

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

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Naturalization of New Citizens Commemorates Flag Day at the Old Courthouse

WHERE: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The Old Courthouse,
11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri

WHEN: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

WHAT: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, in cooperation with the National Park Service at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial will commemorate Flag Day with a naturalization ceremony in the rotunda of the Old Courthouse.

Approximately 75 prospective United States citizens will take the oath of citizenship at an official naturalization ceremony inside the Old Courthouse. This historic building will be decorated with an array of patriotic 19th Century decorations, including a 33-star, 36' x 20' Garrison Flag suspended from the fifth-level balcony as part of the Park's celebration of our nation's Patriotic Season which begins on Flag Day and concludes on July Fourth.

Upon the Eastern Missouri U.S. District Court being called to session, Mr. John Buckner, Exalted Ruler of the Manchester Elks Lodge 2058, Manchester, Missouri, will present two new flags to the Park to be flown above the Old Courthouse. The Elks have presented the Park with flags the past six years in honor of Flag Day and as part of their nation-wide Stars and Stripes Campaign which encourages Elk Lodges to donate flags to monuments across the country.

The public is invited to attend the naturalization ceremony and tour the decorated Old Courthouse. The Garrison Flag and historic decorations will be exhibited through July 18, 2011.

The Gateway Arch is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Summer hours: Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Old Courthouse is open daily year round 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All programs are FREE of charge and open to the public.
For more information about programs and exhibits, please call the park at 314-655-1600.

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