



# Press Advisory

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## **USCIS AND NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE TO WELCOME NEWEST CITIZENS** *36 Active Duty Military Will Become U.S. Citizens During Air Force Heritage Week*

LAS VEGAS – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the U.S. Air Force will welcome 36 new U.S. citizens at Nellis Air Force Base on Nov. 6 in honor of the Air Force's 60th anniversary. This ceremony is the first all-military celebration to be held in the history of Nevada.

The Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Soldiers hail from 16 countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Korea, Kenya, Mexico, Philippines, Romania, Thailand, Trinidad, and Ukraine.

Many of the service men and women becoming U.S. citizens have served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, including Purple Heart recipient Marine Cpl. Reuben D'Silva, who will speak at Tuesday's ceremony.

This special all-military naturalization ceremony is scheduled during Air Force Heritage Week to coincide with "Aviation Nation," the Nellis Air Force Base air show that is the capstone event of the Air Force's 60th anniversary, "Heritage to Horizons" celebration.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. PST

**LOCATION:** Thunderbird Hangar  
Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. 89191

**WHO:**

- Maj. Gen. Mike Worden, Air Force Warfare Center commander, Nellis AF Base
- Maj. Gen. Franc Gorenc, Air Force District of Washington commander, Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Gorenc is a naturalized citizen from Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Tom Paar, USCIS Chief of Staff
- Robert Okin, USCIS District Director
- U.S. District Court Judge Lloyd George will administer the Oath of Allegiance

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

- This is a unique opportunity to obtain visuals and stories for Veterans Day specials. Media must have press credentials and must meet military escorts at the Nellis Visitors Center no later than 12:30 p.m. No entrance once the ceremony begins.
- The new citizens and their families, as well as representatives from the military and USCIS are available for one-on-one interviews before and after the ceremony.