

CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA
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**APPLICATION FOR CENOTAPH (MEMORIAL PLAQUE)
ON VETERANS MEMORIAL ISLAND SANCTUARY**

The undersigned, _____, hereinafter “Applicant,” requests that a memorial plaque be placed on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary to recognize _____, hereinafter “Veteran.”

The Rules and Regulations for the placing of cenotaphs (memorial plaques) on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary require that to be eligible for recognition the Veteran must have died while defending the United States of America and must have been a resident of Indian River County at the time of his or her initial entry into one of the branches of the United States Armed Services, i.e. the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines and the Coast Guard.

Each application must be reviewed and approved by Indian River County Veterans Services, the Veterans Council and the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Committee prior to consideration of the application by the City Council of the City of Vero Beach. If the application receives final approval by the City Council, the City of Vero Beach Public Works and Engineering Department shall undertake any and all work associated with designing and installing the cenotaph. The cenotaph shall be consistent in size and design with the existing plaques, and shall contain only the Veteran’s name, rank, branch of service, date of birth and date of death.

Please provide the following information and a copy of the Veteran’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214) or equivalent:

Date of Application: _____

Veteran’s name/rank: _____

Veteran’s date of birth: _____ Veteran’s date of death: _____

Veteran’s branch of service: _____ Veteran’s years of service: _____

Was Veteran a resident of Indian River County at the time of his/her initial entry into one of the eligible services? Yes _____ No _____

Did Veteran die while defending the United States of America? Yes _____ No _____

Attached to this application is a copy of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary. These rules must be strictly adhered to in the Sanctuary.

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read and understands the attached Rules and Regulations. Further, the undersigned certifies that he/she is authorized to represent the Veteran, and will ensure compliance with all of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Sanctuary.

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relation to Veteran: _____

APPROVAL BY THE FOLLOWING:

Indian River County Veterans' Services:

_____ Date: _____

Veterans Council of Indian River County:

_____ Date: _____

Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Committee:

_____ Date: _____

Public Works and Engineering Department:

_____ Date: _____

City Manager:

_____ Date: _____

City Council:

_____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENT "A"

VETERANS MEMORIAL ISLAND SANCTUARY AUTHORIZED USES AND MEMORIAL RULES

A. Purpose and Intent.

Pursuant to Section 54-31(e) of the City of Vero Beach Code of Ordinances ("Code"), the purpose and intent of these Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Authorized Uses and Memorial Rules ("Uses and Rules") is twofold:

- (1) To create at the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary a quiet haven for reflection on the sacrifices made by the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and
- (2) To preserve Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary as a memorial to Indian River County's military heroes.

B. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to these Uses and Rules:

Cenotaphs: individual memorials for fallen veterans whose bodies are buried elsewhere or not recovered.

Master Plan: the plan guiding the management and development of Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary adopted by the City Council of the City of Vero Beach pursuant to Section 54-31(e) of the Code, as more fully described and identified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, and incorporated herein.

Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee: the committee established pursuant to the Code to ensure the purpose, intent and preservation of Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary and to serve as an advisory committee to the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, hereinafter "Committee."

Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary: the geographic area including all of Spoil Island #31, hereinafter "Island," deeded to the City of Vero Beach on May 5, 1941, the bridge leading to the Island, and the entrance area lying immediately east of the bridge, including the traffic circle and its contents, excluding the roadway, as more fully described and identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and incorporated herein, hereinafter "Sanctuary."

C. General matters.

- (1) The Sanctuary may not be sold, leased, traded, or given away by the City except as specified in Section 5.05 of the Charter of the City of Vero Beach.
- (2) There shall be no charge for admission to the Sanctuary.

(3) All work and projects at the Sanctuary shall be implemented by the Public Works Department of the City of Vero Beach only after approval of the Vero Beach City Council after consideration of recommendations from the Committee and the Veterans Council of Indian River County.

(4) Initial coordination of uses of the Sanctuary shall be coordinated through the Recreation Department of the City of Vero Beach.

D. Rules and Policies.

(1) Use of the Sanctuary.

(a) All uses shall be in keeping with the purpose and intent of the Sanctuary.

(b) All other uses shall be by permit only, issued by the Vero Beach City Manager and consistent with Section 54-31(e) of the Code.

(c) Private memorial services held at the Sanctuary shall be limited to services for United States veterans for whom a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Department of Defense Form DD214), or equivalent, issued for reason other than dishonorable conduct, has been provided to the City of Vero Beach Recreation Department and verified by the Indian River County Veterans' Service Office. Scattering of cremains of such veterans is permitted in the waters surrounding the Island, however cremains shall not be scattered on the Island.

(d) The following uses shall not be permitted at the Sanctuary:

1. General recreational activities.
2. Weddings.
3. Demonstrations, rallies or politically motivated gatherings.
4. Fund raising events.
5. Sports events.
6. Band concerts, except those related to military ceremonies or recognized holidays of special national or local significance in which patriotic music shall predominate.
7. Camping.
8. Alcoholic beverages.
9. Bikes, skateboards, scooters, and skates.
10. Kite flying or operation of model aircraft or model vehicles.
11. Water activities such as, but not limited to, swimming, boating, fishing, and the like, except that fishing shall be permitted on the bridge leading to the Island so long as such fishing activity does not interfere with Island events that are allowed or permitted pursuant to the Uses and Rules.
12. Motor vehicles and other motorized conveyances, except those utilized in conveying persons with disabilities or utilized in maintenance or approved work by or for the City.
13. Dogs, except service dogs.
14. Commercial activity.

E. Individual Memorials.

(1) Cenotaphs have been used since the dedication of the Island. Cenotaphs shall be consistent in size and design with existing cenotaphs. Vietnam era veterans are honored with engraved granite memorials. Veterans of other conflicts are honored with granite memorials with bronze plaques. Bronze plaques shall be consistent with those of the conflict/era. Plaques shall contain name, date of birth, and date of death. Branch of Service and rank may be included, space permitting.

(2) Cenotaphs will honor the men and women of Indian River County who died while defending the United States of America and for whom a Report of Casualty Certificate (Department of Defense Form 1300), or equivalent, issued for any reason other than dishonorable conduct, has been provided to the City of Vero Beach Recreation Department and verified by the Indian River County Veterans' Service Office. Any such qualifying veteran who died while defending our country and was a resident of Indian River County at the time of his or her initial entry into one of the services shall be eligible for recognition.

(3) No other individual memorials shall be allowed.

(4) Cenotaphs may be approved by the City Council after consideration of the recommendation by the Veterans Council of Indian River County and the Committee.

F. Monuments.

(1) Monuments have been part of the memorials to honor veterans since the dedication of the Sanctuary. The "Lest We Forget" monument established precedence. Honor is paid to the veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In addition, monuments pay tribute to Pearl Harbor Survivors, Purple Heart recipients, Prisoners of War (POW), and those Missing in Action (MIA).

(2) Only veteran organizations sponsoring a monument may be recognized as part of the monument.

(3) Plans for construction of monuments shall require approval by the City Council after consideration of the recommendation by the Veterans Council of Indian River County and the Committee.

(4) All monuments shall be consistent with the Master Plan and no development shall occur that is not consistent with that plan.

G. Service Memorials.

Monuments commemorating the branches of the United States Armed Services, i.e. the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard have been constructed consistent with the Master Plan. Any changes to the existing monuments shall be consistent with the Master Plan and shall require approval by the City Council after consideration of the recommendation by the Veterans Council of Indian River County and the Committee.