

14 Reasons Why We Need the Military Buildup

EMPLOYMENT

1. 'Too many of our people leave island and never come back because there is no opportunity for them here. The buildup offers the opportunity to reverse this trend, offering an alternative for those that have left island to now return to their roots'
2. 'To get and keep good jobs one needs better skills and now there is a lot of help for training and education in anticipation of the buildup. In addition, skilled workers who will be able to supplement our current workforce will be transient employees who can share their skills and knowledge to help grow our local workforce capabilities. A stable income will help families better plan for their needs and their future'

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

3. 'The buildup will create many new opportunity for those with small businesses; it will also create new ideas for products and services that will benefit us all'

REVENUES

4. 'Our Government desperately needs more income in order to provide the services our people depend on. The increase in public revenues and private investment will help upgrade our social infrastructure such as education, healthcare, public safety and our social/cultural programs'

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

5. 'We know that local infrastructure such as roads, utilities and ports of entry will finally be upgraded and the Federal Government will assist in getting this done'
6. 'By the military working with our own solutions for garbage, the solutions may be less costly for all of us'

TOURISM

7. 'A greater number of visitors means new markets to attract; greater diversity to stabilize the ups and downs of Asia. The buildup offers a whole new customer demographic that our hotels can market to'

VETERANS/PATRIOTISM

8. 'There are more than 10,000 Guamanians wearing the military uniform. There are thousands of veterans who chose to defend the Nation and Guam, many paying the ultimate sacrifice - support of the buildup is one way to recognize their sacrifices...gives them a voice'
9. 'Guam also has a large number of retirees and more military will bring greater services for those who have served'

HEALTHCARE

10. 'The relocation of the Marines to Guam and the expected population growth will bring new investment in facilities, equipment and expertise. Investment in a new hospital and new services will save lives which can create further economic development in multiple sectors.'

PROSPERITY

11. 'People will have an opportunity to sell, lease and/or negotiate the value of their property for the benefit of today's and future generations. No property will be transferred without just compensation'
12. 'With a larger population more facilities and services will be available for all people, such as recreation, sports competition, and entertainment venues and facilities'
13. 'With more people traveling to and from Guam, this will increase travel opportunities targeting lower pricing and expanded travel options'
14. 'Many of those who will end up living on Guam will help the University of Guam fulfill many of its priorities; it will help Guam Community College serve a broader market; and to help us acquire more qualified teachers. GovGuam will benefit from the increased revenues that will come from the buildup which can help provide needed upgrades to improve our education'

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