



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 300 New Citizens During Largest All-Military Naturalization Ever Aboard the USS Midway

All Branches of Armed Forces Join Fourth of July Celebration

SAN DIEGO — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will conduct the largest all-military naturalization ceremony in history in San Diego’s historic Embarcadero aboard the USS Midway Museum. In celebration of Independence Day, USCIS, Navy Region Southwest and the U.S. Marine Base Camp Pendleton will welcome almost 300 new U.S. citizens. Focusing on *Citizenship and Service*, the event will honor those who have and those who continue to guarantee our freedom.

Overlooking San Diego Harbor, the flight deck will be awash in crisp dress uniforms and patriotic songs. Six ballerinas with the San Diego Ballet will perform to “Victory at Sea”. Four F/A 18 Hornets of the 3rd Marine Air Wing, MCAS Miramar, will do a flyover in honor of the new U.S. citizens, kicking off the hour-long celebration.

The flight deck will become an official courtroom with U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks presiding. USA Wounded Warrior Sgt. Carlos Martinez-Negrete will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Highly-decorated veterans who served from D-Day through Afghanistan and high-ranking officials will be special guests.

Vice Admiral D.C. Curtis, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, and Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Colonel Nicholas F. Marano, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton; RADM John “Mac” McLaughlin, USS Midway Museum President and CEO; Ms. Carolyn Muzyka, USCIS Western Region Director; Captain Collin Green, US Navy Seals; and Stewart McLaurin, Executive Director, The Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration will welcome the new citizens.

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.

WHO: Ruben B. Brooks, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Sgt. Carlos Martinez-Negrete, USA Wounded Warrior
Vice Admiral D.C. Curtis, Commander, Naval Surface Forces
Colonel Nicholas F. Marano, Commanding Officer, Camp Pendleton
RADM John “Mac” McLaughlin, USS Midway Museum President and CEO
Captain Collin Green, US Navy Seals
Stewart McLaurin, Executive Director, Ronald Reagain Centennial Celebration
Carolyn Muzyka, USCIS Western Region Director

WHEN: Friday, July 2, 2010, 9:45 a.m.

WHERE: USS Midway Museum
910 N. Harbor Drive, Navy Pier
San Diego, CA

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NOTE: Media RSVP to Marie Sebrechts at the e-mail or phone above.
Media may interview and photograph willing candidates before and following the event. Citizen candidates will begin arriving by 8:30 a.m. Photos and filming are allowed during the ceremony. TV cameras should set up by 9:30 a.m.

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