

## **U.S. CONSUL TO VISIT MESSINIA ON SEPTEMBER 24 -25, 2012**

Athens - The U.S. Embassy announced today that a U.S. Consul will visit Messinia on Monday, September 24, 2012 and Tuesday, September 25, 2012, to provide consular services for U.S. citizen residents.

The Consul will accept passport applications, register the birth of children born abroad to U.S. citizen parent(s), provide limited notarial services, accept voter registration applications for the upcoming presidential election and answer questions on consular matters. In addition, a representative from the Department of Homeland Security will accept applications for immigration purposes for immediate relatives of American citizens wishing to immigrate to the United States.

All U.S. citizens residing in the area of Messinia may apply for the renewal of their passport during the Consul's visit. U.S. citizens who have lost their passports and do not need to travel immediately can apply for a replacement passport.

Anyone with immediate travel plans should make an appointment at <https://evisaforms.state.gov/acs/default.asp?postcode=ATH&appcode=1> to appear in person at the U.S. Embassy in Athens.

U.S. citizen parents of children born in Greece may also apply for the Consular Report of Birth Abroad for their children. Passport application forms and information on passport renewal and issuance of Consular Report of Birth Abroad may be obtained at <http://athens.usembassy.gov/>

Citizens interested in receiving consular services in Messinia should contact the Embassy for the details of the schedule. Please call 210-720-2494 or 210- 720-2464, between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions regarding the immigration process, please call 210-720-2404 or 210-720-2405 or visit [http://athens.usembassy.gov/family\\_petitions.html](http://athens.usembassy.gov/family_petitions.html).