

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

### **Description**

Public Law 101-249 states that an alien or non-citizen national of the United States dies from of an injury or disease incurred by active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces during specified periods of military hostilities may be granted U.S. citizenship. Posthumous citizenship is an honorary status commemorating the bravery and sacrifices of these persons; it does not convey any benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act to any relative of the decedent.

### **Regulations and Supporting Resources**

[A Survivor's Guide to Benefits – Taking Care of Our Families](#)

Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC) – Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) Training Guide

[Instructions for N-644, Application for Posthumous Citizenship](#)

[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Website](#)

### **Documents and Forms**

[DHS Form N-644, Application for Posthumous Citizenship](#)

### **Related Processes**

[Casualty Assistance Process](#)

### **Points of Contact**

**Division:** Soldier Family Support and Services Division (ARNG-HRF)

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