

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

ANGE SAMMA *et al.*, on behalf of
themselves and others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 20-CV-1104-PLF

DECLARATION OF ADELEKE OKEDIRAN

I, Adeleke Okediran, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a 30-year-old native and citizen of Nigeria.
2. In June 2017, I entered the United States on a J-1 visa.
3. In September 2020, I obtained my Two-Year Green Card.
4. In December 2020, I enlisted in the United States Army. On that day, I signed an eight-year enlistment contract and took the oath of enlistment.
5. I currently serve in the Selected Reserve of the United States Army Reserve as a Specialist (E-4) and my military occupational specialty is Motor Transport Operator (88M).
6. I shipped to basic combat training (“BCT”) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in January 2021 and graduated from BCT on April 1, 2021.
7. While at BCT reception, I received written guidance, which instructed service members that they could not seek an N-426 certification until we completed BCT and AIT and shipped to our first duty station. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the

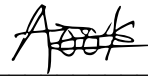
written guidance I received at BCT reception.

8. I shipped to advanced individual training (“AIT”) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on April 2, 2021, and graduated from AIT on May 19, 2021.
9. During my second week at AIT, I submitted my N-426 certification to my chain of command. Both before and after I submitted my N-426 certification, my drill sergeant advised me that service members were not able to obtain their N-426 certifications during AIT. I did not receive my N-426 certification while at AIT.
10. I currently serve with the 946th Transportation Company in Lewes, Delaware. I attended in-processing with my unit in May 2021, following my graduation from AIT. At the end of May, after I had completed in-processing with my unit, I submitted my N-426 form to my chain of command for certification.
11. I attended drill in July, August, September, and October 2021, and the Army compensated me for these drills.
12. After submitting my N-426 form certification in May 2021, I followed up on the status of my N-426 certification, including with my squad leader, platoon sergeant, and human resources sergeant, in July, August, September, and October 2021.
13. On October 27, 2021, I finally received my N-426 certification from my unit.
14. At the time I received my N-426 certification, it had been nearly ten months since I began my service by shipping to BCT.
15. At the time I received my N-426 certification, it had been over six and a half months since I first requested my N-426 certification.
16. I have served honorably at all times since entering service.
17. I am not aware of any legitimate reason that would prevent USCIS from granting my

naturalization application.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 28, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adeleke Okediran', written over a horizontal line.

Adeleke Okediran