

Zimmerman also said, "Their deployment here will provide MARSOC unique opportunities to train in the region while strengthening the Marine Corps' relationship with people of Guam and the commonwealth of Northern Marianas."

"The defense of our island and country is the responsibility of all our leaders; as Guam remains a strategic priority with relocation of the Marines to Guam and the reinforcement of forward deployed assets," said Senator Frank B. Aguon Jr., chairman of the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation.

"This is great news for Guam. The mayors and vice mayors have been anticipating this news for quite some time. In fact the MCoG has been looking forward for the day when the villages can welcome the Marines to join their villages through sister command relationships. The Liberation of Guam from enemy forces 70 years ago happened with the help of young Marines that landed on our shores. While not many of those that helped liberate Guam are with us today, it is with pride that we now anticipate another group of Marines to land on our shores and continue the freedom we all have," said Mayor's Council of Guam Executive Director Angel Sablan.

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