

Please note that this Information Paper only provides basic information and is not intended to serve as a substitute for personal consultations with a Legal Assistance Attorney.



## **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Process for the Military**

### **Assistance to the Military Community**

- Specially trained USCIS customer service specialists at the Nebraska Service Center staff the toll-free Military Help Line 1-877-CIS-4MIL (1-877-247-4645). They assist Soldiers, their families, attorneys and others representing them with military-specific naturalization and immigration issues.
- Help is also available on the USCIS website  
<http://www.uscis.gov/military> or  
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

### **Application Packet**

- Application for Naturalization, (USCIS Form N-400)
- Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service, (USCIS Form N-426)
- A front and back copy of your Permanent Residence Card and military id card
- 2 passport photos
- 2 fingerprint cards (Military Police);
- The final packet will be mailed to:  
The Nebraska Service Center  
P.O. Box 87426  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-7426

(Members of the military applying under sections 328 or 329 of the INA are not required to pay a fee for their naturalization application.)

### **Individual Form Information**

#### **USCIS Form N-400**

- Part 1: USCIS A'-number is your Green Card Number
- Part 4: (A) Home Address is your current CMR 427 Box \_\_\_\_ APO AE 09630
- (B) Care Of (If Deploying) is someone you trust with the important information they will be mailing to the address you list

- (C) E-Mail Address is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. Put an e-mail address you will always check, this is how they will set up appointments or ask you questions
- Part 5: (B) Begin with your current employer (U.S. Army, Unit, from day of enlistment to current date, MOS) and go back 5 years
- Part 7: (C) Begin with your most recent trip and go back 5 years (do not count your move to Italy)
- You need to be completely honest on this form

### **USCIS Form N-426**

- Alien Registration Number is your Green Card Number
- Date of Request, LEAVE BLANK
- Service Number is your social security number (ON ALL FORMS)
- Date released from Active Duty is your ETS date
- On page 2 (Entered Service at), this is the city and state of the MEPS location, (On) start date, (Served to) ETS date, U.S. Army, Honorably
- At the bottom of page 2 (Lodge Act Enlistee), LEAVE BLANK
- At the bottom of page 2 (I certify...) Your S1 needs to fill in U.S. Army, Unit, S1, and then the S1 fills in print, signature, title, and telephone number. The JAG office will put the SEAL in the left corner

### **Additional Information**

- The process takes about 4-6 months to be completed
- There is a Study Guide located on the USCIS website that is extremely important and helpful. Go onto the USCIS website, click on Resources at the top of the page, click on Citizenship Based Resources, click on Citizenship Resource Center.  
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.749cabd81f5ffc8fba713d10526e0aa0/?vgnextoid=5efcebb7d4ff8210VgnVCM10000025e6a00aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=5efcebb7d4ff8210VgnVCM10000025e6a00aRCRD>.
- When the process is complete you will be sworn in as a U.S. Citizen at the U.S. Embassy in Rome.  
 Via Vittorio Veneto 121 - 00187 ROMA  
 Telephone: (+39) 06 4674 2190 - 8:30am to 12:30pm  
<http://italy.usembassy.gov/dhs/uscis/default.asp>

***The USARAF/SETAF Legal Assistance Office number is DSN: 634-7041, Com: 0444-71-7041. If you need more information, please call for an appointment with one of our attorneys.***