



Town of Sunderland

POLICY

Addition of Veterans Names or Changes to Veterans Names Listed on Sunderland Veterans' Memorial Wall

The following criteria is to be used to determine eligibility of adding a name to the Sunderland Veterans' Memorial Wall for conflicts from and including the Korean War to the present and henceforth and evermore as recommended in the Sunderland Veterans' Memorial Committee Report of 2007.

Requests for additions or changes to the Wall will first be reviewed by the Sunderland Veterans Memorial Oversight Committee (VMOC) for recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. VMOC recommendations will be based upon the criteria listed below, and will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen within 24 months of receiving the request.

Additions to Veterans Listed on Wall

- A request to add a name must be made in writing by the veteran, if living or by a family member if the veteran is not alive or is unable to make the request on his or her own behalf.
- The request must include a copy of the Veteran's DD Form 214 with "Sunderland, MA" listed as *Home of Record* or *Home Address* at the time of entry into active military service.
- The veteran must have received an honorable discharge and otherwise meets the definition of a Massachusetts Wartime Veteran (MGL, c4, §7, cl. 43rd as amended by the Acts of 2004, effective August 30, 2004).
- Names of veterans of wars predating the Korean War will only be added at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen given sufficient evidence of service as presented by the requestor. For example; newspaper clippings, government documents such as military orders, awards, or a discharge certificate, photographs of the veteran in uniform, letters written home from a military duty station, medals or other compelling evidence.

Changes to Veterans Listed on Wall

- The town is to maintain a list of veterans whom have submitted in writing their desire to not be listed on the wall. The listing will ensure the veteran's wishes are remembered in the event that a family member should make a request in the future.
- Name corrections are to be submitted in writing to the Board of Selectmen with evidence of the correct spelling desired.

Adopted by Board of Selectmen: 12.6.10

Amended by Board of Selectmen: