



**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION
OF PENSACOLA, INC.
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA**

APPLICATION FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Mission: To keep the grounds that constitute Veterans Memorial Park hallowed and pristine, to hold the memory of the lives sacrificed and honored at the park close to our heart and at the center of our work and operations so those sacrifices will never be forgotten, to honor the Fallen in our personal and official conduct, to be vigilant against any purpose or thing that would detract from or bring discredit or dishonor to the sacrifices of the Fallen or these grounds, to help fulfill the perpetual right of the Fallen to the maintenance and jealous care of the park and its role in bringing credit to their service and sacrifice, and to provide conditions in the park that enable those who visit the park to do so in peace and comfort, and in a healing environment.

Values

Honor	Loyalty	Service
Transparency	Integrity	Vigilance
Accountability	Inclusiveness	Altruism

Applicant Information: If you are interested in being a part of this mission and in joining us in fulfilling our values, please fill out the following information so that it may be reviewed by the Executive Committee. We suggest you keep a copy for your reference and forward a copy via email to info@veteransmpf.org or via postal service PO Box 12984 Pensacola, FL 32591-2984.

Please ensure all lines are completed.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Profession: _____ Employer: _____

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ (month/day) Married? _____ Yes / _____ No

Name of Significant Other: _____

Qualifications: The by-laws of the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, Inc. require that at least 9 of the 13 board members have one of the following qualifications. Please indicate if you have one of these qualifications.

- Honorably discharged or retired military veteran:

Branch _____ Rank/Grade _____

Years of Service from _____ to _____

- The spouse of an honorably discharged or retired veteran:

Branch _____ Rank/Grade _____

Years of Service from _____ to _____

- The surviving spouse of a KIA or MIA veteran:

Branch _____ Rank/Grade _____

Years of Service from _____ to _____

- The lineal descendent of an honorably discharged, retired, KIA or MIA veteran:

Veteran's Branch _____ Rank/Grade _____

Years of Service from _____ to _____

Relationship to applicant _____

- The remaining directors shall be a resident of Escambia or Santa Rosa counties of Florida, and American citizenship or legally pursuing American citizenship. Please indicate which apply:

_____ Resident of Escambia County Florida

_____ Resident of Santa Rosa County Florida

_____ US Citizen

_____ Legally pursuing American citizenship

Affiliations and Conflicts of Interest: We are fortunate to have very dedicated and involved board members at the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation. In considering your application, we ask that you provide us with a listing of current commitments so that we have a better understanding of where your talents, interests and community relationships are founded.

Additionally, any board member with an actual or possible conflict of interest must disclose the existence of the interest and disclose all material facts upon applying for a board position and at the outset of the commencement of discussion or vote on a matter where a potential conflict may exist.

Do you have any actual or possible conflicts of interest relative to service on the board of directors of the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation? _____ Yes / _____ No

If yes, please discuss: _____

I am currently active on the following boards in our community: (Please list Board/Role/Time Commit/Tenure)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I am currently active in other activities in our community: (Please list Role/Time Commitment/Tenure)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I am not currently active with the groups/activities below, but have been in the past, in role listed:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

<p>Please indicate which skills and experience you wish to have considered in the application. If you check “yes,” please explain in the space provided and if the experience was in the military, please indicate where it was gained or used.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
<p><u>Fundraising</u> (I am willing to ask others for financial support if I believe I the cause.) Explain:</p>		
<p><u>Networking</u> (I am active with leaders in the community.) Explain:</p>		
<p><u>Planning</u> (It is easy for me to plan and develop programs.) Explain:</p>		
<p><u>Financial Expertise</u> (One of my strengths lies in investments and financial planning.) Explain:</p>		
<p><u>Marketing</u> (I have experience in marketing and can generate media support.) Explain:</p>		
<p><u>Relationship Strengths</u> (I am comfortable getting large donors to support the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation.) Explain:</p>		
<p><u>Team Player</u> (I like working as part of a group.) Explain:</p>		
<p><u>Motivated</u> (I am ready and willing to support the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation in any way needed.) Explain:</p>		

<u>Advocacy</u> (I have experience lobbying governmental entities and persons and am willing to serve as an advocate in representing the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation issues.) Explain:		
<u>Legal</u> (I have legal expertise that I am willing to share with the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation.) Explain:		
<u>Maintenance</u> (I have “handyman” skills.) Explain:		
<u>Groundskeeping</u> (I have experience in groundskeeping.) Explain:		
<u>Clerical</u> (I have clerical skills.) Explain:		
<u>Commitment</u> (I have the time, talent, and energy to support the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation.) Explain:		

Please list any past or current involvements or affiliations you have or have had with the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation.

I am able and willing to attend meetings of the board or any committees I volunteer to join.
 _____ Yes / _____ No

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Attendance, Events, and Personal Financial Commitment

Board Meeting Attendance: Board meetings are scheduled twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Board members are expected to attend ALL of the scheduled board meetings during their term as a Veterans Memorial Park Foundation Board Member. However, it is understood that situations arise that might preclude perfect attendance. When it is not possible or practical for board members to be physically present at any scheduled meeting, they may “attend” using any method of communication, such as telephone or videoconference, where all participating members can simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. Participation in this manner shall constitute “attendance” and is permissible for establishing a quorum but shall not be used for casting secret ballots.

I commit to attempting to attend all scheduled board meetings and attending at least 50% of the scheduled board meetings during my term as a Veterans Memorial Park Foundation Board Member, or face termination. When I am unable to attend a board meeting, I will inform the president and secretary in advance and send them my report for the meeting so it can be entered into the meeting minutes. I will receive, via email, the minutes from each board meeting. I will read the minutes prior to attending board meetings and be prepared to ask questions and/or discuss portions of the minutes.

Events: Events sponsored by the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation and or other authorized group(s) require participation by all board members. No event can or will be successful without board members actively attending and providing their “stewardship & leadership” skills to ensure a very successful event. Generally, the foundation conducts a Memorial Day observance, a Veterans Day celebration, workdays prior to and after each of those events, and a fundraising event.

I commit to fully participating and assisting with the preparation for the events and the events themselves.

Personal Financial Commitment: The foundation applies for grants to sustain its operations, and some of those grants assess the extent to which members of the board of directors contribute to their own foundation when considering whether to approve their grants. Board members are responsible for making a personal financial commitment to the foundation each year they are in office.

Giving to the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation in support of its mission is a priority to me, so each year before September 1, I commit to making, without being reminded, a generous personal financial contribution to the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation at a level that is meaningful to me and reflects my commitment to the foundation. Additionally, I will meet or exceed requirements for fundraising from sources that I discover and for tickets sales for events at levels approved by the board.

By-Laws: Consult the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation By-Laws for additional information pertaining to the duties and obligations expected of members of the Board of Directors.

I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and truthful and that I will meeting the requirements expected of a member of the Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors.

Name (Print)	Signature	Date
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