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## USCIS PAYS TRIBUTE TO SOLDIERS AT A SPECIAL MILITARY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY



Seattle, WA – United States military personnel who fought for the country by serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom are now among the newest American citizens. In a special military naturalization ceremony on November 13<sup>th</sup> at Naval Station Whidbey Island in Washington State, one hundred military personnel and family members took the Oath of Citizenship. Some of those naturalized are from squadrons VAQ-139 and VAQ-130 and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom’s first air strike. They received high honors for their dedication to the United States and for their commitment in the fight against terror. Expedited

military naturalization ceremonies were made possible by a Presidential Executive Order in July of 2002.



USCIS Seattle District Office holds a special naturalization ceremony for military personnel at Naval Station Whidbey Island in Washington State.