concern should not be high.

He explained that although we have a 14-minute window to find shelter once the missile has launched, Mr. Charfauros noted that the THAAD located on Andersen Airforce Base should be capable to detect and preventing the missile to strike the island. THAAD is missile system with about 16 missiles per battery (THAAD has multiple batteries) that can be used to locate and strike the missile before landing. He also noted that there were multiple THAADs in the Pacific, including one in South Korea and many in various warships in the sea.

In conclusion, while although the actual threat of North Korea may not be as high as expected, we must always be vigilant in protecting ourselves in the case of the disaster. Guam is currently prepping itself for emergencies of this level, such as implementing a siren alert and cellphone warnings.

6. Raffle Winner
7. Next Meeting: October 25, 2017 at 12pm. Location: Media Room, Sheraton Laguna Beach Resort.
8. Clariza moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:02pm.

Minutes prepared by: /s/ Shannon Bartonico
AGA – Guam Chapter Secretary