



# Media Advisory

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## **USCIS to Naturalize 17 Members of the Armed Services During Two Fourth of July Celebrations**

FT. SILL, Okla. – Seventeen members of the U.S. Army will become the Nation’s newest citizens during two special naturalization ceremonies at Ft. Sill on July 1. This year’s ceremonies will celebrate our nation’s 234th birthday under the theme, “A Spirit of Independence.”

The 17 citizenship candidates originate from the following 13 countries: Cameroon; Colombia; Guyana; Jamaica; Kenya; Mexico; Peru; Philippines; South Korea; Togo; Trinidad and Tobago; Turkey and the United Kingdom.

This ceremony is part of USCIS’s annual celebration of Independence Day. An estimated 3,800 candidates will become citizens at 55 special ceremonies held across the country and around the world from July 1-6.

Since September 2001, USCIS has naturalized 60,257 members of the military in ceremonies across the United States and overseas.

**WHO:** Heather Wells, Immigration Services Officer, USCIS, Oklahoma Field Office  
Mark Grim, Immigration Services Officer, USCIS, Oklahoma Field Office

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 1, 2010, 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Gunner’s Inn (9:30 a.m. ceremony)  
6500 Sheridan Road  
Ft. Sill, OK

Sheridan Theater (10:00 a.m. ceremony)  
3260 Sheridan Road  
Ft. Sill, OK

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**NOTE:** Special instructions to the media (If needed)