



Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program

What is the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole (FWVP) program and who can apply?

This program, implemented in 2016, made certain beneficiaries of approved I-130 petitions filed by Filipino veterans or their surviving spouses eligible for parole.¹ The purpose of this was to alleviate the hardship caused by long backlogs in the family-based preference category for citizens of the Philippines and allow those granted parole to care of their aging veteran family members. All family-based preference categories are included in the FWVP program. However, the program is especially beneficial to derivative beneficiaries in the F-2B, F-3, and F-4 family preference categories, which are backlogged significantly farther for the Philippines than the comparable worldwide numbers.

Is the Filipino World War II Veteran Parole Program still in effect?

Yes, the program remains in effect. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) published a Federal Register notice on Dec. 28, 2020, requesting public comments on revisions to Form I-131, which would terminate the FWVP program for all new applications postmarked on or after the effective date of the new form instructions. In late 2021, USCIS announced that it would reverse the decision to terminate the FWVP program and that the program would remain in effect.

Can an individual granted parole under FWVP apply for adjustment of status?

Assuming there is a visa number available based on the approved I-130 petition and there has been no lapse in their parole status, FWVP grantees are eligible to apply for adjustment of status under INA § 245(a).

¹ More information about the program can be found on the USCIS website, uscis.gov/humanitarian/humanitarian-parole/filipino-world-war-ii-veterans-parole-program (last updated June 22, 2022).