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## **Governor Lemanu's Departure to US VI Meeting**

The Honorable Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga departed last night, October 16, 2023 to attend the United States Coral Reef Task Force meeting scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The task force is composed of representatives from thirteen federal agencies, seven US states and territories, as well as three Freely Associated States and commonwealths. This gathering serves to reinforce collaborative efforts towards coral reef conservation.

The meeting provides an important opportunity for stakeholders to come together and discuss key issues pertaining to the preservation of these invaluable ecosystems. Of particular interest is the upcoming public meeting set for Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> which aims to engage community members in shaping strategies that can effectively address challenges faced by coral reefs.

During his journey to and from the Virgin Islands, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga will have the meaningful opportunity to connect with military service members and their families stationed in both Hawaii and Tampa, Florida. The Governor fervently stresses the utmost significance of fully supporting and acknowledging the unwavering commitment and sacrifices made by our valiant servicemen and women.

Last night, the Governor was accompanied by an entourage including Commander Alapati Fano and Secretary Seuta'atia Sally Faumuina.

Link for reference:

<https://dpr.vi.gov/uscrf23/>

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