



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

January 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: Honorable Service Certification Authority for Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and Active Duty Members of the Naval Forces for Purposes of Naturalization

Ref: (a) Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1440  
(b) Executive Order 13269, dated July 3, 2002  
(c) USD (P&R) Memorandum, Certification of Honorable Service for Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and Members of the Active Components of the Military or Naval Forces for Purposes of Naturalization, dated October 13, 2017

In accordance with references (a) through (c), you are delegated the authority to determine if a Service Member is serving or has served honorably, and as applicable, if separation from such service was under honorable conditions, for purposes of naturalization, and record this determination on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form N-426, *Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service*. You may delegate this certification authority, in writing or by regulation, to commissioned officers serving in the paygrade of O-6 or higher.

The Navy and Marine Corps shall consider 45 days of basic military training as the minimum timeframe for honorable service determination for the purposes of naturalization pursuant to reference (a). This minimum timeframe applies to those Service Members, described in reference (c), whose date of enlistment or accession is prior to October 13, 2017.

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Richard V. Spencer

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ASN (M&RA)