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## **Jonathan Scharfen Appointed USCIS Deputy Director**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Director Emilio T. Gonzalez today announced the appointment of Jonathan R. Scharfen as the Deputy Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

“Mr. Scharfen brings a wealth of national security and international relations expertise to USCIS and more than two decades of leadership experience to the Deputy Director position,” Director Gonzalez remarked. “I am privileged to have someone like Jonathan as my Deputy, and I’m grateful that he’s chosen to continue his distinguished federal career at USCIS.”

Jonathan “Jock” Scharfen retired from the United States Marine Corps in August 2003 at the rank of Colonel after 25-years of active duty service and has served as Chief Counsel/Deputy Staff Director of the House International Relations Committee since April 2003. Prior to joining the HIRC, Jock served as the Deputy Legal Adviser on the National Security Council staff, where he served three separate tours and three presidents during the course of his Marine Corps career.

Mr. Scharfen held a number of leadership and legal positions in the Marines and was deployed with the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade for Operation Desert Storm. In 1998 he was selected to command Company A, Marine Security Guard Battalion, which had oversight of approximately twenty US Embassy and Consulate Marine Security Guard Detachments throughout the U.S. European Command's area of responsibility, including Central Asia. Scharfen was responsible for thirty-two Marine security detachments in the region. In 2000, Scharfen returned to the National Security Council staff as Deputy Legal Advisor and Director until he assumed the role as Chief Counsel of the House International Relations Committee in April 2003 and became Deputy Staff Director at the Committee in 2006.

Scharfen received his B.A. from the University of Virginia, his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame, and his LL.M. from the University of San Diego. He also attended the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he studied National Security Strategy.

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