



**PINELLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEE VETERANS' PREFERENCE FORM**

Human Resources Department
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INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form if you are claiming Veterans' preference. Print your name and social security number in the spaces provided. Check the appropriate box below and provide the additional information requested. You must complete both pages of this form. Before being given a preference, you will be required to submit documentation from the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Documentation substantiating your claim must be furnished at the time of application. The type of documentation required is listed next to each category. All documents specified must clearly indicate that they are copies of originals. Veterans' preference will be awarded to all qualified employees for preference in retention providing all required documentation is submitted.

Veterans' Name:	Last	First	Middle
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Social Security Number:	Employee Number:
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Are you Currently employed by the Unified Personnel System of Pinellas County Government? **Yes** **No**

CATEGORY/DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- (1) A veteran with a compensable service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation, disability retirement or pension under public laws administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.
 - Percentage of disability _____
 - Copy of DD-214 (**Member 4 Copy recommended**) or equivalency from the Department of Veterans' Affairs showing military status, dates of service and discharge type; and copy of document from the Department of Defense, or Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that the veteran has a compensable service connected disability.

- (2) The spouse of a veteran who cannot qualify for employment because of a total and permanent disability, or the spouse of a veteran missing in action, captured or forcibly detained by a foreign power.
 - Spouses of Disabled Veterans: copy of spouses DD-214 or equivalency from the Department of Veterans' Affairs showing military status, dates of service and discharge type; copy of certification from the Department of Veterans' Affairs that the veteran is totally and permanently disabled and cannot qualify for employment because of a service connected disability; or an ID card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs; copy of marriage certificate along with a continuous marriage affidavit..
 - Spouses of Persons on Active Duty: copy of certification from the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans' Affairs that the person on active duty is either missing in action, captured, forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power; and copy of marriage certificate along with a continuous marriage affidavit.

- (3) A veteran of any war who has served on active duty for one day or more during a wartime period, excluding active duty for training, and who was discharged under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
 - Copy of DD-214 (**Member 4 Copy recommended**) or equivalency from the Department of Veterans' Affairs showing military status, dates of service and discharge type.

- (4) The un-remarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
 - Copy of document from the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans' Affairs certifying the service connected death of the veteran; and a copy of marriage certificate along with a continuous marriage affidavit.

- (5) A veteran who has served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized; any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is qualifying for Veterans' Preference.
 - Copy of DD-214 (**Member 4 Copy recommended**), Certificate of Discharge or Separation from Active Duty, or other official documents (to include military discharge papers, or equivalent certification from the Department of Veterans' Affairs listing military status, the award of any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM), the award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWTEM), dates of service, and discharge type) issued by the branch of service.

WARTIME ERAS: for the purpose of determining veterans' preference, wartime era is limited to service during the following time periods:

- September 1, 2010 through present (Operation New Dawn)
- March 19, 2003 through present (Operation Iraqi Freedom)
- October 7, 2001 through present (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- August 2, 1990 through January 2, 1992 (Persian Gulf War)
- February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam Era)
- June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955 (Korea Conflict)
- December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (WWII)
- April 6, 1917 to July 1, 1921, if one day of service was between 4/5/17 and 11/12/18 (WWI)
- April 6, 1917 to April 1, 1920, if served in Russia (WWI)
- April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 (WWI)

