

N400 INTERVIEW @ Norfolk, Virginia: Posted by Masterpiece- 05/19/2010

The interview was slated for 10.20am on 5/18/2010

We reside in Henrico, VA ...about 1 hour 45minutes drive (mapquest estimate)

We left home (kids, hubby and I) by 7.15am

We arrived at USCIS office at 8.57am (no tunnel issues- despite incessant rainfall)

Headed to nearest fast food joint- Hardees- to chow down

Returned back to USCIS office at 9.30am

Security officers checked us in. Had my 2yr old in her stroller (to restrict her movements)

Instructions for Lobby- waiting room area—the usual

- No eating, No drinking
- No cell phones allowed
- Children must be supervised at all times
- No differential seating arrangements

I walked into the lobby and headed towards the windows and then veered left to place my invitation letter in one of two bins (one is for N400, the other is for 1-485). Left hubby to deal with the two kids momentarily. Returned to hang with them (okay so they were sitting but you get the picture?) Ambience of the lobby? Serene! No chaotic scenario. Perhaps less than 20 people in the room...all sober, I think. I guess we would have seemed the same if not for my 2yr old who thought the lobby was worth exploring.

The officers usually go strictly according to the interview slots slated so it really does not matter if you get there one hour ahead of time- you will not be interviewed unless it is your time. Of course it is conceivable that people may miss their interviews and slots may be moved up but what are the odds of that occurring?

By 10.22am precisely a female immigration officer called my name and ushered me into an inner office. She was really business-like having no time, as it were, for small banter (Gosh I so much wanted to trade barbs on the cats and dogs rainfall outside...not today....sigh!) The following exchange ensued (IO – blue font: Me – black font)

Raise up your right hand and swear an oath...

Do you swear that everything you say is the truth and nothing but the truth

So help you God? I swore to do so

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Read a script "*Who lives in the white house*"?

I did

Write...*The president lives in the white house*

I did

Questions followed:

Who wrote the declaration of Independence?

What makes up the Congress?

Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces?

What party does the president belong to?

Name one of the three original states?

Name one state that borders Mexico?

I got all 6 answers and she moved on to the next phase- verification of statements on the N400 application form I submitted. Luckily there was no change in all the details I had stated on said form and I did not mark yes to any of the arrest, detained stuff because the way I interpreted it- speeding ticket (less than \$500.00) is not included in the whole arrest, detain stuff.....my interpretation!

She went through the statements in the N-400 form and reaffirmed everything stated therein including all those "nay questions" and the readiness to bear arms and defend the U.S.A

Do you have any supporting documents to show that you live with your husband?

I have all documents in the tote bag (at which point I raised a tote bag filled with all kinds of documents. Which would you like to see?

Its okay I see your file is comprehensive and all documents are intact

I am going to recommend you for approval

She then signed the white paper with appointment date for Oath swearing in Richmond Court on June 16th.

Next stop: June 16, 2010

Lets see- K1 was filed for me on 6-23-2006

I get to hopefully become a citizen on 6-16-2010

A four-year journey? I could live with that

Good luck y`all as you wrap up this journey