

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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1. LOCATION 1 All American Way, Fort Bragg, NC 28307	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20260423	3. TIME 0823	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME Doe, John	6. SSN 123-45-6789	7. GRADE/STATUS E-4/SPC	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS HHBN, 82nd Airborne Division			

9. I, SPC John Doe, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

My name is Specialist John Doe, DOD ID Number 123456789, and I respectfully request a religious accommodation for an exception to policy regarding military grooming standards to permit the wear of a beard. I am a practicing Muslim, belonging to the Sunni denomination. The tenets of my faith require that I grow and maintain uncut facial hair as an expression of devotion and obedience to Allah (God). This request is based on my sincerely held religious beliefs, which form the foundation of my identity and daily life. I affirm that my commitment to these beliefs is authentic and deeply rooted. My faith and religious understanding have grown stronger since my teenage years, influenced by my family, religious scholars in my community, and regular study of the Qur'an and Sunnah. Over the years, my beliefs about religious grooming practices have developed, especially after learning more about the importance of keeping a beard in Islam through guidance from my local Imam at the Islamic Center of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. There, I actively participate in prayers and educational programs under the leadership of Imam Yusuf Ahmed (address: 123 Mosque Ave, Fayetteville, NC 28301). The core of my request is based on the Islamic belief that maintaining a beard is a sign of faith and religious observance. The governing body for my religious tradition is the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), headquartered in Plainfield, Indiana. I first became aware of the religious significance of keeping a beard during my early adulthood, and this belief was reinforced through my community's teachings and my own study. The military grooming standard requiring clean-shaven faces became incompatible with my religious beliefs during my initial training when I fully committed to practicing my faith openly. From that point, I have sought to live in accordance with my religious obligations, including the maintenance of a beard, which is supported by the official statements and creed of my religious tradition. The Islamic faith's teachings, as documented by organizations like ISNA and the Fiqh Council of North America, emphasize that the beard is to be kept as an act of worship and identity. I remain fully committed to my duties and obligations as a Soldier. The accommodation to wear a beard in accordance with my sincerely held religious beliefs will not adversely affect military readiness, unit cohesion, good order, discipline, health, or safety. I remain fully capable of safely operating all assigned equipment—including protective masks—and executing all mission requirements. Attached are letters of reference from Imam Yusuf Ahmed and the Islamic Center of Fort Bragg, as well as official statements from ISNA supporting my religious practice. I respectfully submit this information in support of my application for religious accommodation. NOTHING FOLLOWS

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ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF _____ TAKEN AT _____ DATED _____"

THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT, AND PAGE NUMBER MUST BE INDICATED.

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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AFFIDAVIT

I, SPC John Doe, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 3. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

WITNESSES:

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this _____ day of _____, _____ at _____

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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