

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 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.



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
Services

Naturalization Ceremony

Ricardo J. Bordallo Complex
Adelup Center
July 4, 2007

Naturalization Ceremony

Opening of Court

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

Presentation of Colors

U.S. Navy Color Guard

National Anthem and Guam Hymn

Abigail Casimbon and the Guam Territorial Band

Invocation

Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap., D.D.

Welcoming Remarks

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

Motion to Accept New Citizens

John Kramar, District Director, USCIS District 26

Oath of Allegiance

Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood

Speech by the President of the United States

President George W. Bush

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by new citizens

Keynote Speaker

Michael W. Cruz, M.D, Acting Governor

Presentation of Certificates

Rose Materne, USCIS Supervisory Adjudication Officer
Shawn Gumataotao, Governor's Spokesman

"God Bless America"

Maria de Luna, new citizen

"God Bless the USA"

Joanne T. Matanane

Benediction

Rev. E. Neil Culbertson



About Today's Ceremony...

Today's event is one of numerous ceremonies that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be hosting nationwide in celebration of our nation's 231st birthday. Guam, where America's day begins, will be the first to celebrate the Fourth of July in this unique way.

Two Filipino WWII veterans and ten members of the United States military are among the many persons taking the Oath of Allegiance to become United States citizens during today's ceremony. These service members will become our fellow citizens, along with other candidates who hail from 19 different countries, including Canada, Cape Verde Island, China, Federated States of Micronesia, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Palau, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and Vietnam.

In addition, Cpl. Meresebang Ngiraked, 21, of Koror, Palau, who died on June 10, 2007 in an explosion from a vehicle-based improvised explosive device in Karbala, Iraq has been posthumously granted citizenship by the USCIS and we honor his sacrifice today.

Last year, USCIS welcomed more than 700,000 citizens during naturalization ceremonies across the United States. That number includes 928 naturalized in Guam and nearly 7,000 members of the armed forces who were naturalized both in the United States and abroad through an expedited process stemming from their military service.