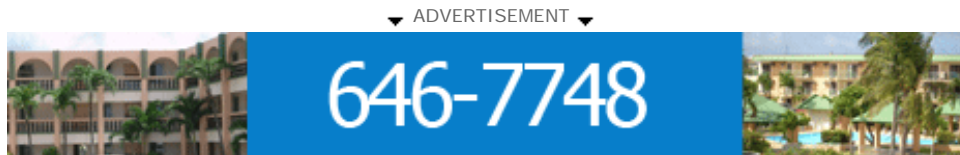




- » Home
- » News
- Local News
- Archive Search
- Lifestyle
- Islandstyle
- Local Sports
- High School Sports
- Obituaries
- Police Blotter
- Opinion
- Video
- Nation/World
- USA Today Travel
- Technology
- Weather
- Photo Galleries
- » Blogs
- » Forums
- » Entertainment
- » RSS Feeds
- » Communities
- » Directories
- » Customer Service

**Email
Newsletter**



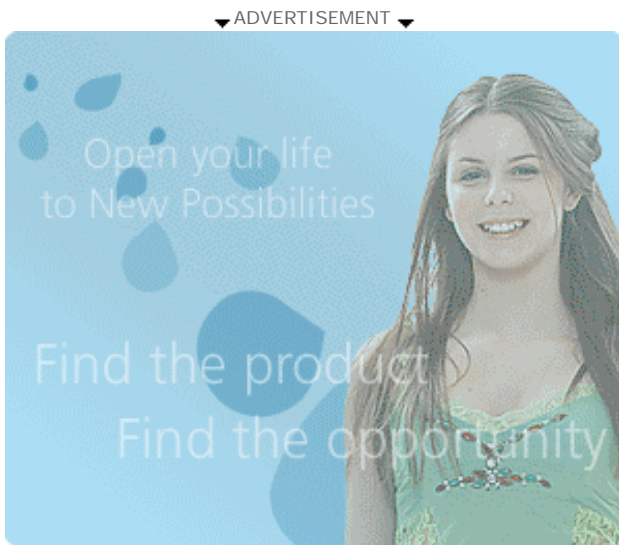
THE GUAM BUILDUP TIME LINE

Construction begins 2010 Projects to begin ahead of Marine relocation

By Gaynor Dumat-ol Daleno
Pacific Daily News
gdumat-ol@guampdn.com

Guam: Mark three years from now, or July 2010, on your calendar.

That's the estimated start of the multibillion-dollar construction for Guam to host the 8,000 Marines and their 9,000 dependents who are part of the III Marine Expeditionary Force, according to a Defense Department time line.



At its peak the buildup will bring \$3 billion a year in construction activity to Guam, more than three times the historical capacity for Guam's construction industry, according to the Defense Department.

The Expeditionary Force is expected to start leaving Okinawa for Guam in 2012, according to the time line, which Defense Department representatives presented to the Society of American Military Engineers on May



Zoom Photo

3.

▼ADVERTISEMENT ▼



▼ADVERTISEMENT ▼



By 2014, the Marines' relocation to Guam is expected to be complete, according to the time line.

The Expeditionary Force is relocating as part of a broader Japan-U.S. agreement to consolidate U.S. military presence in Japan, return some of the U.S. military-occupied land to the Japanese, and strengthen the United States' military posture in the Asia-Pacific region, according to Assistant Secretary of the Navy B.J. Penn.

The Guam buildup looms as a task force sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations reports that "China has the greatest potential to compete militarily with the United States."

"No relationship will be as important to the 21st Century as the one between the United States, the world's great power, and China, the world's rising power," according to the Council's President Richard Haass, in a foreword to the April 2007 report.

While the task force recommends that the U.S. try to "deepen U.S.-China cooperation," it adds that the United States "should be clear that any aggressive behavior on China's part would be met with strong opposition."

The buildup on Guam

The Navy assistant secretary's May 20 testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives' Readiness Subcommittee states the relocation of the III Marine Expeditionary Force personnel is part of the broader realignment of U.S. military troops that "will ... deter potential aggressors."

The subcommittee is under the House Armed Services Committee.

"The United States is upgrading forward-deployed naval and air forces in the Pacific theater -- especially on Guam -- and will, for the first time base a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in Japan," according to the Council on Foreign Relations-sponsored task force.

The U.S. military's Guam buildup will also have the effect of "reinvigorating Guam's economy through economic stimulus, infrastructure improvements, and external investments," Penn said.

Cost sharing

The relocation of the Marines alone is expected to cost \$10 billion, of which \$6.09 billion will be Japan's share of the cost, according to Penn.

Last week, Japan's Parliament approved funding for Japan's share of the relocation.

File downloads:

- Download the << February 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review Report >> by clicking here.
- Download the Defense Department's << 'Guam Military Buildup Program' presented May 3 to the Society of American Military Engineers >> by clicking here.
- Download the << March 2007 statement of B.J. Penn to the Readiness Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee >> by clicking here.
- Download the << 'Annual Report to Congress: Military Power of the People's Republic of China, 2007' >> by clicking here.
- Download the << April 2007 Council on Foreign Relations 'U.S. China Relations: An Affirmative Agenda, Responsible Course' >> by clicking here.
- Download the May 2006 State Department << Media Note United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation >> by clicking here.
- Download the March 2007 Federal Register << Notice of Intent To Prepare An Environmental Impact Statement >> by clicking here.

TO THE POINT

- The multibillion-dollar construction for the 8,000 members of the U.S. Marines to relocate to Guam along with their 9,000 dependents is expected to start in three years, according to the Department of Defense, in a time line presentation to the Society of American Military Engineers earlier this month.

GUAM MILITARY BUILDUP DOWNLOADS

Here are documents related to the Guam military buildup, the Marine relocation from Okinawa to Guam and the realignment of U.S. forces in the Pacific.

GUAM BUILDUP TIME LINE, PRESENTATION

Download the Defense Department's 'Guam Military Buildup Program' presented May 3 to the Society of American Military Engineers by clicking on the following link:
<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074817529.PDF>

BJ PENN STATEMENT

Download the March 2007 statement of B.J. Penn to the Readiness Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee by clicking on the following link:
<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074868529.PDF>

2007 CHINA MILITARY POWER REPORT

Download the "Annual Report to Congress: Military Power of the People's Republic of China, 2007" by clicking on the following link:
<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074869529.PDF>

TASK FORCE REPORT ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Download the April 2007 Council on Foreign Relations "U.S. China Relations: An Affirmative Agenda, Responsible Course" by clicking

That milestone is weeks ahead of the Defense Department time line's June 2007 goal for receiving the Japanese lawmakers' approval.

In addition to the \$10 billion cost of relocating Marines, the Navy and the Air Force also have projected about \$5 billion worth of projects on Guam over the 10-year period, according to Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo's office.

The Navy, for example, is planning on a \$101.8 million extension to Guam's Kilo Wharf to support a new class of combat logistics force ships that will provide replenishment to Navy ships at sea, according to Penn.

The new ships are expected to arrive in about two years.

\$3 billion a year in Guam projects

The Defense Department's projection of \$3 billion a year in Guam projects to meet the goal of complete relocation by 2014 is expected to drive the local economy to heights it has never seen before. The local economy's size was estimated a few years ago at close to \$4 billion a year.

With that magnitude of military construction projects, the Pentagon presentation also lists challenges such as:

- Guam's capability to host construction projects at a magnitude of \$3 billion a year.
- Guam's infrastructure
- Labor

The military has estimated the Guam buildup projects would require about 12,000 to 15,000 additional construction workers.

Foreign workers will be allowed on military base projects on island, according to the Defense Department.

A big part of the concern for the Guam infrastructure readiness, some members of the local private sector have said, is the years that it has taken for the Port Authority of Guam to buy a new, more reliable gantry crane.

The port agency does have a used gantry crane, but shipping industry representatives have been saying that crane could break down at any time because it's more than 20 years old. They've voiced concern of the potential backlog of supplies at the port when its used gantry crane breaks down.

on the following link:

<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074870529.PDF>

NOTICE OF INTENT - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Download the March 2007 Federal Register Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074873529.PDF>

2006 U.S.-JAPAN ROADMAP FOR REALIGNMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Download the May 2006 State Department Media Note United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.guampdn.com/assets/pdf/M074871529.PDF>

The following is the Defense Department's time line for the Guam military buildup:

2006

- **May 2006:** United States-Japan agreement signed ***DONE***
- **July 2006:** U.S. Pacific Command's Guam Integrated Military Development Plan released ***DONE***
- **August 2006:** Defense Department Joint Guam Program Office memo ***DONE***

2007

- **January 2007:** Service requirements received ***DONE***
- **March 2007:** National Environmental Policy Act Notice of Intent published ***DONE***
- **April 2007:** National Environmental Policy Act scoping meetings ***DONE***
- **June 2007:** Japan Diet approves funding (the Parliament approved funding this month) ***DONE***

2008

- **July 2008:** Guam Joint Military Master Plan completed

2009

- **January 2009:** National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Study completed

Port chokepoint

The plan to purchase a new gantry crane has resurfaced recently as a public discussion after the local government last week canceled the bid process for the purchase of the new crane, the second such cancellation in a year.

The local port agency's management has stated that the bidder was not responsive to the requests for information on specifications; the bidder's representative has shown in documents it has twice offered to send engineers to meet with the port for technical talks.

The bidder, Far East Equipment Co., represents Shanghai-based Zhenhua Port Machinery, or ZPMC, a world leader in manufacturing of container terminal cranes, capturing about 70 percent of its market.

U.S. Department of Defense

STORYCHAT  [Post a Comment](#) [View All Comments](#)

Comments by: **petanecona** Posted: Wed May 30, 2007 2:10 am

Stop. You're going to confuse him.

Comments by: **ATARI** Posted: Wed May 30, 2007 12:30 am

Hold on a bit now, how is the federal government at fault? It's a local port not a government port. Do you actually think the federal government funds local ports in the mainland? If so your wrong.

Comments by: **Basta_Gachong** Posted: Tue May 29, 2007 10:18 pm

right on zori, one of the few post that mak sense. the whole port mess is the fault of the federal government. if they cared enough, they would fund us!

Comments by: **zori** Posted: Tue May 29, 2007 4:21 pm

- **February 2009:** Construction program submitted

2010

- **January 2010:** National Environmental Policy Act Record of Decision signed

- **July 2010:** Guam construction begins

2012

- **2012:** III Marine Expeditionary Force relocation to Guam begins

2014

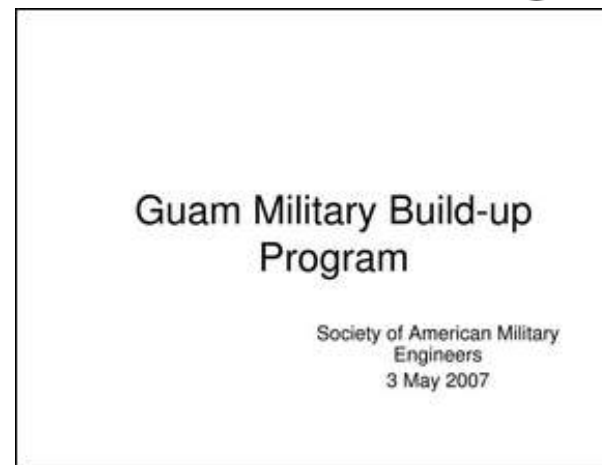
- **2014:** Guam agreed completion

WHY GUAM?

The U.S. Pacific Command's vision:

- "Guam, as the furthest west U.S. territory for basing in the Pacific, provides strategic flexibility, freedom of action and prompt global action for the Global War on terrorism, peace and wartime engagement and crisis response."

 Zoom Photo



Guru,

My soul found that our leaders both private & public sectors had repeatedly been asking the Feds for all of these informations.

Just yesterday, I was listening to CNN. One of the reports indicated that the US govt pays billions of dollars to private companies to deliver supplies in Iraq. Perhaps the military can do it at a lesser amount compared to these Corporate companies whom what they were called "Corporate Greed."

Why bring up all these unfortunate people up? You would rather see your FED money go to a war...that some of its people hated the US? No wonder other countries laugh out at the Feds because of human rights and yet it is just looking at them.

That's why these Feds think that they are SO GOOD AND BLAMELESS!"

Look at Hurricane Katrina and 911! Who is responsible for all these mess. The local or state govt? It is good old Feds.

Isn't it true that one of the reasons that the good old Feds build War Machines...is to grow the American Economy. Not just bullets and MRE's but coffins too!

Peace brother!

Comments by: **Guru**

Posted: Tue May 29, 2007 2:45 pm

Zori,

Yes the fault is with the government of guam. The problem is that we all feel that uncle sam should come to the rescue for everything.

Our very people who complain the most of the federal government are usally the one who are first in line for food stamps, welfare, EITC and all other benefits that are associated with good old uncle sam.

If we want to be self rightous we should walk the walk and start doing things for ourselve so we can better develop our economy and start to have more of our economy self sustaining.

There are some on this forum who like to chastise and bash business people for being greedy, rich, and corrupt. The fact of the matter is these business people are the very ones that strive to better themselve and be less reliant on uncle sam. Shame on all of you who try and fault hard working business people. If you put more effort into improving yourself as they sure have you may have an oppertunity of becoming wealthy yourself.

If your going to say somthing bad about someone maybe you should do some soul searching first before making a comment. If you don't then clearly you make such comments out on ENVY and JEALOUSY for hard working successful individuals.

[Post a Comment](#) [View All Comments](#)

Originally published May 29, 2007

POPULATION PROJECTION

Personnel Today In several Years %change

- Active-duty: 6,420 18,930 +194.9%
- Dependents: 7,690 19,140 +148.9%

Zoom Photo




Zoom Photo

 Print this article

 E-mail this to a friend

 Subscribe Now

 **ONLINE FORUM** Join our online forum

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Military Power of the People's Republic of China 2007



Office of the Secretary of Defense

 Zoom Photo



Related news from the Web

Latest headlines by topic:

- [US House of Representatives](#)
- [Madeleine Bordallo](#)

Powered by [topix.net](#)

[Contact Us](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Place an ad](#)

Copyright ©2007 The Pacific Daily News.

All rights reserved.

Users of this site agree to the

[Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy/Your California Privacy Rights](#)

(Terms updated March 2007)

