

NATURALIZATION

based on military service

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Reference: U.S.M.C. Legal Assistance Guide to Naturalization Applications based upon Qualifying Military Service (8 U.S.C. 1439 and 1440) & 8 CFR Sec 328 & 329

THE MILITARY APPLICANT FILES WITH: All following forms are attached this guide.

- ❶ **N-400** - Application for Naturalization: Fill out on the internet. The N-400 application form is available at <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/n-400.pdf>
- ❷ **N-426** - Request for Certificate of Military Service: Complete this with your military unit officer's signature: i.e. **S-1/Admin/Personnel Office/IPAC**. This form is at <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/n-426.pdf>
- ❸ **Authorization for USCIS Usage of Military Fingerprints** - Please read the explanation of the document. If you agree, fill out and sign.
- ❹ **Fingerprint cards (FD-258) Worksheet** - For the smooth process, it is recommended that you provide the actual fingerprint cards. Please fill out.
- ❺ **Permanent Alien Resident Card** - Bring your original card or your passport showing Legal Resident status in the U.S.
- ❻ **Photographs (2)** - Color photographs - 2 by 2 inches in civilian attire with the required dimension. Photos can be taken at [any photo shop off-base on your choice or ask Combat Camera \(253-5931\) at Bldg 1 if they will assist.](#)

STEP 1: Once you have prepared **ALL** the above forms and required documents, please call the Legal Assistance Office for **APPOINTMENT at 253-5594.** **NO WALK-INS.**

STEP 2: Bring **all** the documents above. The Legal Assistance Office will review the package. After our review of the whole package, then you will visit PMO fingerprint section in order to complete the actual fingerprint cards (two), and bring them back to the Legal Assistance Office.

STEP 3: The Legal Assistance Office will prepare the cover letter addressing to USCIS in Lincoln, Nebraska, where your naturalization application will be processed. This cover letter will indicate your desired place of interview. Please let us know of your preferable place of interview; i.e. Yokosuka, Okinawa, or any place in Japan; also any unavailability period of time due to military mission, if any, etc.

STEP 4: The Legal Assistance Office mail your naturalization package to the USCIS Lincoln, Nebraska. Also we give you the copy of entire package. In approximately a 5~6 weeks, you'll receive a notice of action (receipt) letter from an USCIS. Please keep it for your record. **USCIS will contact with you DIRECTLY by an e-mail or letter regarding the date/place of interview and oath ceremony. Keep checking your e-mails.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL US AT 253-5594. THANK YOU.

The diagram below is a sample flow how the application will be processed.

