



### *About Today's Ceremony . . .*

The District Court of Guam is pleased to host this special Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony on July 3, 2013. Guam is where America's day begins, and the District Court is proud to celebrate the 237th birthday of the United States of America by welcoming 38 new citizens to our great nation.

On the 4th of July each year, our nation celebrates the historic day in 1776 when the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence and representatives from the 13 colonies announced freedom from British rule. Much more than simply a piece of paper, the Declaration of Independence embodies the rights embraced by citizens of the United States – that “all” are “created equal” and have “certain unalienable rights” including “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

This year's celebration of Independence Day at the District Court will allow these newly naturalized citizens to fully exercise their rights, as the court will host a Citizenship Outreach Program for these citizens. Immediately after the naturalization ceremony, the new citizens will be able to register to vote and apply for a U.S. passport, provided they have appropriate supporting documentation for the application. Representatives from the Guam Election Commission and the Guam Passport Office will be present after the ceremony to assist new citizens with any questions.

We extend our most heartfelt congratulations to these new citizens of our great nation. This is a defining moment in their lives, when they make a lifelong pledge to bear faith and allegiance to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America. Today, the United States of America is not simply their home, but their nation.



DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM  
U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY



## INDEPENDENCE DAY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY



District Court of Guam  
Hagåtña, Guam  
July 3, 2013

## Naturalization Ceremony

### Opening of Court

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood  
U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.

### National Anthem and Guam Hymn

Ms. Yvonne T. Pereda

### Welcoming Remarks

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

### Motion to Accept New Citizens

Ms. Rebecca Maliuwelur  
Supervisory Immigration Service Officer  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

### Oath of Allegiance

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

### Message from the President of the United States of America

President Barack Obama

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.

### Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Raymond Tenorio  
Lieutenant Governor Guam

### *America the Beautiful*

Ms. Yvonne T. Pereda

### Presentation of Certificates

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood  
U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio  
Ms. Rebecca Maliuwelur

## Citizenship Outreach Program



In conjunction with today's special Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony, the District Court is pleased to conduct a Citizenship Outreach Program, which is intended to provide the newly naturalized citizens with the resources to allow them to fully exercise their rights.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the new citizens may participate in the Independence Day Citizenship Outreach Program, as representatives from the following offices will be available to assist them:



### Guam Election Commission ~

Representatives from the Guam Election Commission will assist new citizens with registering to vote in Guam elections.



### Guam Passport Office ~

Representatives from the Guam Passport Office will assist new citizens with applying for United States passports.

## The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Led by U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.



I pledge allegiance  
to the flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands,  
one nation  
under God,  
Indivisible,  
with liberty  
and justice for all.

## New Citizens



|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Abilo, Mary Grace Enojas        | Martin, Leisa Lisa Ticsay      |
| Andres, Amelita Mallari         | Martin, Leisa Luz Ticsay       |
| Aquino, Lovely Queenie Patosa   | Martinez, John Edsel           |
| Arazas, Bartolomia Cilocilo     | Medrano, Leah Mayugba          |
| Baldeo, Reynaldo Monterola      | Miranda, Gerry Lyn Ara Lasam   |
| Bondoc, Adoracion Inocencio     | Patosa, Lilibeth Ortiz         |
| Cristales, Leslie Lapid         | Ruble, Jenelyn Palmes          |
| Danan, Jennie Aguilar           | Salenga, Roseminda Limbaga     |
| Dasig, Selina Carlos            | Sangalang, Abel Ibarra         |
| David, Ofelia Conde             | See, Jeffrey Apentiz           |
| De Leon, Jensen Ann Javier      | Sigrah, Norris Claudis         |
| De Leon, Lolita Dadula          | Somasundaram, Parameswaran     |
| De Leon, Noah Eli Gonzales      | Tabing, Emilio Solano          |
| De Vega, Nelia Espiritu         | Tutanes, Maria Cristina Ayeras |
| Faiola, Fabio                   | Vitug, Gerardo Mendoza         |
| Gomez, Agnes Salalila           | Wenden, Timothy Mark           |
| Gozum, Jerrold James S.         | Zapanta, John Kerrsten         |
| Jaleco, Cheryll Anne Dreyfus    | Zheng, Yuanyuan                |
| Kaimi, January Nathania De Joya |                                |
| Liu, Michelle                   |                                |



### ***Star Spangled Banner***

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's  
early light,

What so proudly we hail'd at the  
twilight's last gleaming

Whose broad stripes and bright  
stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were  
so gallantly streaming

And the rocket's red glare, the  
bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our  
flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the  
home of the brave



### ***Guam Hymn***

Fanohge Chamorro put I tano'-ta  
Kanta I matuna-na gi todu I lugat

Para I onra, para I gloria  
Abiba I Isla sin parat

Para I onra, para I gloria  
Abiba I Isla sin parat

Todu I tiempo I pas para hita  
Yan ginen I langet na bendision

Kontra I piligru na' fan safo' ham  
Yu'os prutehi I Islan Guam

Kontra I piligru na' fan safo' ham  
Yu'os prutehi I Islan Guam

### ***America the Beautiful***

O beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed his grace on thee

And crown thy good with Brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

### **Oath of Allegiance**



I hereby declare, on oath,  
that I absolutely and entirely  
renounce and abjure  
all allegiance and fidelity  
to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty  
of whom or which I have heretofore  
been a subject or citizen;  
that I will support and defend  
the Constitution and laws  
of the United States of America  
against all enemies, foreign and domestic;  
that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;  
that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States  
when required by the law;  
that I will perform noncombatant service  
in the Armed Forces of the United States  
when required by the law;  
that I will perform work of national importance  
under civilian direction  
when required by the law;  
and that I take this obligation freely  
without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion;  
*so help me God.*