

**TITLE 1:
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

§ 436. Rota: Public Parks, Fields and Other Facilities.

(a) The baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota is hereby named “Joaquin Mesngon Ogo Baseball Field.”

(b) The Rota Veteran Memorial Park is hereby renamed “the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veteran Memorial Park.”

Source: Local Law (Rota) 16-2; PL 16-16, § 2; (b) added by PL 16-40.

Commission Comment: Rota Local Law 16-2, effective June 22, 2008, named the Sinapalo baseball field in Rota the “Joaquin Mesngon Ogo Baseball Field.” Public Law 16-16, effective September 9, 2008, likewise named the field. PL 16-16 contained the following findings and purpose and dedication provisions in addition to severability and savings clauses:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota was developed through the joint effort and contribution, both in-kind and monetary, from government and private sectors of Rota as well as from the community. The Legislature further finds it fitting that this baseball field be named after a citizen of Rota whose service and generous contributions to the island of Rota are immeasurable.

Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo was born on November 18, 1929, on the island of Rota to the late Juan B. and Maria M. Ogo. Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo is married to Julita M. Ogo and are blessed with ten wonderful children: Pio, Agnes, Patrick, Lucas, Natividad, Maria, Joseph, Joaquin, David (deceased), and Abraham. Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo began his government service from 1965 to 1966 when he worked for A culture. From 1972 to 1984, Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo served the community of Rota as a bus driver. It was also during the period from 1965 to 1975, when Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo contributed his time and assistance to the community by volunteering as a baseball umpire. From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo began working for the Honorable Benjamin T. Manglona during his tenure as a Senator and Lieutenant Governor, where he provided various assistance and services to the people of Rota. In 1992, Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo retired from government service.

The Rota Legislative Delegation has recognized Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo for his outstanding citizenship and contributions to the people of Rota through Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 16-02 and proposed to name the baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota, in his honor through Senate Local Bill 16-02. Although Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo has been recognized on the municipal level, the Legislature deems it appropriate that his efforts be recognized Commonwealth-wide. The Legislature, therefore finds it fitting that the baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota, be named after Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo in recognition of his contributions to the people of Rota.

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Section 3. Dedication. The Mayor of Rota shall prepare a plan of dedication within thirty days from the effective date of this act.

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Public Law 16-40 took effect May 12, 2009. PL 16-40 contained severability and savings clause provisions and the following:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the Rota Veterans Memorial Park was created in honor of Rota's veterans to the United States of America Armed Forces. The Legislature further finds that the Rota Legislative Delegation passed Rota Legislative Delegation Commemorative Resolution No. 15-3, honoring "the late Specialist Joe Gougue Charfauros Jr. for making the courageous and ultimate sacrifice in our nation's struggle to bring peace and freedom to the people of Iraq." The Legislature finds that the intent of this resolution was to "recognize and commend the late Specialist Joe Gougue Charfauros Jr.'s courage and valor (so) that (he) shall be forever remembered by the very grateful people of the Island of Rota and of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands." Therefore, the Legislature finds that the park shall remain in honor of all Rota's military veterans, however, Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr.'s name shall be adjoined to the park's title in honor of his ultimate sacrifice for our country. Thus, it is the purpose of this Act to honor Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. by renaming the Rota Veteran Memorial Park to "the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veteran Memorial Park."

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Section 3. Administering Authority. The Division of Parks and Recreation under the authority of the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall commission and provide for signage, consistent with Section 2 of this act, to be affixed permanently in a prominent location at the Rota Veteran Memorial park so that it can be seen, without obstruction, from a distance of no less than 100 feet away. The signage shall be in place as prescribed herein within 60 days after the effective date of this act.