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Guam Celebrates its 60th Liberation Day Anniversary

Guam, the gateway into the Micronesia region of over 2,000 islands, is one of the world's last frontiers and offers a distinctive, alternative, yet safe travel destination. It is a small island, covering an area of 212 square miles, and is about 30 miles in length and 8 ½ miles wide.

Guam is rich in history and culture and this month celebrates its 60th Anniversary of Liberation. Throughout July, there will be a series of events to celebrate this historic occasion, culminating on July 21. It was on that same date in 1944 that American forces landed on Guam, which had surrendered to the Japanese on December 10, 1941. It took U.S. forces three weeks before the island was declared safe and once again under America rule. The island's strategic position ensured that Guam was a command post for U.S. Western Pacific operations until the conclusion of the Second World War on September 2, 1945.

Luxury hotels, fine restaurants, tax free shopping are just three of the reasons why Guam is the premier destination in the Western Pacific. The island's beautiful seas, tropical lifestyle and year-round good climate are other factors in favor of travelers visiting Guam.

More information about these events, can be found on Guam Visitors Bureau's website www.liberationday.com, or by contacting:

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