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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement after the Legislature's Confirmation of Colonel Karin L. Watson as The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard and Director of the Department of Military Affairs:

"I want to congratulate our new Adjutant General on her Confirmation and extend my gratitude to TAG Watson and her family for accepting the Governor's call to serve our island and nation in this role.

Through her required Legislative Confirmation Hearing, Adjutant General Watson received overwhelming support from this island community-her family, friends, and active and retired members of the U.S. Military to include former Adjutant Generals. The individuals described witnessing TAG Watson's character, grit, and determination as an immigrant to the United States, member of the University of Guam's Reserve Officer Training Corps, and record of decorated leadership across key management and command assignments.

The more than 1,200 members of the Guam National Guard and their families are counting on our new Adjutant General to carefully navigate this important organization moving forward, especially at a time of rising military tensions in the Indo-Pacific. My office stands ready to assist Adjutant General Watson as she and her leadership team consider policy proposals that will help strengthen Guam's support for our soldiers and airmen."

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