



# Media Advisory

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## USCIS to Welcome 22 Marines, Sailors and Military Spouses as New Citizens at Camp Lejeune's 2010 Fourth of July Celebration

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Atlanta District Director, Denise M. Frazier will administer the [\*Oath of Allegiance\*](#) on July 4 to 22 of America's newest citizens during a special evening naturalization ceremony at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune. The ceremony will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

Col. Daniel J. Lecce, commander of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, is hosting this second annual naturalization ceremony. The Second Marine Division Band, "The Division's Own," will provide a selection of patriotic music for the ceremony. The naturalization ceremony is part of a full day's Independence Day celebration including children's activities and fireworks at dark.

The new citizens will include 11 Marines, two sailors and nine military spouses stationed at Camp Lejeune, New River Air Station, and Cherry Point Air Station. The 22 citizenship candidates originate from the following 15 countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Lebanon, Germany, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom and Trinidad and Tobago.

Since September 2001, USCIS has naturalized 60,257 members of the military in ceremonies across the United States and in 20 countries overseas.

**WHO:** Denise M. Frazier, USCIS District Director, Atlanta, GA  
Jeffrey Sapko, USCIS Field Office Director, Raleigh, N.C.  
Col. Daniel J. Lecce, commander of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 4, 2010, 7:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune  
WPT Hill Field on Holcomb Blvd

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**NOTE:** Interviews with the citizenship candidates and USCIS officers are available after the naturalization ceremony.  
RSVP APPRECIATED. Please plan to arrive at least an hour before the ceremony to provide time to clear security and obtain a pass at the main gate visitor's center.