



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

2001 AlumKnight Randy Johnson is Wounded Warrior Fellow

by Mackenzie Perez for Saipan Tribune



2001 Mount Carmel School AlumKnight and Marine Corps veteran Randy Takai Johnson has been selected for the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program and will be staying in Washington, D.C. for a week to kick off his two-year fellowship, working with the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

The Wounded Warrior Program was established to create employment opportunities for veterans within the House of Representatives. This two-year fellowship provides veterans with experience and exposure to other job opportunities.

According to the program, the applicant must have been on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, and has a 30 percent or greater service connected disability rating with less than 20 years of service. If the selected fellowship is located within a representative's district, the appointment is contingent on the continuous representation in the U.S. House.

According to Johnson, he was chosen after a competitive interview process for the position.

Johnson graduated from Mount Carmel School in 2001 and was enlisted in the Marines in May 2003. He

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MCS Film an Award Finalist for Film Festival



Left: Javon Gersonde as Francisco in the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of "We Drank Our Tears: Francisco Babauta's Story" Right: Keisuke "Kei" Yoshida as Hirokazu in "We Drank Our Tears: Francisco Babauta's Story"

A recent short film, "We Drank Our Tears: Francisco Babauta's Story", from Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club is one of three finalists for the Made in the Marianas Award at the 7th Annual Guam International Film Festival (GIFF).

The film is adapted from "We Drank Our Tears", a 2004 oral history of the civilian experience of World War II battles on Saipan and Tinian, published by Pacific STAR Young Writers Foundation. In 1944, some of the final battles of World War II were waged on the Pacific islands of Saipan and Tinian. 933 indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch civilians did not survive the battles. The short film chronicles one of those stories.

The film's writer, editor, and director is school president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, who is very happy with the film. He said, "We were just hoping it would get accepted as a submission into the festival, but we never thought it would be up for a major award like this."

In his notification message to Deleon Guerrero, GIFF Program Director Kel Muña wrote, "Our program committee is thrilled to include 'We Drank Our Tears' into the Festival's programming lineup and in addition, felt that it is deserving of the nomination for this special award."

Deleon Guerrero attributed the film's success to the cast and crew, noting, "We had a great group of collaborators who brought so much talent, passion, and commitment to the production."

The film's cast and crew included a wide range of talent from across the island. The film was produced by Deleon Guerrero, 2005 AlumKnight Rob Travilla and his company TRIBE Marianas, Frankie Eliptico and the Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities. The cast features Javon Gersonde as Francisco, Kelvin Cepeda as Francisco's father, Keona Camacho as Francisco's mother, and Keisuke "Kei" Yoshida as Hirokazu, a Japanese soldier that interacts with Francisco and his family. The cast also includes Michitaka "Michi" Yoshida and Randy Johnson as Japanese soldiers and Elphidia "Peding" Cepeda Sanchez and Derek Gersonde as older versions of their respective characters in the film.

The film's crew included Zeno Deleon Guerrero as production manager, Markel Toves as first assistant director, Aysia Duenas Santos as assistant production manager, Raynard Travilla as director of photography, and Victoria Deleon Guerrero as production designer. Miguel Dandan, Angelo Manese, and Joshua

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Announcements

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Mount Carmel School will be collecting small change throughout next week and dedicate next Friday's mass collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts. To make a contribution, you can give small change to your child's homeroom teacher, or prepare a contribution to be placed in the collection basket at Friday's mass.

2016-2017 Yearbooks

Yearbooks for last school year are now available. With limited quantities, don't miss this chance to relive the memories from last year as you build new ones this year. \$50 per yearbook, available in the Business Office.

Cross Country

Can you run? Can you run far? Then run as part of Mount Carmel School's Cross Country Team. Here are the dates for the season: Sat. 9/23 at 4:00 pm at airport field; Sat. 10/7 at 4:00 pm at airport field; Fri-Sat 10/10-10/21, Asia Pacific Invitational in Guam; Sat. 10/28 at 4:00 pm at airport field; and Finals on Sat. 11/11 at 7:00 am at Lau Lau Golf Resort. Age groups are 7 Under boys/girls, 9 U boys/girls, 11 U boys/girls, 13 U boys/girls, 15 U boys/girls, and 18u boys/girls. To sign or up for more information, see Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Blanco, or Mr. G.

Knights Herald

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ESLR of the Week

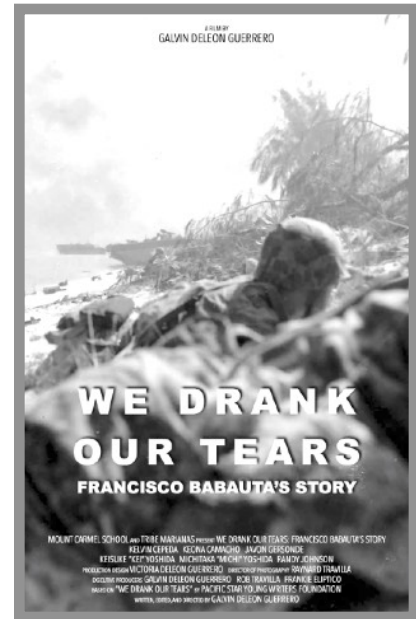
#6. Develop continually as an independent lifelong learner.

Film

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Sablan operated the cameras, Willam Deleon Guerrero operated the boom microphone, and Velma Deleon Guerrero and Michelle Masga assist in production design.

"We Drank Our Tears: Francisco Babauta's Story" will have its world premiere at the GIFF, which will be held from September 27 to October 1 at the Guam Museum. Launched in 2011 as the first and only U. S. film festival in the western Pacific, GIFFI presents an international cinema event exhibiting a dynamic source of cross-cultural artistic presence, bridging gaps among the U.S., Asia and the Pacific's multi-cultural population and region. To purchase tickets or for more information about the festival, visit the festival's site at guamfestival.org.



In the Future

Sophomore Game Night

TONIGHT, 5:30–9:30 pm

Junior School Clean-Up

TOMORROW,
Saturday, September 16

Freshman Cupcake Gram Cheer Squad Bake Sale

Monday, September 18

Knights of the Alter Hot Lunch Senior Fried Oreo Stand

Thursday, September 21

NSDA/NJSDA Debate Meet

Friday, September 22

NSDA/NJSDA Meet

Saturday, September 23

Junior Hot Lunch

Saturday, September 23

MCS Cultural Diversity Day

Friday, October 6

CNMI Cultural Diversity Day

Monday, October 9 (no classes)

Johnson

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served for four years and did two tours in Iraq as a combat engineer, bomb detector, and also joined in different combat operations. Johnson is also a recipient of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He finished his bachelor's degree in Information Technology in 2014, returned home to the Marianas and is now working for the American Red Cross NMI Chapter.

PTO Corner

Schedule of Meetings

October 4
Parent Representatives Meeting
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 8
Election of Officers
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 14
Turkey Trot

All parents are encouraged and welcome to join us for these important meetings. For more information, contact PTO President, Luis Camacho, at 287-9753.