

# PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Brigadier General with INDOPACOM visits the Port

**Piti, Guam, November 22, 2024:** Brigadier General Christopher K. Faurot, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, visited the Port Authority of Guam today to meet with Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. The visit included a tour of the Port's facilities and discussions on its critical role in supporting local and national security operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Port of Guam serves as a cornerstone of U.S. defense infrastructure, ensuring seamless support for military and civilian operations essential to the Pacific region's security. The tour highlighted the Port's readiness initiatives and ongoing efforts to address infrastructure challenges to meet increasing demands.

"We are grateful for Brig. Gen. Faurot's visit and the opportunity to showcase the Port of Guam's strategic importance," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The Port stands at the intersection of economic vitality and national defense. With the full support of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, and our Board of Directors, we are focused on enhancing the Port's readiness through critical infrastructure upgrades, including the replacement of our aging gantry crane."

Brig. Gen. Faurot's visit underscored the importance of collaboration between the military and local leadership in bolstering the Port's infrastructure and ensuring its long-term operational readiness. Discussions focused on inter-agency coordination and strategic investments that enhance the Port's ability to support the growing demands of military logistics and commercial shipping.

"The leadership of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio has been pivotal in advocating for the Port's infrastructure development as part of Guam's broader readiness strategy," said Respicio. "The guidance and oversight of our Board of Directors continue to ensure we are aligned with national security priorities and positioned to meet the evolving needs of our region."

As the primary gateway to the Indo-Pacific, the Port of Guam remains vital to U.S. military power projection and contingency response capabilities. Investments in infrastructure, including replacing critical equipment like gantry cranes, are essential for sustaining the Port's dual role as a logistical hub for military and commercial operations.

This visit reaffirms the shared commitment of military and civilian leaders to maintain Guam's strategic readiness and ensure the Port's continued role in safeguarding regional security and economic stability.