

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**Application for Posthumous Citizenship**

**(Form N-644)**

**OMB No. 1615-0059**

**A. Justification.**

1. This collection is required by the Posthumous Citizenship for Active Duty Service Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-249, dated March 6, 1990, which added section 329A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act). The Act provides an avenue for an alien or non-citizen national who served in an active duty status with the United States Armed Forces to be declared a citizen of the United States if that alien died as a result of injury or disease during specified periods of military hostilities. This is an honorary citizenship status and conveys no benefits under the Act to any surviving relative of the decedent.
  
2. The data collected on this form is used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to: (a) determine the eligibility of a person who applies for posthumous citizenship on behalf of a deceased alien or non-citizen national service member, and (b) to determine the decedent's eligibility for a grant of posthumous citizenship.

These determinations will be made through examination of the application and, where required, the evaluation of supporting documents. If the information is not collected and presented to USCIS, no mechanism will exist from which to conduct adjudication for the

awarding of posthumous U.S. citizenship. This form is being revised (see table of changes).

3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing information. However, this information collection has been identified for e-filing under the business transformation project.
4. A search of USCIS automated forms tracking system was accomplished and revealed no duplication of effort. There is no other similar data collected.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. If this information is not collected, USCIS would be impeded from its ability to verify eligibility and adjudicate the request for awarding posthumous citizenship.
7. There are no special circumstances applicable to this information collection.
8. On March 19, 2008, USCIS published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register at 73 FR 14829. USCIS did not receive any comments for this information collection.

9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.

10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.

11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Annual Reporting Burden:

|    |                                      |      |
|----|--------------------------------------|------|
| a. | Number of Respondents                | 50   |
| b. | Number of Responses per each request | 1    |
| c. | Total Annual Responses               | 50   |
| d. | Hours per Response                   | 1.83 |
| e. | Total Annual Reporting Burden        | 92   |

**Annual Burden Hours**

Total annual reporting burden is **92**. This number is calculated by multiplying the number of respondents (50) x (1) number of responses x (1.83) hours per response.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this collection are identified in item 14. There is no fee associated with this information collection.

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

|                                 |    |       |
|---------------------------------|----|-------|
| Printing Cost                   | \$ | 20    |
| Collecting and Processing       | \$ | 3,980 |
| Total Cost to Program           | \$ | 4,000 |
| Fee Charge                      | \$ | 0     |
| Total Annual Cost to Government | \$ | 4,000 |

**Government Cost**

**The estimated cost to the Government is \$ 4,000.** This figure is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (50) x 1 hour (time required to collect and process information) x \$ 80 (Suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and supervisory time with benefits). In addition, this figure includes the \$ 20 estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking, and distributing the form.

**Public Cost**

The estimated annual public burden cost is **\$ 920.** This figure is based on the number of respondents (50) x 1 hour and 50 minutes (1.83) hours per response x \$10 (average hourly rate).

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the burden hours previously reported for this information collection. This form is being revised (see table of changes). These changes will help facilitate the processing of the application.

16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this collection of information.

17. USCIS will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

18. USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection. .

**B. No statistical methods will be employed for this information collection.**

Not Applicable.

**C. Certification and Signature.**

**PAPERWORK CERTIFICATION**

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with including paperwork regulations,

statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

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