

Comrades,

There is really only 1 topic of conversation in my little corner of the world – Supertyphoon Yutu. It felt like Saipan was going to be wiped off the face of the earth for about 45 minutes, as the southern portion of Saipan was in the eye wall of this Cat 5 storm. Winds were a steady 185 mph with gusts up to 220 mph. There is no other way to describe the damage than to say it looks like a nuke blast without the fallout.

The Saipan International Airport is closed to inbound traffic except for people returning home and relief workers. All the NAV aids were damaged, so it is daylight only operations. All six jetways were destroyed, one even breaking in half. The airport is not expected to open until late November or early December. School is suspended indefinitely.

If a building was not made with reinforced concrete, it was destroyed. Some 3,000 homes were pulverized. Power poles are scattered around like toothpicks. The Commonwealth Utilities Commission is saying that 50% of the island will be powered up in 2 months. Full power restoration will take 4 months. Hopefully water will return sooner, as FEMA is providing generators to pump water from our wells.

Fortunately our convention hotel received minimal damage, and we are going full speed ahead with the Convention 2019 plans. The scenery will have changed since the last time you may have been here – most of our trees look like shrubs – but the island hospitality will be on full display. We found a local company that will print the Convention Book, so email me with your camera-ready ads and announcements.

Your recruiting efforts are paying off and our Department looks to be well on our way to another All-American year. The Department received a record Life Member payout in September, another sign that our Life Member Program is working.

I would like to personally thank those Posts, Pup Tents, and individuals who have already made donations to the Disaster Relief Program. For many it will be the only compensation they will receive. Outsiders cannot own land on Saipan, and FEMA will not do a thing for renters. USAA dropped its insurance coverage for members on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor, three years ago. So if your Post can afford it, every little bit helps our Saipan VFW members.

Yours in Comradeship,

Pete Callaghan

| AUDITS SUBMITTED | JUNE '18 | SEP '18 | DEC '18 | MAR '19 | BUDDY POPPIES ORDERED '18-'19 | QM BOND ORDERED 2018-'19 |
|------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9723             | X        |         |         |         | \$116/1,000                   | \$100/\$40,000 Pd F*     |
| District I       | X        |         |         |         | X                             | \$10.50/\$3,000 Pd F*    |
| 1054             | X        | X       |         |         | \$174/1,500                   | \$125/\$50,000 Pd F*     |
| 9555             | X        | X       |         |         | \$58/500                      | \$75/\$30,000 Pd F*      |

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| 9612         | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$65/\$26,000 Pd<br>F*    |
| District II  | X |   |  |  | X           | \$17.50/\$5,000 Pd<br>F*  |
| 8180         | X |   |  |  | \$116/1,000 | \$70/\$28,000 Pd F*       |
| 9985         | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$65/\$26,000 Pd F*       |
| 10033        | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$70/\$28,000 Pd F*       |
| 10223        | X |   |  |  | \$58/500    | \$100/\$40,000 Pd<br>F*   |
| 12147        |   |   |  |  | \$58/500    | \$35/\$10,000 Pd<br>F*    |
| District III | X |   |  |  | X           | \$17.50/\$5,000 Pd<br>F*  |
| 9957         | X |   |  |  | \$58/500    | \$75/\$30,000 Pd<br>F*    |
| District IV  |   |   |  |  | X           | \$52.50/\$15,000 F*       |
| 9876         | X |   |  |  | \$58/500    | \$125/\$50,000 Pd<br>F*   |
| 9951         | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$35/\$10,000 Pd F*       |
| 10217        | X |   |  |  | \$58/500    | \$42/\$12,000 Pd<br>F*    |
| 10249        | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$52.50/\$15,000 Pd<br>F* |
| 11575        | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$17.50/\$5,000 Pd<br>F*  |
| 12074        | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$42/\$12,000 Pd<br>F*    |
| 12146        | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$70/\$28,000 Pd<br>F*    |
| 12163        | X | X |  |  | \$58/500    | \$10.50/\$3,000 Pd<br>F*  |
| District V   | X |   |  |  | X           | \$59.50/\$17,000 Pd<br>F* |

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| 1509                                 |   |   |  |  | \$58/500 | \$175/\$70,000 Pd<br>F*  |
| 2917                                 | X | X |  |  | \$58/500 | \$65/\$26,000 Pd<br>F*   |
| 3457                                 | X | X |  |  | \$58/500 | \$65/\$26,000 Pd<br>F*   |
| District VI                          | X |   |  |  | X        | \$10.50/\$3,000<br>F*    |
| 124                                  | X | X |  |  | \$58/500 | \$49/\$14,000 Pd F*      |
| 2485                                 | X | X |  |  | \$58/500 | \$400/\$160,000 Pd<br>F* |
| 9892                                 | X | X |  |  | \$58/500 | \$42/\$12,000 Pd<br>F*   |
| 11447                                | X | X |  |  | \$58/500 | \$31.50/\$9,000 Pd<br>F* |
| 12130                                | X |   |  |  | \$58/500 | \$17.50/\$5,000 Pd<br>F* |
| District VII                         |   |   |  |  | X        | \$10.50/\$3,000          |
| *F = Bond application form received. |   |   |  |  |          |                          |