



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Veterans' Preference Claim

**Instructions:** Complete ONLY if you are claiming Veterans' Preference. All applicants claiming Veterans' Preference must complete this form and include a copy of your DD214, Certificate of Discharge or Separation from Active Duty, or equivalent certification which is to be submitted at time of application.

Subsection 1.01(14) Florida Statute defines the term Veteran as one who has served in the active military and who is discharged under honorable conditions only, or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions notwithstanding any action by the Department of Veterans Affairs on individuals discharged or released with other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served for one day or more during one of the military campaigns cited in Section II.

### I. VETERANS' PREFERENCE REQUEST

I am claiming Veterans' Preference  Yes  No

### II. MILITARY CAMPAIGN CLASSIFICATION (Check appropriate statement as it pertains to you.)

- World War II: (1941 – 1946)
- Korean War: June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
- Vietnam War: February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
- Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990 to January 2, 1992
- Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001 to TBD
- Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003 to TBD
- Operation New Dawn: September 1, 2010 to TBD

### III. VETERANS' STATUS CLAIMED (Check appropriate statement as it applies to you: **Check ONLY one.**)

- 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.
- 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 by a foreign power.
- 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 current member of any reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.
- Any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal received by a qualified applicant provides qualifying service for Veterans' Preference. The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is qualifying for Veterans' Preference provided the individual is otherwise eligible. Veterans' Preference is provided for individuals who have served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge/medal has been awarded.
- The mother, father, legal guardian, or unremarried widow or widower of a service member who died as a result of military service under combat-related conditions as verified by the U.S. Department of Defense.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Telephone	Cell	
<b><i>If active service:</i></b>		
Date of Entry	Date of Discharge	Branch of Service

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct. I understand that falsification of this information is a criminal violation and may subject me to prosecution and possible incarceration and/or fine and will result in dismissal if employed. I have received notice of the appropriate procedures to follow in order to initiate an investigation into any non-compliance with the Veterans' Preference laws.

Signature	Date
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If an applicant claiming Veterans' Preference for a vacant position is not selected, he/she may file a complaint with the:

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA)  
Division of Benefits and Assistance  
P.O. Box 31003  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731

A complaint must be filed within 21 calendar days of the applicant receiving notice of the hiring decision made by the employing agency or within three calendar months of the date of application is filed with the employer. If no notice is given, it is the responsibility of the preferred applicant to maintain contact with the employer to determine if the position has been filled.

*The South Florida Water Management District complies with State statutes on Veterans' Preference and prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation.*