



# Media Advisory

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## USCIS to Welcome 60 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at The National World War II Museum

**NEW ORLEANS** — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) New Orleans Field Office Director Leander B. Holston will administer the *Oath of Allegiance* to America's newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at The National World War II Museum. This year's ceremony will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

Keynote remarks will be delivered by Vietnam Veteran Ronnie Abboud, a docent and member of the Speakers Bureau for the Museum.

The 60 citizenship candidates originate from the following 30 countries: Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran, Israel, Jamaica, Korea, Mexico, Moldova, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Ukraine, South Africa, Syria, Vietnam and Northern Yemen.

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:** Leander B. Holston, New Orleans Field Office Director, USCIS  
Ronnie Abboud, Speakers Bureau Member, National WWII Museum

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 4, 2010, 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** The National World War II Museum  
945 Magazine Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
(Entrance on Andrew Higgins Drive)

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**NOTE:** For planning purposes, media attending the ceremony are requested to RSVP to [stephanie.ostapowich@dhs.gov](mailto:stephanie.ostapowich@dhs.gov) by Saturday, July 3, 2010. Media must arrive no later than 9:45 a.m.