



# Butterfly Dreamers and Their Families Support Network

## Military Parole in Place (MPIP)

### Detailed Educational Guide

This educational guide was created to help immigrant families better understand Military Parole in Place (MPIP), common eligibility requirements, supporting evidence, and important immigration considerations for military families.

**Disclaimer:** This guide is for educational purposes only. We are not attorneys and do not provide legal advice. Immigration laws, policies, filing procedures, and eligibility rules may change at any time. Every immigration case is different. Always verify information directly with USCIS or consult with a licensed immigration attorney or DOJ accredited representative if needed.

### What is Military Parole in Place (MPIP)?

Military Parole in Place (MPIP) is a discretionary immigration benefit that may allow certain undocumented family members of U.S. military personnel to receive parole while remaining inside the United States. Parole in Place may help certain applicants become eligible to later apply for Adjustment of Status without needing to leave the country, depending on their specific circumstances.



### Who May Qualify for MPIP?

Family members who may commonly qualify can include:

- Spouses of qualifying military members
- Parents of qualifying military members
- Widows or widowers in some situations
- Sons and daughters in some circumstances

The military family member generally must be:

- Active duty military
- Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve
- Military veteran who was not dishonorably discharged



# Why MPIP is Important

Many undocumented immigrants entered the United States without inspection and may not qualify for Adjustment of Status through a family petition alone. Parole in Place may provide:

- Lawful parole status
- Protection from certain removal actions in some situations
- Ability to request work authorization
- Potential pathway toward Adjustment of Status later if otherwise eligible



## Important Eligibility Considerations

USCIS generally reviews:

- Family relationship
- Military service documentation
- Immigration history
- Criminal history
- Evidence of positive discretionary factors Approval is discretionary and not guaranteed.



## Common Forms Used in MPIP Cases



**Form I-131** – Application for Travel Document  
Used to request parole in place.

**Form I-765** – Employment Authorization (if eligible)

May allow the applicant to request a work permit after receiving parole.

Some applicants later file:

**Form I-485** – Adjustment of Status application

## Supporting Evidence Commonly Submitted

Examples of evidence may include:

- Proof of military service
- Military ID copies
- DD-214 discharge documents for veterans
- Birth certificates
- Marriage certificates
- Passport copies
- Passport-style photos
- Proof of family relationship
- Personal declaration letters





## Military Documentation Examples

Military evidence commonly includes:

- Military identification card
- Active duty orders
- DD-214 discharge records
- Reserve documentation
- Statement of service letter USCIS may review the military member's service history as part of the application.

## Personal Declaration Letters

Many applicants include a personal declaration explaining:

- Immigration history
- Family circumstances
- Community involvement
- Hardship concerns
- Reasons parole should be granted Personal statements are often written

honestly and clearly to explain the family situation.



## Background Checks and Biometrics

Applicants may be scheduled for biometrics appointments. USCIS may conduct:

- Fingerprinting
- Background checks
- Immigration history review
- Criminal history review



## Work Permit Information

Some applicants may request employment authorization after MPIP approval.

Work authorization may allow:

- Lawful employment
- Social Security number eligibility in some situations Applicants should verify eligibility requirements carefully.



## Adjustment of Status After MPIP

Some individuals later use approved parole in place as part of a future Adjustment of Status process through a qualifying family petition. Examples may include:

- U.S. citizen spouse petition
- U.S. citizen child petition (21+) Eligibility depends on the full immigration history and other legal factors.



## Important Risk Considerations

Applicants with:

- Criminal history
- Prior deportation orders
- Immigration fraud concerns
- Multiple unlawful entries
- Immigration court proceedings should strongly consider speaking with a licensed immigration attorney or accredited representative before filing.



## Interview Possibilities

Some applicants may receive interview notices depending on the case.

USCIS may ask questions regarding:

- Family relationship
- Military relationship
- Immigration history
- Criminal history
- Personal background



## Packet Preparation Tips

Helpful preparation reminders:

- Use the latest USCIS forms
- Organize documents clearly
- Use tabs or dividers
- Keep copies of everything submitted
- Mail with tracking whenever possible



## General Filing Reminders

USCIS filing procedures, addresses, and eligibility requirements may change at any time.

Always:

- Verify filing instructions directly through USCIS
- Use current form editions
- Confirm mailing addresses before shipping



## Important Reminder

Military Parole in Place is discretionary. Approval is not guaranteed. Every immigration case is unique. Applicants with complicated immigration histories or criminal records should strongly consider speaking with a licensed immigration attorney or accredited representative before filing.



## Community Support and Education

**Butterfly Dreamers and Their Families Support Network** is committed to supporting military and immigrant families through education, community guidance, and access to publicly available immigration information.

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