

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Application for Posthumous Citizenship

(Form N-644)

OMB No. 1615-0059

A. Justification.

1. Section 329A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (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.
3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. This form resides on the USCIS Web site and can be completed

electronically. However, this form cannot be e-filed. This information collection has been identified for e-filing under the Business Transformation Initiative.

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. By notice in the Federal Register on April 19, 2011, at 76 FR 21913, USCIS notified the public that it was extending this information collection. The notice allowed for a 60-day public comment period, and USCIS did not receive any comments. USCIS published a 30-day notice in the Federal Register on July 6, 2011, at 76 FR 39415 and USCIS has not received any comments to date.
9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality. The system of record notice associated with this information collection is United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Benefits Information System, which was published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2008, at 73 FR 56596. The privacy impact assessment associated with this information collection is USCIS Benefits Processing of Applicants Other than Petitions for Naturalization, Refugee Status, and Asylum.
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	1.833
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	92

Annual Burden Hours

The annual reporting burden is 92. This number is calculated by multiplying the number of respondents (50) x (1) number of responses x (1) frequency of response x (1.83 hours) (1hour and 50 minutes) 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	\$	0
Collecting and Processing	\$	4,000
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 \$ 2,000. This figure is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (50) x 1 hour (time required to collect and process

information) x \$ 40 (Suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and supervisory time with benefits).

Public Cost

The estimated annual burden cost is \$ 2,735. This figure is based on the number of respondents (50) x (1) number of responses x (1) frequency of response x (1.83 hours) (1 hour and 50 minutes) per response x \$29.89 (average hourly rate).

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the burden hours previously reported for this information collection. There has been no change in the data being collected.
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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Date