

PALAU

ON JANUARY 28, JARVIS ARRIVED IN THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF ITS FOURTH CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU IS THE SMALLEST OF THE FOUR POLITICAL UNITS TO EMERGE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND LIES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE NEAR THE EQUATOR. JARVIS' STAY IN PALAU LASTED ONLY FOUR DAYS BUT WAS MARKED WITH MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WORKING WITH THE LOCAL CIVIC ACTION TEAM, JARVIS UNDERTOOK SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDED: PAINTING THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDINGS, DIGGING POST HOLES AND POURING CONCRETE FOR A LOCAL RECREATION PARK AND EXCAVATING THE GROUNDS OF THE GIANT CLAM FARM.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FOUR DAYS WAS THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION. THE ENTIRE CREW WAS TREATED TO A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE GALA EVENT IN PALAU'S BASEBALL STADIUM. THE LOCAL FOOD WAS EXCELLENT AND EVERYONE ENJOYED THE TRADITIONAL DANCING AND SINGING.

