

## Sarasota County Government Veterans' Preference Eligibility Form

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To comply with changes in the Veterans' Preference Laws regarding retention we ask all veterans to complete and return this form to Gail Coel, Human Resources.

This information is kept confidential in accordance with the American Disabilities Act.  
For any questions, please call Gail Coel, Human Resources at 861-5813.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

**If eligible, please check the appropriate Veterans' Preference category that you are claiming and attach necessary documentation.**

- [ 1 ] A veteran with a 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, **or**
- [ 2 ] The spouse of a veteran who cannot qualify for employment because of a total and permanent service-connected disability, or the spouse of a veteran missing in action, captured, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign power, **or**
- [ 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  
**A "wartime veteran" is defined by Florida Statutes as a veteran who served at least one day during a war time period. War time periods are:**
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| 1. World War II :              | December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 |
| 2. Korean Conflict:            | June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955     |
| 3. Vietnam Era:                | February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975      |
| 4. Persian Gulf War:           | August 2, 1990 – January 2, 1992     |
| 5. Operation Enduring Freedom: | October 7, 2001 –                    |
| 6. Operation Iraqi Freedom:    | March 19, 2003 –                     |
- or**
- [ 4 ] The unmarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability, **or**
- [ 5 ] A The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal qualify for Veterans' Preference, provided the individual is otherwise eligible.

### Necessary Documentation:

A **DD214** or comparable document which serves as a certificate of release or discharge **must be furnished**. In addition, applicants claiming categories 1, 2, or 4 above must furnish supporting documentation in accordance with the provisions of Rule 55A-7.013.