

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of
the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers
are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a
republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect
union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles
of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American
patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support
its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it
against all enemies.

Oath of Allegiance

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce
and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince,
potentate, state or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore
been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the
Constitution and laws of the United States of America against
all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and
allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United
States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant
service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required
by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under
civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this
obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of
evasion; so help me God.

Saratoga
National Historical Park

A large, stylized American flag with stars and stripes, serving as the background for the event title.

2013

Citizenship

Ceremony

Thursday
July 4, 2013

Welcome!

Today we celebrate America's 237th birthday. On July 4th, 1776, we declared our independence from England. This July 4th marks our 9th annual "Citizenship Day," a happy occasion for the naturalization candidates, their families and friends, and all those who have come to mark this special event with them. We are proud to host this event and prouder still to welcome our newest citizens as they become our fellow Americans. May God bless each of you and may God bless America.

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Ray Raymond

A special thanks to:

Friends of the Saratoga Battlefield
President Dick Farrell, Hospitality Chair Doris Olszewski, Dr. Ray Raymond

Sons of the American Revolution
Thomas Dunne, President, Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR

Daughters of the American Revolution
Corinne Scirocco, Saratoga Chapter Regent, DAR

Children of the American Revolution
Sandy Zerrillo, Honorary Sr. President Schuyler Society, CAR

League of Women Voters of Saratoga County

Twin Rivers Council Boy Scouts

US Congressman Bill Owens

NYS Senator Kathy Marchione

Danielle McMullen

US Citizenship and Immigration Services
Gwynne Dinolfo, Field Office Director USCIS

Saratoga National Historical Park Staff and Volunteers



Program

- 9:00 Social Hour and Registration
- 10:00 Opening Music Selection - Sons and Daughters of Liberty Ancient Fifes and Drums
- Welcome - Dr. Ray Raymond MBE, DSM, FRSA, Professor of Government and History, State University of New York; Adjunct Professor Comparative Politics, United States Military Academy
- Musket Salute - Saratoga National Historical Park Musket Corps
- Presentation of Colors - Twin Rivers Council Boy Scouts
- National Anthem - Danielle McMullen
- Greetings - Saratoga National Historical Park Superintendent Joe Finan
- Welcome - US Congressman Bill Owens, 21st Congressional District
- Address - NYS Senator Kathy Marchione, 43rd District
- Keynote Address - Dr. Ray Raymond
- Salutation - Thomas Dunne, President, Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR
- Oath of Allegiance - Gwynne Dinolfo, Field Office Director, USCIS
- Pledge of Allegiance - Corinne Scirocco, Saratoga Chapter Regent, NSDAR
- American's Creed - Nicholas Oxaal, President of Schuyler Society, CAR
- Presentation of Certificates to New Citizens - Gwynne Dinolfo, USCIS
- Toasts to the Declaration of Independence - Joe Craig, Saratoga National Historical Park Ranger
- God Bless America - Danielle McMullen
- Colors Retired
- Cannon Salute - Saratoga National Historical Park Artillery Corps
- 10:55 Closing Music Selection - Sons and Daughters of Liberty Ancient Fifes and Drums