



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

FROM: Todd A. Hoffma
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Admissibility and
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) has implemented a new parole program called: the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program (FWVP). To ensure accurate processing at ports of entry (POE), the Office of Field Operations is issuing guidance to the field regarding the program requirements.

FWVP overview and Eligibility Requirements.

USCIS established the FWVP Program via Federal Register Notice on May 9, 2016. The Program offers certain beneficiaries of approved family-based immigrant petition an opportunity to request a discretionary grant of a parole on a case-by-case basis so that beneficiaries may enter the United States as they await the processing and issuance of their immigrant visa numbers.

To be eligible for this parole, beneficiaries must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have a qualifying, legal relationship with the WWII veteran that existed on or before May 9, 2016;
- Generally meet all the eligibility requirements for an immigrant visa (except for the requirement that the immigrant visa number be available);
- Be interviewed abroad;
- Pass security background checks, and for those 14 and older, FBI fingerprint checks;
- Pass a medical examination; and
- Merit favorable exercise of discretion.

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Scope

USCIS anticipates approximately 6,000 individuals will be approved for parole by USCIS under this program during the first five years.

Travel Documentation

All beneficiaries approved by USCIS will be issued DOS-machine readable boarding foils annotated with the beneficiary's A-number. FWVP beneficiaries are indicated by a (b)(7)(E) in the upper right-hand corner of the foil. The foils will be annotated to state that USCIS has authorized parole for a period of three (3) years. A-file record information will be shipped directly by USCIS or DOS to the appropriate USCIS office in the United States.

Duration of Parole and Class of Admission

FWVP beneficiaries should be paroled for three (3) years. CBP officers are required to use the code (b)(7)(E) on the parole stamp, (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E)

First time Arrivals at the POEs

FWVP beneficiaries are expected to seek entry into the United States at various POEs as early as September 2016.

Please ensure that this memorandum and muster is disseminated to all ports of entry within your jurisdiction. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Branch Chief at (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Attachments

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Week of Muster: Upon receipt
Topic: Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program
HQ POC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Office: Enforcement Programs

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