

BROWNSVILLE VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL APPLICATION



Please return completed application and documentation to: BVPM Application
c/o: The Brownsville Parks & Recreation Department • 1338 E. 8th & Tyler St. •
Brownsville, Texas 78520



Name to appear on memorial MUST reflect DD-214 (Please Print or Type Clearly)

(First Name) (Middle) (Maiden -if any) (Last Name) (Jr. - Sr. - I, II, III)

VETERANS QUALIFYING INFORMATION

Male: _____ Female: _____ Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Current address or final resting place: Street: _____

P.O. Box: _____ Apt#: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

How is veteran connected to City of Brownsville: Born here: _____ Served here: _____ Trained here: _____ Live here: _____

Address when veteran was connected to Cameron County if not currently residing in the County:

Street: _____ Approximate Date connected: _____

P.O. Box: _____ Apt#: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Other: _____

MILITARY INFORMATION

Served In: Army: _____ Navy: _____ Marines: _____ Air Force: _____ Coast Guard: _____

Original Date of Enlistment: _____ Date of Discharge (if applicable): _____ Honorable: _____ General: _____

Special Status: MIA: _____ KIA: _____ Died in Service: _____ Other: _____

Active Duty Service: WWI: _____ WWII: _____ Korean War: _____ Vietnam: _____ Gulf War: _____

Afghan/Iraq: _____ Somalia: _____ Grenada: _____ Global War on Terror: _____ Peace Time: _____ Other: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Each application must be submitted with a *copy* of one of the following documents: Please note that any Serial or Social Security Number may be deleted before sending if you desire: **DD214 (preferred):** _____

Honorable Discharge Certificate: _____ Assignment Orders: _____ Discharge Orders: _____ Retirement Order: _____

American Legion Card: _____ Veteran Foreign Wars Card: _____ Disabled American Veterans Card: _____

Other: (Please Explain) _____

Contact Information for Person Submitting Application if not Veteran named above

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Relationship to Veteran: _____

I certify that I have permission of the above named Veteran or Veterans family to submit this application for inscription _____

Signature

Date

This information is for the sole purpose of accurately identifying each of our Cameron County, Brownsville Veterans who desire to be listed on the BVPM. This information will not be used for any other purpose and will not be sold. Your application and the information on it will be held and handled in accordance to the law in respect for the veteran. This application is strictly voluntary and is the sole property of the BVPM.



BROWNSVILLE VETERANS' PARK MEMORIAL (BVPM)

DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

- (*) A VETERAN is defined as any service person that meets the guidelines for membership to *The American Legion* or admittance to a *Veterans' Center* or receives *Veterans Benefits*.
- (**) A VETERAN is defined as any service person that is missing-in-action (MIA) or killed-in-action (KIA) who entered the service from Cameron County or was born in the City of Brownsville, Texas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NAMES ON BVPM

1. Eligible veterans' (MIAs and KIAs) names shall be engraved into the centerpiece black granite column.
2. Eligible veterans' names shall be reviewed by the Brownsville Parks & Recreation Department and American Legion Commander Robert Rodriguez; and shall meet the following criteria:

If a veteran had their DD-214 stamped other than a Dishonorable discharge and:

- a. Verify their DD-214 to make sure *they joined* the armed services from Brownsville.
- b. If they *were released* to an address in Brownsville (DD-214).
- c. If they *were drafted* into the armed forces and were living and attending public schools in Brownsville, Texas (*High School Diploma*).
- d. WWII veterans should present any official documentation (*Discharge Papers*), and they should be on the wall regardless if their loved ones prove they were born, or entered through Brownsville. Documentation is very hard to find on these group of veterans.

Places that might be helpful in obtaining documentation include:

Cameron County Courthouse;
The National Archives in Washington D.C.: www.archives.gov
Write to the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis MO., 63132
If veteran is deceased, the funeral home or office at place of burial
Other family members

