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**DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
The Court Celebrates Purple Heart Month**

On Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., the District Court of Guam will proudly host a special Naturalization Ceremony. We will have a Keynote Speaker for this ceremony: **Colonel Ryan A. Hendricks**, Staff Judge Advocate for the 36th Wing, Anderson Air Force, Base, Guam. Purple Heart Day is celebrated on August 7 and is a day of remembrance of the men and women who bravely represented our country and were wounded or killed while serving. These people are decorated with a Purple Heart in the name of the President, and this day is for remembering them and their sacrifice. Some states, counties, and cities pause in recognition, as do some sports and entertainment entities. Military and veteran organizations also hold meetings for remembrance. Locally, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero has signed a proclamation designating the month of August as Purple Heart Month.

The Naturalization Ceremony will take place inside the courthouse, with social distancing guidelines implemented, where the soon-to-be citizens will soon take their oath to bear faith and allegiance to our great nation. This is a momentous occasion as the court welcomes 24 new citizens. Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood states: "I am excited to be joined by Colonel Hendricks once again to welcome our newest citizens and wish them luck on their new American journey."



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RYAN A. HENDRICKS

Colonel Hendricks is presently the Staff Judge Advocate for the 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. He is responsible for providing legal services to a wing consisting of five groups, 17 squadrons, and 12,000 military and civilian personnel providing the President of the United States sovereign options to decisively employ airpower across the entire spectrum of engagement from America's premier forward operating location.

Colonel Hendricks was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from McDonogh School in 1990 and enrolled at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. In 1992, he transferred to St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC. In May 1994, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Business and Economics. Prior to his current position, Colonel Hendricks was the Deputy Director, Office of Legal Policy, for the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon.

In June 1994, the Baltimore Orioles selected Colonel Hendricks in the 36th round of the amateur free agent draft. Colonel Hendricks played four years of professional baseball with the minor league affiliates of the Baltimore Orioles and Cleveland Indians.



Colonel Hendricks earned a Juris Doctor degree from University of Baltimore School of Law in May 2001. He worked as an assistant public defender, under Rule 16, and as an apprentice to Harold I. Glaser, Esquire while attending law school.

Colonel Hendricks was admitted to the Maryland Bar on 11 December 2001. He was admitted to the Federal Bar for the District of Maryland on 22 February 2002. He practiced law in Baltimore City, primarily as a criminal defense attorney from December 2001 until July 2002 practicing in both state and federal court. He entered the Air Force by direct appointment. Colonel Hendricks has served as an instructor at the JAG School, a Military Judge, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Policy, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Chief Civil Law Trial Attorney, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Senior Defense Counsel, Circuit Trial Counsel, Senior Trial Counsel, Area Defense Counsel, Deputy Legal Advisor, Assistant Claims Officer, Chief of General Law, Chief of Magistrate Court, Claims Officer, Chief of Contracts, Chief of Operations Law, Chief of Military Justice and Chief of Adverse Actions.

EDUCATION

1990	McDonogh School
1994	B.A., St. Andrews Presbyterian College
2001	J.D., University of Baltimore
2002	Commissioned Officers Training School, Drill Flight
2002	Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course
2006	Squadron Officer School
2013	Air Command and Staff College

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 2002 – August 2004, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Maryland
2. August 2004 – March 2005, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
3. March 2005 – July 2006, Area Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
4. July 2006 – July 2008, Circuit Trial Counsel/Senior Trial Counsel, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Yokota AB, Japan
5. July 2008 – July 2010, Instructor, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
6. July 2010 – July 2013, Senior Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Peterson AFB, Colorado
7. July 2013 – July 2015, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 11th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
(February 2014 – July 2014, Deputy Legal Advisor, Combined Air and Space Operations Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar)
8. July 2015 – July 2016, Chief, Information Litigation Branch, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland
9. July 2016 – July 2018, Military Judge, Air Force Trial Judiciary, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia
10. July 2018 – July 2020, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Policy, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
11. July 2020 – present, Staff Judge Advocate, 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2018 – July 2020, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Policy, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Pentagon, Washington D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant July 21, 2002
Captain January 23, 2003
Major August 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel October 1, 2015
Colonel November 1, 2020

(CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2021)