

# Military Order of the Southern Cross in the Pacific Theater

## Application Instructions

This is a PDF form-fill tab-and-type document and may be prepared on any computer using Adobe Acrobat software. If you do NOT have Adobe, please visit their website and download their program. The site is safe and the program is free. Most computers come with the software already installed.

Complete all fields on the first page, noting that there are pull-down menus in two places: one, to designate your relationship to your soldier (male or female), who served in the Pacific Theater, South of the Tropic of Cancer (including Hawaii) during World War II (1941-1945); and two, to select the branch of their military service.

Indicate whether this is your Preliminary Application or a Supplementary Application. All of the following instructions apply to both types.

Include your FULL name (first, middle, maiden, last), even if you do not use all of your names. This information is helpful when correctly identifying members in the event of moves, &c.

Enter your ZIP+4 and your telephone number using hyphens only. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are **NOT** optional. We will be communicating with our members electronically from time to time. Your information will NOT be sold.

For our purpose, the term "soldier" refers to soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and all other qualifying military personnel, male or female.

The proof of your soldier's service must be either a US Government Form WD AGO 53, Form WD AGO 55, or a Form DD 214. If you need to obtain a military record for your soldier, complete Form SF180, which may be found online by searching for "Request for World War II military records."

The Order allows for Lineal Descent OR Collateral Kinship to the SECOND degree. If you are a Lineal Descendant, complete ONLY pages 1-3. Begin with yourself and follow the blood line back to and including your qualifying ancestor. Not all genealogical blocks on pages 2 and 3 may be needed. If you are claiming Collateral Kinship, complete ALL pages of this application sufficient to prove that your qualifying soldier is descended from your common ancestor. Your common ancestor may be as far removed from you as your great-grandparent, but no further. This allows for kinship up to and including great-uncles, great-aunts, and first-cousins once removed (first-cousins of your parent who have at least one set of grandparents in common). Again, not all genealogical blocks may be needed.

Submit appropriate birth, death, and marriage records for all generations. These documents should be referred to as "B/C," "D/C," and "M/C." In the event such records are unavailable for people born prior to 1880, then bible, census, and newspaper announcements may be used in lieu as necessary, but only as a last resort. Provide appropriate citations, giving, for instance, the family name and ownership of the bible; the census year, state, county (or parish, township, or other designation), and the page and line numbers on which the information appears; and newspaper announcements should provide the name of the paper, and the city, state, and date of the issue in which it appeared. **All evidences submitted will be shredded to protect members' information from being compromised.**

Once completed, save your application with a fresh name. Then print the application and submit it with your evidences and your check payable to "Southern Cross" in the amount of \$200, to:

Jane R. Power, Registrar  
2705 Country Valley Road  
Garland, TX 75043-1119

Your \$200 fee includes your membership certificate and small insigne.

If you have questions, you may contact the registrar by e-mail at MOSCPTregistrar@aol.com.