



PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

On July 19, we will host a panel featuring John (Juan) Benavente, a local CHamoru/Chamorro veteran who served in Vietnam, and Dr. Yén Lê Espiritu, a Vietnamese refugee who was processed in Guam during Operation New Life in 1975. Dr. Evyn Lê Espiritu Gandhi, who helped to design the exhibit based on her research, will moderate the event. Mr. Benavente will discuss his experiences as a survivor of World War II and a career soldier who served in Vietnam. He will also discuss his experience taking a class on Vietnamese history at the University of Guam later in life and drawing connections with Guam's own decolonization movement today. Dr. Espiritu will discuss her memories of leaving Vietnam in 1975 when she was twelve-years-old, being processed in Guam, resettling in California, and going on to become a professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, San Diego. She has also written about Guam in her book, *Body Counts: The Vietnam War and Militarized Refuge(es)*.

DATE: Tuesday, July 19, 2022
TIME: 6:00pm
LOCATION: In Person – Center Court, Tumon Sands Plaza
Online - https://youtu.be/eGmWA3F_Sk



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(Note: The exhibit space hours will be extended on July 19 for program attendees)

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