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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form N-426, Revision of
a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review: Form N-
426, Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service; OMB
Control No. 1615-0053.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services (USCIS), has submitted the following information
collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is
published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.
Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until June
15, 2009.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this
notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and
associated response time should be directed to the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division,
Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529-
2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-
8352, or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-
mail please add the OMB Control Number 1615-0053 in the subject box.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected
agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should
address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is
necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency,
including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of
the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the
methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those
who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,
electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or
other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic
submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form N-426. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. This form will be used by USCIS to request a verification of the military or naval service claim by an applicant filing for naturalization on the basis of honorable service in the U.S. armed forces.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 45,000 responses at 20 minutes (.333) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 14,985 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529-2210, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: April 13, 2009.
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