

ROTUMA COMBINED FORCES SERVICE MEMBERS USA

LETTER OF APPRICIATION

TO THE SEVEN STARS OF ROTUMA ASSOCIATION

RCFSM.#001-01

Dated. 11 May 2013

The President, Board of Directors, Members, Families and Friends. On behalf of Cpt.Murphy and myself, SFC Osotonu, and the Rotuma Combined Forces Service Members, we would like to thank each and every one of you. Thank you for the invitation, thank you for accepting us for what we are. Its an honor and a great pleasure for us to be here today to celebrate and witness the 132nd anniversary of the cession of our beautiful Rotuma to Great Britain on the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen eighty one, As you may know the saying about being a soldier, (meaning serving in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or other sections in the Department of Defense), it will make you handsome, beautiful, weird, or sometimes never to return home, just for the sake of freedom and everything in it. But most of all, we thank you for your prayers for the sons and daughters of Rotuma who have served, are still serving, or are about to serve in the arm forces of United States of America or other countries in the world to protect our freedom and our interests. Thank you.

A special thank you to the founders of the association and those who support it. Thank you for the thoughts, your will and dedication, not only in remembrance of our forefathers, but in your efforts pass on our culture and our customs to our children, so that they will know their roots and be proud of who they are—for they are the Rotuma of Tomorrow (ne ROTUMA 'E KA MOU SE IRISA)—and for us to learn and educate ourselves in lands far away from home. Ka te 'i la po kikia 'e Hugag'esea, Haifauakiga, Haiefakiga, Haihanisiga. Noa'ia.

Thank you for a job well done; let's take our Identity away from the shade to the Light and let it Shine. Noa'ia te' ne gagaj tutu atakoa ne 'is po ma teag; esea 'e 'i, noa'ia 'e garue lelei ma sap la mou sin. Ms President, The Assocviation, Families, Friends and everyone here today we, the ROTUMA COMBINED FORCES SERVICE MEMBERS salute you.. God Bless and thank you.....

Signed.....

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