

Westerly Veterans ‘Rolls of Honor’ Memorial Eligibility Criteria and Application Instructions

(Adopted Oct. 26, 2020; revised Feb 13, 2025)

Residency Requirement: The veteran is/was a long-term permanent resident of Westerly or had primary residency in Westerly upon entry, during, or directly after discharge from active duty in the U.S. uniformed military. (If residency isn’t shown on the DD Form 214, other supporting documents must be provided.) Exceptions may be considered by the Veterans ‘Rolls of Honor’ (ROH) Committee.

Proof of Active Duty Service: The veteran’s DD Form 214 must show that the member served on active duty at any time during one or more of the wartime periods listed below, and was discharged from the military under other than dishonorable conditions. (Current full-time active-duty members may submit a copy of their military identification and/or an official letter from their commander.)

*The ROH Committee will resolve all questions about required documentation. To obtain a copy of a lost DD Form 214, one may complete an online request for Veterans Service Records at archives.gov or call The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration at 1-866-272-6272 for assistance.

Eligible Wartime Periods (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as of April 2023):

- World War I (April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918)
- World War II (December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946)
- Cold War* (1947 to 1991, defined by Rhode Island law)
- Korean [War] conflict (June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955)
- Vietnam War era (November 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975) if served in the Republic of Vietnam; or (August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975) if served outside the Republic of Vietnam
- Gulf War (August 2, 1990, through a future date to be set by law or presidential proclamation)

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World War I	April 6, 1917	November 11, 1918
World War II	December 7, 1941	December 31, 1946
Korean [War] conflict	June 27, 1950	January 31, 1955
Vietnam War era (if in country)	November 1, 1955	May 7, 1975
(if outside the Rep. of Vietnam)	August 5, 1964	May 7, 1975
Cold War*	January 1, 1947	December 31, 1991
Gulf War	August 2, 1990	TBD**
<i>*Defined by RI Law. **To be determined (TBD) by law or presidential proclamation.</i>		

Application Instructions:

Please email the DD Form 214, contact information, and any other documents to: rollsofhonor@westerlyri.gov

Or, submit paper COPIES (not the originals) to: Westerly Town Hall - Town Clerk
 Attn: Veterans Rolls of Honor Committee
 45 Broad St
 Westerly, RI 02891

All requests will be carefully and thoughtfully reviewed. Descendants and Gold Star families may submit documents on behalf of veterans. Sending any questions via email will prompt a quicker reply. The Westerly Veterans ‘Rolls of Honor’ Memorial Committee thanks all veterans and their families!