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## MILITARY CEREMONIES HELD AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

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*"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."*

Similar to the presidential Oath of Office, this Oath is taken by men and women in the Armed Services, and grants them the authority to carry out their duties as an Officer in the military.

The National Constitution Center is honored to host military ceremonies to celebrate the promotion and reenlistment of service men and women from across the country. Located at the heart of Independence Mall in Historic Philadelphia, the Center is an ideal location to host these important events.

"It is fitting, and frankly an honor, for the National Constitution Center to host these enlistment ceremonies. Few events are more moving than witnessing these young men and women pledge to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution and defend it against all enemies. Honoring their service and patriotism is fundamental to what the Constitution Center represents," said National Constitution Center President and CEO Joseph M. Torsella.

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## ADD ONE/MILITARY CEREMONIES

Recent ceremonies include:

**James Englehart**, Officer Candidate in the United States Marine Corps from Chambersburg, PA, was honored for his promotion to Second Lieutenant at the Center on Saturday, April 5, 2008. Approximately forty of Englehart's friends, family, and fellow Marines were in attendance. Colonel Wagner led the ceremony.

**Brandon Penix**, a resident of Bucks County, PA, recently received the Oath of Office at the National Constitution Center for his induction into the United States Army as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on Saturday, May 10, 2008, with friends and family present. Penix was also honored as the recipient of a full scholarship to medical school. His uncle, B. Howard Penix, U.S. Air Force Major Retired, gave Brandon the Oath of Office.

**Jiyoon Kim** of Philadelphia and **Rebecca Armstrong** of Pottstown, PA received the Oath of Office for their induction into the United States Army and the Army Medical Department on Friday, June 13, 2008. Major Leon E. Hooten gave both officers the Oath of Office. Jiyoon Kim was a third year medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Rebecca Armstrong plans to attend the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Florida.

Military ceremonies are **FREE** and open to the public. The Center's Grand Hall Overlook must be reserved in advance. For additional information or to book a ceremony, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance,

## ADD LAST/MILITARY CEREMONIES

“Freedom Rising”. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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### Photo Captions:

Photo #1: U.S. Marine James Englehart taking the Oath of Office at the National Constitution Center during his Commissioning Ceremony for his promotion to Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

Photo #2: Jiyeon Kim receiving the Oath of Office from Major Leon E. Hooten at the National Constitution Center during his Commissioning Ceremony for his induction into the United States Army and the Army Medical Department.

Photo #3: Major Leon E. Hooten giving the Oath of Office to Rebecca Armstrong at the National Constitution Center during her Commissioning Ceremony for her induction into the United States Army and the Army Medical Department.