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IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Visas. A visa is necessary for citizens of some foreign countries to visit the United States for any period of time. The type of visa necessary depends on the reason the person is coming to the United States. There are three general types of visas: (1) Fiancé(e) Visa; (2) Non-Immigrant Visa; and (3) Visitor's Visa.

<u>Fiancé(e) Visa</u>. This visa allows citizen sponsor to bring fiancé(e) into the United States for marriage to sponsor. Visa is valid for 90 days. Marriage <u>must</u> take place within 90 days of fiancé(e) entering the United States. If marriage does not occur within the 90 day period, alien fiancé(e) risks deportation. After the marriage, spouse may apply for permanent residence status (green card).

<u>Non-Immigrant Visa</u>. This type visa is required for a foreign relative who wants to visit the United States for a temporary period of time; only available for an <u>immediate</u> relative.

An immediate relative is your spouse, unmarried children under 21, and parents. Non-immediate relative must wait until a visa number becomes available.

Visitor's Visa. This type visa is normally issued for up to 90 days.

Permanent Residency. The Application to Register Permanent Residency (Form I-485) entitles the foreign citizen to obtain a Resident Alien Card ("Green Card") and to work in the United States. In order to become a permanent resident. The foreign citizen must have a sponsor lawfully living in the United Stated. A United States citizen can only sponsor an immediate relative. If the sponsor is a permanent resident (and not a U.S. citizen), he/she can only sponsor a spouse or child.

<u>Naturalization</u>. The process by which a foreign citizen becomes a U.S. citizen. If the individual who wishes to become a U.S. citizen is a service member, there is no residency or time in service requirements, and no fees will be charged when filing for naturalization. Naturalization of a family member requires that the individual be a permanent resident of the United States for the previous five years <u>or</u> be married to a U.S. citizen for the previous three years <u>and</u> be a permanent resident for the previous three years.

QUESTIONS? Questions for immigration or wish to visit a Field Office, individual schedule an **INFOPASS** appointment by visiting the USCIS official website at <u>www.uscis.gov</u>.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offers direct access to immigration information through a toll-free Military Help Line, 1-877-247-4645. Information for all immigration topics may be found USCIS website.

You can also get assistance visiting Military One Source at: <u>https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/legal/citizenship-and-immigration</u>.

Army Community Services (ACS) also offers assistance with Citizenship and Immigration Services. To contact ACS, please visit them at 1501 William C. Lee Road or call them at (270) 798-9322.