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## Lemanu-Talauega Administration Prepares for Swains Flag Day



The American Samoa Government deployed a thirty three man team led by Representative Su'a Alex Eli Jennings, on a two hundred-mile journey to the Swains Island. The team departed the service wharf in Fagatogo after careful review of the manifest and safety briefings from the Department of Port Administration Acting Director Tumua Matu'u and her staff.

The Team consists of 6 members from the Department of Health including Dr. Ronald Yip, 3 members from the American Samoa Telecommunication (ASTCA) who will be on the island to set-up a Command post and communication center for the advance party. A three man-team from the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA), who's main objective is to power the facilities extracted to be utilized during the assignment, and an 8 man-team from the Department of Public Works to assist with the clearing of the designated location during the assignment. The

team is being transported by the *Manu'atele* and a 14 man-crew from the Department of Port Administration.

Swains Island, also known as Olohenga, is a small atoll calculated to be 373 acres, and is considered part of American Samoa. The Island is geologically of the Tokelau Volcanic Island Group, but is owned by the Jennings family and administered by the United States of America. The Island is located approximately 200 miles north of American Samoa and part of the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa, which is protected by both territorial and federal laws.

The Advance party will be joined by Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga and his party of expeditioners in Swains Island, departing American Samoa on the 11th of May, 2023.

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