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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY Court Celebrates Veterans Day

On Friday, November 8, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., the District Court of Guam will proudly host a special Veterans Day Naturalization Ceremony. Most people become U.S. citizens by birth within the United States or to U.S. citizen parents. However, others become U.S. citizens by naturalization. This is a momentous event as the Court welcomes 45 new citizens who hail from the Philippines, Russia, South Korea, Thailand, Federated State of Micronesia and Vietnam. They 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 this day forward as fellow Americans. Citizenship is one of the most coveted gifts that the United States government can bestow. Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood states: "We extend our most heartfelt congratulations to the new citizens of our great nation." These new citizens will join our ranks in showing our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women in the armed forces for their honorable service. One of the 45 new U.S. Citizens is a military enlistee with the Guam Army National Guard.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Rear Admiral John Menoni, Commander for Joint Region Marianas and U.S. Naval Forces Marianas. Rear Admiral Menoni assumed command of Joint Region Marianas in July 2019. His other hats include: U.S. Pacific Command, Senior Military Official Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and Commander for Task Force West.

"I want to take this opportunity during this special Veterans Day Naturalization Ceremony to honor all veterans who have courageously given their lives and to those who continue to protect our island and our great nation. We are grateful for the sacrifices they have made for our freedom," remarked Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.