

Alaska Native Veterans Allotment Program of 2019

for Heirs of Deceased Veterans: Becoming a Personal Representative

Only the personal representative of a deceased veteran, appointed through the Alaska Court System can apply for the allotment.

What does the personal representative get? The right and responsibility to complete the application process. The heirs of the deceased veteran, determined through BIA probate, will receive the allotment.

Who can serve as personal representative? Anyone interested in the estate of the deceased, but notice needs to be given to heirs, and anyone who has legal priority to serve. If there is a will, then the person named as personal representative in the will have priority. This does not mean someone else can't serve as personal representative, but it will be helpful to consult among the heirs about who should serve as personal representative, so that heirs of equal or higher priority can let the State Court know they are in agreement.

How do you become a personal representative? File paperwork to start or resume a probate case with the Alaska Court System.

Beyond court forms, what else is needed to become a personal representative?

- Original copy of a will, if there is any (it may be on file with the Alaska Court System)
- Certified copy of the death certificate for the veteran

Resources to Assist with the Probate Process

Alaska Law Help

Offers information, and a guided online interview that generates the necessary Alaska Court System forms, including an affidavit explaining the unique need to start a probate case for heirs of Vietnam veterans applying for allotments. While it is helpful to have the names and addresses of individuals who may require notice available, the interview will generate a word document that can be edited with additional information.

Go to: <https://alaskalawhelp.org/resource/online-probate-forms-for-heirs-applying-for-the-alaska-native-veterans-allotment-program>

Alaska Court System

Has a number of forms and information about the probate process. Forms that may be valuable include: P-306, Nomination for Appointment of Personal Representative with Equal or Lower Priority; and P-333, Request to be Appointed as Co-Personal Representative.

Go to: www.courts.alaska.gov

Alaska Legal Services Corporation

Offers additional assistance to low-income individuals unable to navigate the process alone.

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Visit Online: www.alsc-law.org/applyforservices/