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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
Court Celebrates Veterans Day and the U.S. Marine Corps' 241st Birthday at the
University of Guam's College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS) Lecture Hall
Mangilao, Guam

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., the District Court of Guam will proudly host a special Naturalization Ceremony at the University of Guam's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Lecture Hall in Mangilao. In collaboration with Assistant Professor Daniel McKay, who teaches Introduction to Citizenship, this ceremony will provide a valuable learning opportunity for the students to witness the new citizens take their Oath of Allegiance. In addition, it will be an honor to show patriotism for all veterans of the armed forces and to wish the U.S. Marine Corps a Happy 241st Birthday.

The court will welcome 21 new citizens who hail from the countries of American Samoa, the Philippines, and South Korea. An active duty servicewoman from the U.S. Navy will also be naturalized. The soon-to-be citizens will take their oath to bear faith and allegiance to our great nation, the United States of America, which they will also proudly call their own from that day forward as fellow Americans.

The newly naturalized citizens will also have the opportunity to fully exercise their rights, as the court will host a Citizenship Outreach Program. 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 the 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 these new citizens with any questions.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be U.S. Marine Corp Colonel Brent W. Bien. Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood remarked that she would "like to take this opportunity to honor Colonel Bien and all those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces. Our nation thanks you and all our veterans for your patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our country and defending our freedom."