

# SAME FORUM AGENDA 2026

## PRE-EVENT

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

0830-1700

**EXHIBITOR SET-UP**



1400-1900

**PRE-REGISTRATION**

Ballroom Foyer

Pre-registration will be available at the Forum location, The Guam Convention Center, on the 6th floor of the Dusit Thani Guam Resort.



1700-1900

**HÅFA ADAI WELCOME RECEPTION**

Dusit Thani Guam Resort Lobby Lounge

All registrants are invited to meet, relax and network.

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## DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

0700-0800

**FORUM CHECK-IN**

Ballroom Foyer



0800-0830

**OPENING REMARKS**

Grand Ballroom

Forum Opening:

Presentation of Colors: **JFK AFJROTC**

National Anthem, Guam Hymn, Inifresi: **Krystal Paco-San Agustin**

Welcoming Remarks: **Shierly Caceres, President, SAME Guam Post**

Welcome Remarks: **The Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam**



0830-0930

**The Pacific Deterrence Initiative and Guam's Strategic Future**

**OPENING SESSION**

As a cornerstone of the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, Guam is central to strengthening U.S. military readiness, resilience, and deterrence across the Indo-Pacific. This session explores Air Force priorities: policy reform, accelerated infrastructure delivery, housing modernization, energy resilience, industry partnership, and coordination with Joint Marianas and Guam to keep recapitalization funded and on schedule.

**Honorable Michael Borders Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations, and Environment at Department of the Air Force**

Moderator: **Noel Enriquez, F, SAME**

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### 0930-1030 **Guam's DOW Infrastructure Growth: Power, Water, Wastewater, Airport & Port Capacity** PANEL DISCUSSION

Focuses on how the island is upgrading its power, water, wastewater, and port systems to meet rising demand, improve reliability, and strengthen long-term resilience. It highlights modernization efforts, regulatory and capacity challenges, and the importance of coordinated planning to support Guam's economic growth and national security.

Panelists:

**John Benavente, PE, General Manager, Guam Power Authority**

**Brett E. Railey, PE, Assistant General Manager - Engineering, Guam Water Authority**

**Rory Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam**

**Vince Arriola, Director, Department of Public Works**

**John Quinata, Executive Manager, Guam International Airport Authority**

Moderator: **Vera Topasna, Executive Director, Community Defense Liaison Office**

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### 1030-1100 **NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBIT HALL ENGAGEMENT**

Ballroom Foyer/Ballroom A&B

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### 1100-1200 **MILCON Reform: New Tools for Accelerated Project Delivery** PRESENTATION

Focuses on recent MILCON reform efforts and new delivery tools intended to accelerate projects for the warfighter. This presentation will highlight the emerging use of OTA, accelerated and progressive design-build, industrialized construction, and headquarters-level acquisition strategy changes that may shape future MILCON and repair/modernization opportunities.

**Eugene T. Mesa, PE, NAVFAC Marianas**

Moderator: **Caroline Haatveit, PE, GE, SAME Guam Post**

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### 1200-1245 **The FY26 NDAA & Guam: Aligning New Authorities to Deliver Indo-Pacific Readiness** PANEL DISCUSSION

A focused discussion through Industry Government Engagement (IGE) examining how the new authorities authorized in the FY26 NDAA are being applied in support of regional readiness and in the defense of Guam. These new authorities are intended to remove bureaucratic barriers enabling the Department of War to rapidly scale proven capabilities in response to evolving operational requirements in the Indo-Pacific. The intent is to shift the acquisition system from prioritizing processes and compliance to prioritizing speed, adaptability, and mission outcomes. Attendees will gain practical knowledge on how government and industry are collaborating at the speed to capability in delivering urgently needed built infrastructure in support of the warfighter.

Panelists:

**Colonel Alexis Johnson, PACOM/J44**

**Robert B. Bouffard, Lt Col., USAF, Command Civil Engineer, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF)**

**Brian Weinstein, Senior Principal, Stantec**

**Laurie Scott, Director, Strategic Client Alignment, ECC**

**Frank Blaz, Chief of Staff, 356<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Group, USAF**

Moderators: **Kevin "Oz" Osborne, Stantec**

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### LUNCH

Grand Ballroom

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**Presentation by Andrew Gayle, Chief Operating Officer, GTA**

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1345-1430

### **Building Guam: Collaborative Island-wide Master Planning** PANEL DISCUSSION

As Guam experiences unprecedented military investment and regional growth, effective collaboration between military and civilian planners has become increasingly important. This panel will examine best practices, challenges, and opportunities for integrating long-range planning efforts to support mission readiness while enhancing quality of life for the island's residents.

Panelists:

**Donald Henderson, PE, Director of Plans, Policy and Strategy (JS)**

**Vera Topasna, Executive Director, Community Defense Liaison Office**

**Matt Santos, Deputy Director, Bureau of Statistics and Plans**

Moderator: **Komal Dewan, AECOM**



1430-1515

### **Global Construction Market Opportunities: Materials, Shipping, and Workforce in 2026** PANEL DISCUSSION

A focused discussion on global construction market opportunities in 2026, examining materials availability, shipping challenges, and workforce constraints—and how industry leaders are adapting to manage risk and maintain project delivery.

Panelists:

**Stephen Gatewood, Sales and Customer Service Manager, Matson**

**Leonard Kaae, President, Black Construction Corporation**

**Melinda Swavelly, Attorney**

**Robert B. Bouffard, Lt Col., USAF, Command Civil Engineer,  
Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (HQ PACAF)**

Moderator: **Phil Santos, SAME Guam Post**



1515-1545

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**1545-1630**    **Risk and Resiliency for Our Nation's Critical Infrastructure**  
**A Discussion on GUM Future Microgrid**  
PANEL DISCUSSION

As Guam strengthens its resilience against extreme weather, fuel supply disruptions, and grid instability, microgrids are becoming a key solution for safeguarding critical infrastructure and ensuring reliable power. This panel will examine how microgrid investments can enhance energy security, support essential services, and advance Guam's transition to a more sustainable and resilient energy future.

Panelists:

**Frank Santos, GIAA Consultant, TMG**

**John Cruz, PE, Assistant General Manager, Guam Power Authority**

**Brennan Sydor, Principal, Aviation, Energy & Sustainability, EXP**

**Dorukhan Goksedef, Lead Mechanical Engineer-Mission Critical, EXP**

Moderator: **Jenny Bowers, Vice President, EXP Guam, SAME Guam Post**



**1630-1645**    **Vision 2030: Guam's Future As A Resilient, Strategic Pacific Hub**  
DAY ONE WRAP-UP

Focuses on Guam's role as a key Indo-Pacific hub by aligning government, military, business, and community efforts to strengthen infrastructure, support regional security, and build a sustainable, resilient economy.

**The Honorable James Moylan, Delegate to U.S. House of Representatives, Guam**



**1645-1900**    **NETWORKING MIXER**  
Ballroom A&B

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DAY 2

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

0730-0750

**FORUM CHECK-IN/EXHIBITS OPEN/NETWORKING**  
Grand Ballroom

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0755-0800

**OPENING REMARKS**  
The Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor of Guam

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0800-0845

**Theater Posture Scene Setter**  
**PRESENTATION**

This session provides an overview of key Pacific Deterrence Initiative projects planned and underway across the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility, highlighting their role in strengthening regional posture, infrastructure, and operational readiness. The presentation will also share insights into current INDOPACOM messaging and priorities to provide context on the strategic environment and ongoing efforts to support deterrence in the Pacific.

**Col. Alexis R. Johnson, Chief, Posture Management/Infrastructure (J442), USAF**  
Moderator: **Manny Guarin, PE, SE, PMP, AECOM**

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0845-0930

**Disaster Response and Mission Continuity: Building Resilience Before Crisis**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Disaster response is not only a matter of emergency management – it is a matter of community resilience, economic stability, and mission continuity. From typhoons and earthquakes to infrastructure failures and regional emergencies, our ability to prepare, respond, and recover depends on strong coordination among government agencies, the military, utilities, contractors, first responders, and community partners.

This panel will examine lessons learned from recent disasters, including preparedness, emergency response, critical infrastructure restoration, logistics, emergency contracting, debris management, mutual aid, and military-civilian coordination, with a focus on strengthening our people, infrastructure, and readiness before the next crisis.

Panelists:

**Clement Bermudes, Homeland Security Advisor, CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

**Lucia Perez, Special Projects Coordinator, Guam Homeland Security**

**Prashant Khanna, PE, Vice President, ECC**

**CAPT Alan Eichelman, PE, NAVFAC Marianas**

Moderator: **Agapito "Pete" Diaz, PE, SAME Guam Post**

**Manny Guarin, Sr. Program Manager, AECOM**

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0930-1015

**Build Faster, Build Smarter: How Alternative Construction Methods Are Redefining What's Possible on Guam**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

With billions in defense investment flowing to Guam under the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, the Department of War has made clear that business as usual won't deliver at the speed the mission demands.

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Recent directives — from the November 2025 Warfighting Acquisition System reforms emphasizing speed-to-capability, commercial solutions, and Other Transaction authorities, to FY26 NDAA provisions targeting MILCON planning delays — are opening the door to construction methods once considered off-limits for federal work. This panel examines how alternative delivery is already reshaping projects on Guam and across the region: modular and industrialized construction, offsite prefabrication, 3D-printed concrete structures, mass timber, and accelerated and progressive design-build. Panelists will address what these methods mean in Guam's unique environment — typhoon and seismic loads, shipping and materials constraints, and a limited workforce — and share practical lessons on where they cut schedule and cost, where they don't, and what government and industry must do to scale them.

Panelists:

**Michael Roth, Director of Business Development, Gilbane**

**Tim Dewitt, Director INDOPACOM Sales, ADS, Inc.**

**Colonel Landon Phillips, HQ PACAF A4**

Moderator: **Aaron Isle, SAME Guam Post**



**1015-1045**

### **NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBIT HALL ENGAGEMENT**

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**1045-1130**

### **Regional Readiness: From One Guam to One Pacific Infrastructure Development Across the Second and Third Island Chains PANEL DISCUSSION**

Indo-Pacific readiness does not stop at Guam's shoreline. Building from the "One Guam" approach — aligning military, government, industry, and community priorities inside and outside the fence — this panel explores how a broader regional understanding of security and readiness requirements must translate into coordinated infrastructure execution. As Guam continues to serve as a critical hub for Indo-Pacific operations, the larger question is how readiness extends beyond one island into a connected regional network across the Second and Third Island Chains — including the CNMI, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and other Pacific partners.

This discussion will examine how readiness can be delivered across this regional network in a way that supports both mission requirements and long-term island resilience. What does the military need to achieve access, sustainment, dispersal, disaster response, and operational flexibility across the Pacific? Just as critical, what do local governments, agencies, utilities, communities, and the AEC industry need to plan, permit, fund, build, and maintain the infrastructure that supports mission readiness, local resilience, and long-term island security?

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This panel will also discuss the practical realities of execution: regional coordination, infrastructure gaps, inter-island logistics, supply chains, local capacity, workforce and housing constraints, federal investment, and the partnerships needed to build a stronger regional readiness network.

Panelists:

**Aaron Isle, Vice President, Federal Services, SLSCO**

**Colonel Landon Phillips, HQ PACAF A4**

**CAPT Ryan McGoldrick, Posititon, Affiliation**

**Tim Wallace, PACOM/JPMO**

Moderator: **Doyon Morato, SAME Guam Post**



**1130-1230**

### **Regional Military Outlook: Shore C2, Organizational Updates, and Program Updates PRESENTATION**

Provides a joint update from NAVFAC Marianas and the 36th Civil Engineering Squadron on governance, project delivery, and infrastructure priorities across Guam and the broader Indo-Pacific region. Topics include recent CNIC/NAVFAC responsibility shifts, ROICC field office realignment, and the transition of OICC Marine Corps Marianas. The session will also highlight ongoing construction and sustainment efforts, provide industry with updates on upcoming project forecasts, and provide a synopsis of the key defense infrastructure initiatives shaping the future of Guam and the region.

Panelists:

**CAPT Alan Eichelman, PE, NAVFAC Marianas**

**Frank Ichihara, Deputy CES**

Moderator: **Robert W. Jackson II, President & CEO, MOST Services LLC.**



**1230-1345**

### **LUNCH & EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE**

Grand Ballroom

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**Presentation by Danaila Paspalanova, QTS Group LLC**

**Presentation by Terance Tang, Intech Hawaii**

**SAME Guam Post Awards**

**R. Scott Grainger, PE, PMP, F.SAME, National Vice President**

**Al Hutchison, PE, F.SAME, Pacific Regional Vice President**

**Jenny Bowers, Vice President, EXP Guam, SAME Guam Post**

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**1345-1430**    **Securing Cyber-Ready Infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific - CMMC, AI, and the Guam Defense Buildup**  
PANEL DISCUSSION

Recent changes to the Department of War's Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) program have shifted the compliance landscape for defense contractors, pausing the planned Phase II rollout while reaffirming that cybersecurity remains a non-negotiable requirement across the Defense Industrial Base. For contractors supporting the Indo-Pacific—and especially Guam's rapidly expanding military infrastructure—the challenge is no longer simply preparing for a certification deadline, but building resilient cybersecurity programs that can adapt to evolving policy, AI-enabled threats, and mission demands.

This panel brings together leaders from industry and the Federal Government to discuss what the evolving CMMC framework means for contractors operating in a forward-deployed, infrastructure-constrained environment where submarine cable dependency, supply chain resilience, and civil-military coordination create cybersecurity challenges not typically addressed in mainland frameworks. Panelists will explore practical approaches to strengthening cyber resilience, preparing for future CMMC requirements, responsibly adopting AI, and protecting the critical infrastructure that underpins Indo-Pacific operations.

Attendees will leave with actionable insights on navigating an evolving regulatory environment while strengthening cybersecurity readiness for current and future defense missions.

Panelists:

**Plamin Rabino**, Chief Information Officer, Guam National Guard

**Andy LaBrunda**, Senior Vice President, GTA

**Michael Cardenas**, CTO & Founder, MC3 Technologies

**Giovanni Williams**, CISA Cybersecurity Advisor, Pacific Territories

Moderator: **Jay Shedd**, SAME Guam Post



**1430-1500**    **NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBIT HALL ENGAGEMENT**

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**Presentation by Daniel Burke**, Chief Financial Officer, ASTRO America



**1500-1545**    **Guam's Economic Horizon: Forecasting Growth, Risk, and Opportunity**  
PANEL DISCUSSION

Discusses forecasting growth, risk, and opportunities, providing critical information for long-term planning and investment in the region.

Panelists:

**Gary Hiles**, Chief Economist, Department of Labor

**Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez**, PhD, Vice President,

Administration and Finance and Chief Business Officer, UOG

**Melanie Mendiola**, Vice President, BG Investment Services

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**1545-1615**     **SAME National Representative Remarks**  
R. Scott Grainger, PE, PMP, F, SAME National Vice President



**1615-1700**     **2026-2027 SAME Guam Post Officers Induction**  
R. Scott Grainger, PE, PMP, F, SAME National Vice President  
Al Hutchison, PE, F, SAME, Pacific Regional Vice President

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|                                      | <b>Steve Carbullido, PE</b>           |

**Closing Remarks**  
Aaron Isle, SAME Guam Post President



**1700-1900**     **NETWORKING MIXER**  
Bambu Bar  
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