

Exhibit 5

to Plaintiffs' Further Supplemental Brief in
Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary
Judgment

Case No.: 1:20-cv-01104-ESH



APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP: A GUIDE FOR SERVICEMEMBERS



One of the benefits of serving in the United States armed forces is expedited naturalization procedures. Generally, before applying for citizenship you must have been a permanent resident of the United States (i.e., possess a „green card“) for a number of years. The Immigration and Naturalization Act states that **service members who have served honorably for at least one year, or have served on active duty during a specified period of hostilities** may apply for expedited naturalization. On 3 July 2002, President Bush signed an executive order making the “war against terrorists of global reach” a specified period of hostilities for the purposes of expedited naturalization. If you have served following 11 September 2001, you may be eligible.

The steps for becoming a naturalized citizen under the expedited procedures are as follows:

1. **Assemble the application packet.** In order to become a naturalized citizen, the service member must submit a number of documents to the USCIS (see inset for checklist). The forms can be downloaded from the USCIS website at <http://www.uscis.gov>; the forms are also available at the Legal Assistance Office. Because application fees change regularly, verify the fees on the USCIS website before submitting your application. As of 1 Oct 2004, there is no fee for service members.

2. **Verify your service data at your personnel office.** Your personnel office will verify your service data and complete the back of Form N-426. Army personnel in Area II should contact their individual Brigade or Battalion administrative section; Air Force personnel in Area II should contact Osan AB at 784-1845 or 784-6279; and Navy Personnel in Area II should contact PSD at 723-4647.

3. **Send background check and consent forms to the United States Army Central Personnel Security Clearance Facility (CCF).** The personnel office will send Form G-325B and the release forms from the SF 86 to CCF. CCF (<https://ccf.inscom.army.mil>) will perform a background check and return the results and a completed G-325B to the personnel office.

4. **All servicemembers filing for expedited naturalization must send application packets to the following address:**

US Citizenship and Immigration Services
Nebraska Service Center
P.O. Box 87426
Lincoln, NE 68501-7426

Failure to send all documents, or sending your packet to the wrong address, will significantly delay the processing of your application. Also, if your address changes after you have sent in the application, immediately send in Form AR-11, Change of Address Form, to the USCIS.

5. **Wait for USCIS to schedule your interview.** The USCIS will confirm receipt of your citizenship application and inform you that your interview date will be within the next year. If you have a preferred location for your interview, make it known in the cover letter to your naturalization packet. In most cases, you will be scheduled for an interview within six months. Approximately six weeks before your interview, the USCIS will send you an interview notice with the date, time and location of the interview. You may check the status of your application by going to the USCIS website and entering your case number as prompted.

6. **The interview.** Arrive on time! If you are a no-show, the USCIS will administratively close your case. If you do not reopen your case within one year, your application will be denied. Bring any documents requested by the USCIS in the interview notification. If you do not bring the necessary documents, your application may be delayed or rejected. The USCIS will review your documents, inquire about the information contained in your application, if any, and administer the English and civics tests. The English test will measure your ability to read, write, and speak English. The civics test will test your knowledge and understanding of the U.S. government and U.S. history and will consist of a verbal or written set of multiple-choice questions. For sample exams and study guides please visit the USCIS website. Remember to write down the name of the USCIS officer who conducted your interview for future reference.