



80th Guam Liberation Events

Press Conference for Guam's 80th Liberation - Monday, June 17, 2024 at 3 p.m. at Adelup Large Conference Room & livestreamed on youtube.com/@govlougum

LIBERATION MASS

Where: Agaña Cathedral-Basilica, Hagåtña

When: July 19 at 4 p.m.

Notes: Mass will be said in CHamoru

UNIFIED MEMORIAL

Where: Plaza de España, Hagåtña

When: July 19 at 6 p.m.

STATIC DISPLAY MEMORIAL

Where: Plaza de España, Hagåtña

When: July 19, 20, 21 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Notes: This event is co-hosted by the Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor, GVB, and the Guam Legislature. There will be 3,050 luminaries.

WWII VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

Where: Guam Museum, Hagåtña

When: Showings will take place at the Guam Museum in Hagåtña on July 17, 18, 19, and 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reserve a seat on Eventbrite. Walk-ins welcome. Showings will be available on Liberation Day, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No online reservations will be taken for July 21. Walk-ins only. First come, first serve.

Notes: Hosted by the Pacific Historic Parks (A nonprofit 501(c)(3) cooperating association Pacific Historic Parks developed a Guam Virtual Reality (VR) program that brings to life World War II on Guam and its impact on the Chamorro people. The program incorporates storytelling and an immersive experience to a broader audience by featuring oral histories of war survivors. Through virtual reality, the audience will be able to feel connected to the past and gain a deeper understanding of the perspective of those who experienced the events of World War II. The virtual reality showcases five pivotal events in Guam's World War II history: the Japanese surprise air attack of Guam from an aerial point of view in December 1941; the invasion of Guam on December 8,

1941, at the Plaza de Espana; the occupation experience as seen through the eyes of the people in the village of Malesso' Geus Valley rice fields; the Chamorro resistance at Atate in July 1944; and the battle for Guam between the Americans and Japanese Military forces. PHP brought the VR experience to both public, private and charter Guam high schools and will offer the program to the public in July.

LIBERATION BLOCK PARTY

Where: Chamorro Village Huts & Paseo, Hagåtña

When: July 20 & July 21, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Notes: Passport Village Contest, food and game vendors, and entertainment. Vendor applications will be available shortly; meanwhile, interested vendors can provide their contact info to kraig.camacho@visitguam.org. The entertainment schedule is pending confirmation from performers from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

80TH ANNUAL LIBERATION DAY PARADE

Where: Marine Corps Drive. The parade will also be broadcast on PBS Guam KGTF TV Channel 12 and livestreamed on youtube.com/@pbsguam.

When: Sunday, July 21. Parade will start at 8 a.m., with floats departing Adelup.

Liberation 5k & Liberation Mile

Where: Marine Corps Drive. The 5k race starts at Chamorro Village with a turnaround at Adelup.

When: Liberation 5k starts at 6 a.m. & Liberation Mile starts at 7:21 a.m.

Notes: Register with the Guam Running Club online. Information will follow. Participants will receive a t-shirt for the 5K race and a towel for the 1-mile run. Registration is \$10 for the 5K and \$5 for the 1-mile run.

Parade Float Registration

Where: Interested organizations can email register.liberation.parade@gmail.com, and a full packet will be sent to them. Those without email may call 671-646-4361 to make arrangements to pick up a hard copy.

When: Parade registration will begin on Tuesday, June 18. Payment for all participants will be accepted on July 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Guam Museum. Payment details will be included in all packets.

Notes: The packet will include: Registration Form, Parade Rules & Regulations, Participation Fees, Waiver & Affirmations, Checklists of deadlines and calendar of events, and Judging Criteria.

Parade Goers

Where: DPR will issue camping permits along Marine Corps Drive from KFC to Bank of Hawaii and GWA Waste Treatment Plant to the last parking lot beachside (southbound).

When: Parade route registration starts on Friday, July 12, at 8 a.m. Parade route registration will take place at the Paseo Stadium Building, Hagåtña starting at 8 a.m.

- Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$50 per 20x20 space and \$25 per 10x10 space. Fees are non-refundable and payable upon registration. Only one permit will be issued per adult applicant after showing proof of identity with a valid picture ID. A cleaning deposit fee of \$75 shall be paid in cash or on an island check payable to the Treasurer of Guam. Bring exact change. The deposit will be refunded provided all trash is removed, and no damages are assessed to the park area.
- Campers will be allowed to set up starting Saturday, July 20, at 8 a.m.
- For safety purposes, please be advised the Liberation 5k and Liberation Mile will occur in the early morning of Sunday, July 21.
- Campers must break down tents no later than Sunday, July 21, at 6 p.m. Campers will be allowed to remain for the fireworks at 7:21 p.m. and clear out by 8 p.m.
- Temporary Vendor Permits will be issued to vendors. The vendor must provide a copy of the business license and health certificate and pay \$100 (for-profit organization) and \$50 (nonprofit organization). Fees are non-refundable. A cleaning deposit fee of \$75 shall be paid in cash or by island check payable to the Treasurer of Guam. Bring exact change. The deposit will be refunded provided all trash is removed, and no damages are assessed to the park area.

FIREWORKS

Where: Fireworks will be shot at Ft. Apugan, Hagåtña Treatment Plant, and Statue of Liberty Park

When: Sunday, July 21 at 7:21 p.m. (15 Minute Show)

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