



CRC Organizational Overview - *CHamoru Roots Collective (CRC)*

Mission Statement

CHamoru Roots Collective (CRC) is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and sharing CHamoru culture, language, traditions, and heritage within the military and local community through education, cultural engagement, volunteerism, and community service.

About CRC

CHamoru Roots Collective is a recognized Private Organization at USAG Humphreys. CRC serves as a cultural resource for military families, service members, civilians, and community members interested in learning about CHamoru history, language, traditions, and values.

What is CHamoru?

The CHamoru people are Indigenous to Guam and Northern Mariana Islands, both U.S. Territories with a resilient Austronesian culture that dates back about 4,000 years.

Did you Know?

The CHamoru people hold one of the highest rates per capita of any ethnic group across all military branches since the Vietnam War. Historically, the Mariana Islands see enlistment rates that significantly exceed those of most U.S. states.

1. Organizational Structure

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Logistics Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Communications Liaison

2. Current Operations & Systems

- VMIS registration/volunteer participation
- Volunteer requirements and onboarding
- NDA/DD2793/training
- Communication and coordination processes
- Event planning and delegation structure

3. Programs and Activities

- CHamoru language education
- Cultural information and outreach tables
- Traditional CHamoru dance instruction and performances
- Cultural workshops and presentations
- Community volunteer service projects
- Fundraisers supporting cultural and community initiatives

- Family and community cultural events
- Partnerships with military and community organizations

4. Organizational Progress

- Establishment of CRC
- Leadership Team
- Volunteer Registration & Participation
- Development of CRC branding, operations, and fundraising plans
- CRC Online Hub workspace

5. Community Impact

CRC promotes cultural awareness, strengthens community connections, supports volunteerism, and provides opportunities for service members and families to engage with CHamoru heritage.

June 6, 2026 CRC Team organized and hosted CHamoru Games Day, bringing together community members through traditional games, cultural activities, and friendly competition. The event promoted CHamoru culture, strengthened community connections, and provided an engaging opportunity for participants of all ages to learn & interact with CHamoru heritage.

June 10, 2026 CRC Team supported the KATUSA Friendship week Volleyball Tournament by distributing 90+ bottles of water and 70+ snacks to participants and spectators, contributing to Soldier morale and community engagement.

June 14, 2026 CRC hosted a Father's Day BBQ to bring families and community members together in celebration of fathers and father figures, promoting fellowship, appreciation, and community connection in a welcoming and family-friendly environment.

June 15, 2026 CRC Team hosted Kāfe yan Kombetsa, creating a welcoming space for community members to gather over coffee, conversation, and connection. The event encouraged fellowship, strengthened relationships within the community, and provided an opportunity for individuals to come together in a relaxed and inclusive setting.

July 18, 2026 CRC Team organized and participated in a Guam Liberation celebration, bringing community members together to honor and celebrate Guam's history, culture, and heritage. The event featured CHamoru cultural activities and performances, fostering cultural pride, community connection, and an opportunity to share CHamoru traditions with others.

September 5, 2026 CRC Team organized a community food and essential item donation drive in support of the Warrior Food Pantry, encouraging community members to purchase and donate much needed items for individuals and families facing food insecurity. The initiative promoted volunteerism, community support, and collective action while helping strengthen resources available to the military community.

6. Volunteer Engagement

CRC maintains volunteer opportunities that allow participants to contribute to cultural preservation, educational outreach, community events, and service projects while receiving recognition for their volunteer service. Since establishment, CRC contributed a collective **100+ hours of service** to our community.

7. Program Initiatives

- Taotao CHamoru serves as CRC's cultural performance group, providing opportunities for community members to participate in and share CHamoru culture through traditional and contemporary dance, music, and performance. Through appearances at community events and cultural gatherings, Taotao CHamoru promotes cultural preservation, pride, education, and connection within the broader community.
- CRC's Youth Ambassador Program empowers young community members to become cultural representatives and future leaders by promoting CHamoru culture, participating in community activities, and developing leadership, communication, and service skills.
- CRC's CHamoru Language Program provides opportunities for community members to learn and engage with the CHamoru language, helping promote cultural preservation, education, and a deeper connection to CHamoru heritage.

8. Current Organizational Needs

As CRC continues to grow, the organization is seeking to meet the following:

- Expanding volunteer participation
- Building sustainable fundraising
- Pursuing grants and sponsorships
- Storage of organizational supplies
- Educational materials

We are finding an increasing need for a consistent location to support our organization.

9. Vision

To build a thriving cultural organization that preserves CHamoru heritage, strengthens community connections, and serves as a lasting resource for military families and the broader community.

10. CRC Gallery



CRC Information table, CHamoru Games Day and water/snack distribution at KATUSA Friendship Week Volleyball Tournament



CRC Father's Day BBQ and Guam Liberation Celebration- Taotao CHamoru performance

11. Compliance Statement

CRC recognizes current DoD guidance regarding the use of official resources for cultural awareness month observances (CHamoru culture does NOT have an observed holiday and/or month) and does not rely on official government sponsorship, duty time participation requirements, or government directed attendance for its activities. Participation in CRC programs is voluntary and open to interested community members in accordance with installation policies and approval requirements.

12. Summary

CHamoru Roots Collective (CRC) serves as a valuable and inclusive community resource for service members, families, civilians, and local residents at USAG Humphreys. Through cultural education, volunteer service, community outreach, and family focused programming, CRC helps strengthen community connections and enhance the quality of life for those living and serving within the garrison.

Since its establishment, CRC has engaged hundreds of community members through cultural education, youth programming, community service, cultural performances, and family centered events.