

**Posthumous Citizenship Process: Granting of U.S. citizenship to a casualty and/or Surviving Family**

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1	Go to Casualty Assistance Process, steps 1-14	<p>Go to Casualty Assistance Process: Ensuring the next of kin (NOK) and beneficiaries receive support after a death occurs, steps 1-14.</p> <p>These steps involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying the Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO)</li> <li>- Inputting Casualty Notification Officer (CNO) team and CAO team into Casualty Mission Management (CMM)</li> <li>- CAO receiving orders and briefing</li> <li>- CAO conducting first visit with next of kin (NOK)</li> </ul>	Casualty Assistance Process	Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details.	Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details.	

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2	Determine if casualty is eligible for posthumous citizenship?	<p>Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operation Center (CMAOC) Case Manager determines if the casualty is eligible for posthumous citizenship. Casualty must have been an alien or non-citizen national of the U.S. who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Served honorably in an active-duty status during: World War I; World War II; Korean Hostilities; Vietnam Hostilities; Persian Gulf Conflict; From 09/11/2001 until terminated by Executive Order of the President (Iraq Hostilities); Any other period of military hostilities designated by Executive Order of the President for the purpose of naturalization benefits; A period of at least five years following enlistment or reenlistment in the U.S. Army under the Lodge Act of June 30, 1950</li> <li>- Died because of injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by that service</li> <li>- Met one of the following enlistment requirements: Was enlisted, reenlisted, or inducted in the U.S., Panama Canal Zone, American Samoa, or Swain's Island; Was admitted to the U.S. as a lawful permanent resident at any time; If a person described in (1)(F), entered the U.S., Panama Canal Zone, American Samoa, or Swain's Island pursuant to military orders at some time during such service</li> </ul>	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	Instructions for N-644, Application for Posthumous Citizenship		
3	Determine to apply for posthumous citizenship?	<p>If applicable, the NOK has the option to apply for posthumous citizenship for the casualty. Eligible NOKs to apply include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spouse</li> <li>- Parent(s)</li> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Sibling(s)</li> </ul>	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	Instructions for N-644, Application for Posthumous Citizenship		

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4	Complete Form N-644	NOK completes Form N-644 (Application for Posthumous Citizenship). NOK can access Form N-644 on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website. NOK must complete the application no later than two years after the date of the casualty.	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	Form N-644 Instructions for N-644, Application for Posthumous Citizenship		
5	Submit Form N-644	NOK submits Form N-644 (Application for Posthumous Citizenship) to the following address: USCIS California Service Center P.O. Box 10360 Laguna Niguel, CA 92607	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	Form N-644 Instructions for N-644, Application for Posthumous Citizenship		
6	Go to Casualty Assistance Process, steps 16-end	Go to Casualty Assistance Process: Ensuring the next of kin (NOK) and beneficiaries receive support after a death occurs, steps 16-end.  These steps involve: - Conducting the funeral - Ensuring NOK and beneficiaries receive eligible benefits	Casualty Assistance Process	Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details.	Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details.	