



APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF NAME ON BOLTON VETERANS' MEMORIAL WALL

Resolution #64 adopted by the Bolton Town Board, April 4, 2000 defining the requirement to have a name engraved on the Memorial Wall

“To be eligible, a person must have been, or is, in any branch of the U.S. Armed Services including any non-combatant unit, the Merchant Marine, or a Conscientious Objector, in any recognized war, conflict, police action or similar, while at the same time be a member of a family owning land in the Town of Bolton; or die while being a resident of Bolton after having served in any action as previously described; or be buried in the Town of Bolton after having served in the U.S. Armed services in any actions as previously described; or have lived in the Town of Bolton for twenty-five (25) years and have served in any action as previously described. The Town Board can grant a waiver to any individual to have his name added upon due cause shown.”

Resolution #64 was amended by Resolution #254 of the Bolton Town Board on December 1, 2015 to include the following Addendum:

“A quorum (i.e., a majority of current members) of the BOLTON VETERANS' MEMORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BVMAC) shall be authorized to recommend to the Bolton Town Board that a waiver may be granted to any individual deemed qualified for said waiver by the BVMAC. The BVMAC waiver recommendation shall be deemed “advisory” to the Town of Bolton and shall not be considered a binding obligation on the Town of Bolton to act in conformity with the recommendation. Should the BVMAC recommend to the Town Board that a particular person is qualified for a waiver, such recommendation constitutes an advisory recommendation to the Town Board that the applicant’s request for a waiver is appropriate for positive Town Board consideration. The Town Board shall remain free to accept or reject any BVMAC advisory recommendation for a waiver. Where the BVMAC may determine that an application for a waiver does not contain the necessary qualifications of the person (in accordance with the Waiver- Granting Guidelines established by the BVMAC) the Town of Bolton shall not act in any manner to overrule such BVMAC advisory recommendation. And in all other respects those previously approved procedures for the placement of qualified names on the Memorial adopted by Town Board Resolution # 64 of April 4, 2000 or as stated in the Operations Manual of BVMAC that are not inconsistent herewith are hereby confirmed. Wherever the specifications of this resolution and the provisions of prior resolution #64 of April 4, 2000 or the requirements of the BVMAC Operations Manual may be construed in conflict, it is intended that the specifications of this resolution shall prevail.”

The original resolution, approved in April, 2000, defines the requirements that must be shown by the applicant to have any name engraved on any applicable wall on the site. The applicant must show that the qualifications of the person whose name is on the application can qualify, by attaching printed proof that these requirements can be met.

The best way that this can be accomplished is to attach a copy of the military person’s DD 214 (Department of Defense Form 214), normal Military discharge papers, which show all the qualifications of the military person, and the dates he or she was in the military, plus many other items of military importance to the Veteran.

For Veterans of the distant past, we accept other reasonable proof, such as newspaper articles and pictures, family records, sworn testimony, etc.

The resolution further defines and clarifies the thinking of the members of the local American Legion Post during the period of 1997 through 2001 when the original set of qualifying names (869 in number) were collected and collated, such thinking to lead to the Bolton Town Board unanimously approving Resolution #64, fully described on Page one of this application:

- To further clarify the military requirements, the paragraph at the top of this page also applies to Conscientious Objectors. More specifically, a DD 214 needs to be provided.
- Names of Merchant Marine individuals are acceptable only if it can be shown that such individuals were employed by shipping companies involved in the U.S. Government Lend-Lease Act just prior to WW II, and thereafter in the time frame ending in 1946, when the last WWII military person returned from Europe.

The strong attachment section of the requirements can be shown by a Bolton High School diploma, copies of real estate taxes having been paid, a receipt for payment for a cemetery plot in Bolton, death records, or any similar proof of any of the requirements listed in the Town Board Resolution shown above.

Please be advised that the name engraving on site is very expensive, therefore we must gather many names before undertaking the contracting with a granite engraver from Barre, Vermont, where the original granite walls were engraved in the year 2000, with names of 869 former military people. The letters were of the "skin frosted" type, and then white lithochrome was applied to highlight the letters, even when they are wet. We knew that we were probably going to miss some names on the first engraving, so we left room at the end of each full-scale military engagement (war or similar), for the addition of others, as these names became known to us.

As expected, this happened, and in the five years following the dedication of the Memorial site, we were supplied with 53 more names, enough to make an additional on-site engraving economically possible, approximately \$100.00 per name. With very accurate computerized planning, we were able to match all of the additional names to those engraved off-site in Barre, five years previously. The job of adding names to the granite walls permanently located on the site is no small job, and requires substantial planning, and the financial assets to provide the payments to the skilled engravers from Barre, Vt.

We do not charge any applicant to have any names engraved. It has been paid for by a local benefactor, himself a past Military person, who flew Search and Rescue aircraft for the U S Navy. Tax-deductible Contributions to a special Memorial fund set up by the Town of Bolton, however, are more than welcome, as they may provide for someone who cannot afford a contribution. We thank you in advance.

Please complete the application form which follows, and be as complete and detailed as possible, following the requirements of the Town Resolution shown at the beginning of this paper. Space is provided for additional comments, if you think that they are necessary.

Should you need any additional information regarding the requirements, or how to provide additional information, please leave a written (carefully-printed) note with the Bolton Town Clerk, including as much contact information as possible. Your application will be forwarded to our Veterans' Memorial Committee for review, comments if needed, and then approval. You will be notified of said approval, and an estimate of when any additional names will be engraved on site.

Thank you very much for you interest in the Bolton Veterans' Memorial, perhaps the finest small Memorial in the world, which will be at the center of the Town of Bolton, with all of the Veterans' names on the granite walls, forever.

The applicant must provide documentaton indicating that they meet the qualifications required for inclusion on the Memorial Wall. The best way this can be accomplished is to attach a copy of the military person's Department of Defense Form 214 (DD214), normal military discharge papers, which show all the qualifications of the military person including the dates he/she was in the military plus any other items of military importance to the veteran. For veterans in the distant past we accept reasonable proof such as newspaper articles and pictures, family records, sworn testimony, etc.

Please complete Part I of the Application Form and be as detailed as possible following the requirements of the Bolton Town Board Resolution. Should the applicant not meet the criteria established and requires a waiver, please complete Parts 1 and 2. All applications should be submitted to the Bolton Town Clerk at 4949 Lakeshore Drive, Bolton Landing, NY 12814.

If you need additional information about the requirements or how to provide additional information, please submit your questions, in writing, to the Bolton Town Clerk's office and include as much information about your request as possible.

Your application will be forwarded to the Bolton Veterans' Memorial Advisory Committee for review and comments. Final approval is granted by the Bolton Town Board.

Thank you again for your interest in having a name placed on the Bolton Veterans' Memorial Wall. You will be notified as soon as a decision has been made.

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PART I

1. Veteran's full name: _____

2. Dates of service: _____

3. Branch of service: _____
(Proof attached)

4. Home address while: _____
in Service

5. Veteran's place of birth: _____

6. If deceased, place of burial: _____

7. Did Veteran or his/her family own land: _____ Proof of Ownership Attached?: _____
in Bolton at time of Service

8. Is Veteran a current resident* of Bolton: _____ When did residence begin? _____
(Proof attached)

The following information applies to whoever is filling out this application, Veteran or otherwise:

Full name: _____

Address: _____
Street or PO Box

Town or City

State

Zip

Country

Telephone #: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
Home Work Cell

* Resident is defined as a person who lives year round in the Town of Bolton.

We went to the history books to determine when all military actions described below started and stopped, not only when the first shot was fired, but also when the United States first became involved in any national involvement which ultimately led up to the actual war or similar conflict.

The inclusive dates for our purposes (also etched on the Memorial Walls) of all Wars, Police Actions, Conflicts, Expeditionary Actions or other US Military involvements named by the US Government include the following:

French and Indian War	1754-1763
Revolutionary War	1775-1783
War of 1812	1812-1814
Civil War	1861-1865
Spanish-American War	1898-1900 Both grouped together
Philippine-American War	1898-1902
Mexican-American War	1916-1917
World War I	1917-1919
World War II	1939-1946
Korean Conflict	1950-1953
Vietnam War	1954-1975

2000 to present, 2015, has yet to be included as of 25 October 2015-11-15

Please use the space below for any additional comments

Is Applicant also applying for a waiver? _____ If yes, please complete Part II

Date Application Submitted: _____

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REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

Part II

Thank you for considering the submission of a waiver request because you think there are extenuating circumstances that the Memorial Advisory Committee and the Bolton Town Board (representing the Town, owner of the Memorial site) should take into consideration as to whether or not to qualify the name you are submitting for engraving on an appropriate section of the Memorial Wall.

If an applicant does not meet the requirements as defined in Resolution #64 adopted by the Bolton Town Board on April 4, 2000, a waiver may be granted.

This information is designed to assist you in providing information to verify that the person whose name is requesting a waiver has a "strong attachment" to the Town of Bolton and therefore eligible to receive a waiver of the requirements as established.

The Bolton Veterans' Memorial Wall Advisory Committee has identified criteria that would be considered, to determine a "strong attachment". This includes, but is not limited to:

1. A resident of Bolton for 12½ years – this is the new basic residency requirement effective, Nov., 2015
2. A graduate of Bolton Central School
3. Member of a Town Board or Committee
4. Member of a Town organization including, but not limited to:
 - Fire Department
 - Rescue Squad
 - Little League Coach or Management Position
 - Library Board
 - Historical Society
 - School Board

The following actions show an attachment that has lasted for a number of years and constitutes reason to recommend the application for a waiver:

1. Owned and operated a business in Bolton for 20 years
2. Employed in a business based in Bolton for 20 years
3. Owns a burial plot in any of the cemeteries in the Town of Bolton
4. Has directed in a Will or Letter of Instruction that their ashes be interred or sprinkled in the Town of Bolton including any bodies of water located within the town
5. Has been a seasonal resident for 20 years**.
6. Has been an annual visitor for 30 years***.

You may have thought of a "strong attachment" which we on the Committee have not thought of and may qualify for some points as described above. Please let us know your thoughts and we will consider them.

If you are applying for a waiver please be sure to include Parts I and II in your application.

** Seasonal resident is defined as a person who owns; is related to a person who owns; or is a member of an association (or similar) that owns a dwelling located in the Town of Bolton and resides in the dwelling for a minimum of 31 days annually.

*** An annual visitor is defined as a person who travels to the Town of Bolton, and then stays in said Town for a minimum of 10 days annually.

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Part II

Veteran's full name: _____

Full name of person: _____
completing this form

Please accept this application for a waiver of requirements to be included on the Veterans' Memorial War based on the following criteria as provided in the Application:

I have _____

I provide the following documentation to verify: _____

Is there any additional information you would like to provide regarding your application:

Thank you. Your application for a waiver will be considered for recommendation to the Town Board.