

Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Association

\$113,034 Grant Request for
Connecting boardwalk to trail system and children's recreation area

Organization Description:

Veterans Campground is a year-round camp that has been providing recovery and recreational facilities and activities for military Veterans since 1926, with the majority of those served having a military-related disability. The camp provides activities and programs such as hiking, swimming, fishing, camping, etc. that bring Veterans together for recovery. The camp is also open to Veteran families and public guests.

Description of Mission

The mission of this 501(c)(3) organization is to provide recovery and recreation to military veterans and their families as part of the continuous reintegration process.

People affected by the project for which this grant is requested?

The campground has over 9,000 veteran and guest visitors annually. In both 2012 and 2013 the camp has seen a greater number of elderly veterans from the Vietnam era, as well as "next generation" veterans who have made Veterans Campground their venue for rest, recovery, and recreation with their families. Those include veterans of the Iraqi and Afghanistan campaigns these past 11 years.

The camp was originally established for disabled military veterans. Today it is open to:

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| √ Active duty, | √ Guard/Reserves |
| √ Past military service | √ Retired military |
| √ Disabled veterans | √ Veteran families |
| √ Non-military guests | |

Minnesota is home to over 427,500 veterans (8% of state population), with the vast majority living within 40 minutes from Veterans Campground. Veterans Campground hosts various activities each year that benefit groups such as *Gone Fishing*, in which handicapped adults and youth are provided recovery and recreation through a host of volunteers, and overnight recreation and fishing events for disabled veterans from state Veterans Homes and the VA Hospital. Additionally, when children are missing a parent due to a military deployment, and sometimes it is their only parent, they do not have the same opportunities for outdoor and land stewardship activities.

Amount of grant requested:

The Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Association respectfully asks for a grant in the amount of \$113,034.

Names and qualifications of individuals who would administer the grant:

Members of the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Board of Directors are representatives of veteran service organizations and/or local governments, and are nominated by their respective organizations.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Lori Ahlness	President	Am Legion, 4th District
Harry Ostendorf	Vice President	VFW, 4th District
Steve Campos	Secretary	Washington County
Jerry Boettcher	Treasurer	Disabled Am Vets, Ch 2
Mark Mitzuk	Board Member	Ramsey County
Kevin Gunderson	Board Member	Ramsey County
Sheldon Sandmann	Board Member	Disabled Am Vets, Ch 2
Ken Gibson, Jr.	Board Member	Disabled Am Vets, Ch 2
Pete Bolle, Sr.	Board Member	Disabled Am Vets, Ch 2
Liz Brandt	Board Member	Disabled Am Vets, Ch 1
Jesse Kurtz	Board Member	Washington County
Chuck Cronquist	Board Member	VFW, 4th District
Dick Drude	Board Member	Am Legion, 3rd District
Mary Jo York	Board Member	Am Legion, 3rd District
Mickey Ostrum	Board Member	Am Legion, 4th District

Veteran Campground's Relationships with Similar Organizations.

Since the camp has been operational and serving veterans since 1926, it has a long standing relationship with every veteran and veteran service organization in the state of Minnesota.

This strong relationship the camp has with other organizations whose missions are also to help and assist veterans is well known. Volunteers and staff from fellow veteran organizations frequently donate their time, talents, and financial assistance to the campground. A number of organizations that provide support to veterans use the campground as part of their program of reaching out to veterans and their families. Other organizations that support veterans hold meetings and/or events at the campground to educate their staff and volunteers about the availability of the campground as a venue that assists veterans in transitioning or recovering from military duty to civilian life. Those organizations include:

- Camp Gratitude
- 2 Wheels for Veterans
- Women Veterans Initiative
- Hastings Veterans Home
- Minnesota National Guard
- Metro Marines
- Metro State Veterans Network
- Gold Star Family Program
- Veterans 4 Veterans of St. Paul
- Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
- Patriot Riders
- Submarine Veterans Association
- Veterans Administration Hospital
- Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Female Officer Professional Association
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
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Veteran Service Organizations that support/use the campground for their functions include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and American Legion. Specific patron posts and auxiliaries of the campground in the past three years are:

Mendota American Veterans Post 1	AmL Post 12, Long Prairie, MN
AmL Post 16, Bagley, MN	North St. Paul AmL Post 39
AmL Post 45, New Prague, MN	Nelson-Lucking AmL Post 47, Hastings, MN
AmL Post 49, Pequot Lakes, MN	AmL Post 50, Wabasha, MN
AmL Post 57, Chaska, MN	AmL Post 67, Sauk Centre, MN
AmL Post 85, North Branch, MN	AmL Post 93, Rush City, MN
AmL Post 98, St. Paul Park, MN	AmL Auxiliary Post 98, St. Paul Park, MN
AmL Post 101, Melrose, MN	AmL Auxiliary Post 102, Anoka, MN
AmL Post 142, Cannon Falls, MN	AmL Post 146, Adams, MN
AmL Post 118, Wayzata, MN	AmL Post 119, Byron, MN
AmL Post 124, Motley, MN	AmL Post 125, Stewart, MN
Stewartville AmL Post 164	White Bear Lake AmL Post 168
Forest Lake AmL Post 225	Scharmer Berger AmL Post 250, Arlington
AmL Post 272, Chisago City, MN	AmL Post 290, Cambridge, MN
AmL Post 303, Fridley, MN	AmL Post 395, Onamia, MN
Beatty-Humphries AmL Post 323, Clearwater, MN	AmL Post 328, Joseph, MN
AmL Post 334, Coon Rapids, MN	AmL Post 424, Inver Grove Heights, MN
AmL Post 435, Richfield, MN	North End AmL Post 474
AmL Post 484	Bayport AmL Post 491
AmL Post 507, Willernie, MN	AmL Post 534, Holland, MN
Rosetown AmL Post 542, Roseville, MN	AmL Post 550, Bloomington, MN
Wood Lake Region AmL Post 556	AmL Post 566, Lino Lakes, MN
Arcade Phalen AmL Post 577, St. Paul, MN	Chanhassen AmL Post 580
AmL Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota	Hugo AmL Riders
American Veterans Post 1, Mendota, MN	AmVets Post 2000, Inver Grove Heights
Disabled American Veterans, St. Paul, Chapter 2	Disabled American Veterans Ch 39, Andover
Society of the 3rd Inf Div, US Army, MN Outpost 12	MN Sons of the AmL , Sqdn 225, Forest LL
Sons of the AmL , Squadron 2168 White Bear Lake, MN	Veterans Club, AmL Post 395/VFW Post 955
VFW 4th District	VFW Post No 217, Columbia Heights
VFW Gallagher-Hansen Post 295, South St. Paul, MN	VFW Post 724, New Brighton, MN
S.A. Yocum VFW Post 772, Longville, MN	VFW Fort Chippewa Post 936, Alexandria, MN
VFW Post 1350, North St. Paul, MN	VFW Post 1914, St. James, MN
VFW Post 1403, Benson, MN	VFW Post 1648, New Ulm, MN
VFW Post 1757 Auxiliary, Cook, MN	VFW Post 1782, White Bear Lake, MN
VFW Post 3723, Owatonna, MN	VFW Northern Post 3839, Jenkins, MN
VFW Post 3915, Brooklyn Park, MN	VFW Post 3922, Wadena, MN
Forest Lake VFW Post 4210	VFW Post 4452, Cannon Falls, MN
Fred Babcock VFW Post 5555 Men's Auxiliary, Richfield	VFW Post 5903, Plymouth, MN
VFW Post 6031, Darwin, MN	VFW Post 6208, Prior Lake, MN
VFW Post 6424, North Branch, MN	VFW Post 6690, Mendota
VFW Post 6915, Cold Springs, MN	VFW George H. Elliot Post 7902, Osakis, MN
Tanners Lake VFW Post 8217, Oakdale, MN	Monticello VFW Post 8731
VFW 8752, Cottage Grove, MN	VFW Post 9260

Recreation Area Project

\$56,300.00

Preparation of land

Leveling, bringing fill, digging trenches for electrical lines to support elevated post (one or two) for evening lighting/safety.	\$ 3,500.00
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Consultation and Design

Conduct a needs/safety assessment. Evaluating and designing layout based on the camp's high standards of safety, while promoting active, non-scripted play.	\$ 550.00
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Base

3" of rubberized fill (60'x60')	\$14,463.00
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Recreation Equipment

Go Play System #12 (Surface) for younger children.	\$19,900.00
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Independent Play system for older children. Monarch Climber (4207), Graviton (6325)	\$10,532.00
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Arch Swing, two sections. All ages.	\$ 3,200.00
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2x 6' Benches with Back 1020-06- Portable, Surface Mount/PVC	\$ 780.00
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Fencing (60'x60') \$3.06/sq meter	\$ 3,375.00
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Total Recreation Project	\$56,300.00
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Go :) Play System 12

Included:

- Wavy Slide (2)
- Rainbow Climber
- Teardrop Handles (under)
- Bongo Drum
- Vine Climber
- Vertical HDPE Climber
- Double Slide
- Arch-up Climber
- Single Steering Wheel Pipe Wall
- Stepping Stone (2)
- Horizontal Ladder Bar
- Store Panel
- ADA Driver Panel
- ADA Transfer Station
- Contour Rooftop (2)

Min Area Req: 39' 8" x 42' 5"

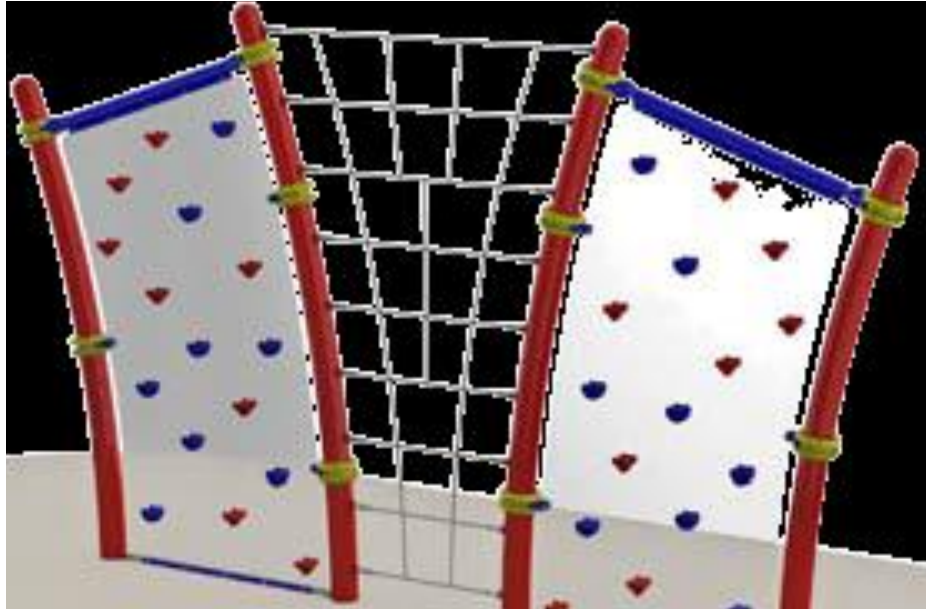
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Monarch Climber

- Capacity Up to 12
- Use Zone
27' X 13'
- Surface Area
351 ft 2 inches

\$4,950.00



Graviton

- Accommodates one child alone or up to five spinning together.
- Small, compact footprint fits any play area.
- Maintenance-free sealed bearing.

Use Zone: 17' Diameter (5.18m) ASTM
Size: (LxWxH) 60" x 60" x 88"
Fall Height: 76" (1.93m)
Weight: 175 pounds
Capacity: Up to 5 children

\$6,325.00



Arch Swing (Two Sections)

Frame: 3.5" or 5" diameter Flo-Coat galvanized steel tubing with an 11ga .120) wall thickness.

Tube: Manufactured per ASTM-A500.

Mount

Plates: 1/4" (.250) A1011 hot rolled steel.

Paint: Primed and coated with super durable powder coating for superior protection, gloss and color retention, excellent weather resistance, following AAMA 2604-05 specification.

PVC: Fade resistant, UV stabilized PVC.

\$3,200.00 (for two sections)



**2 standard swings, plus
2 toddler swings**



Single Section of Arch Swing Shown

Boardwalk over Wetland Connecting to Existing Trails

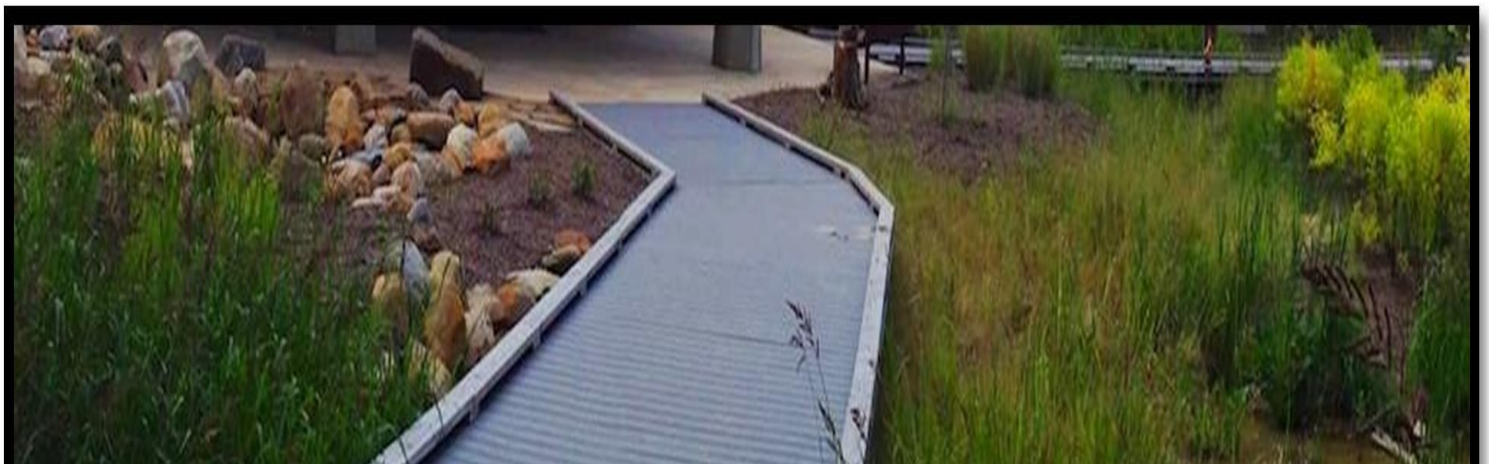
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Size: 200 linear feet, 8 feet wide. \$283.67/LF x 200 feet

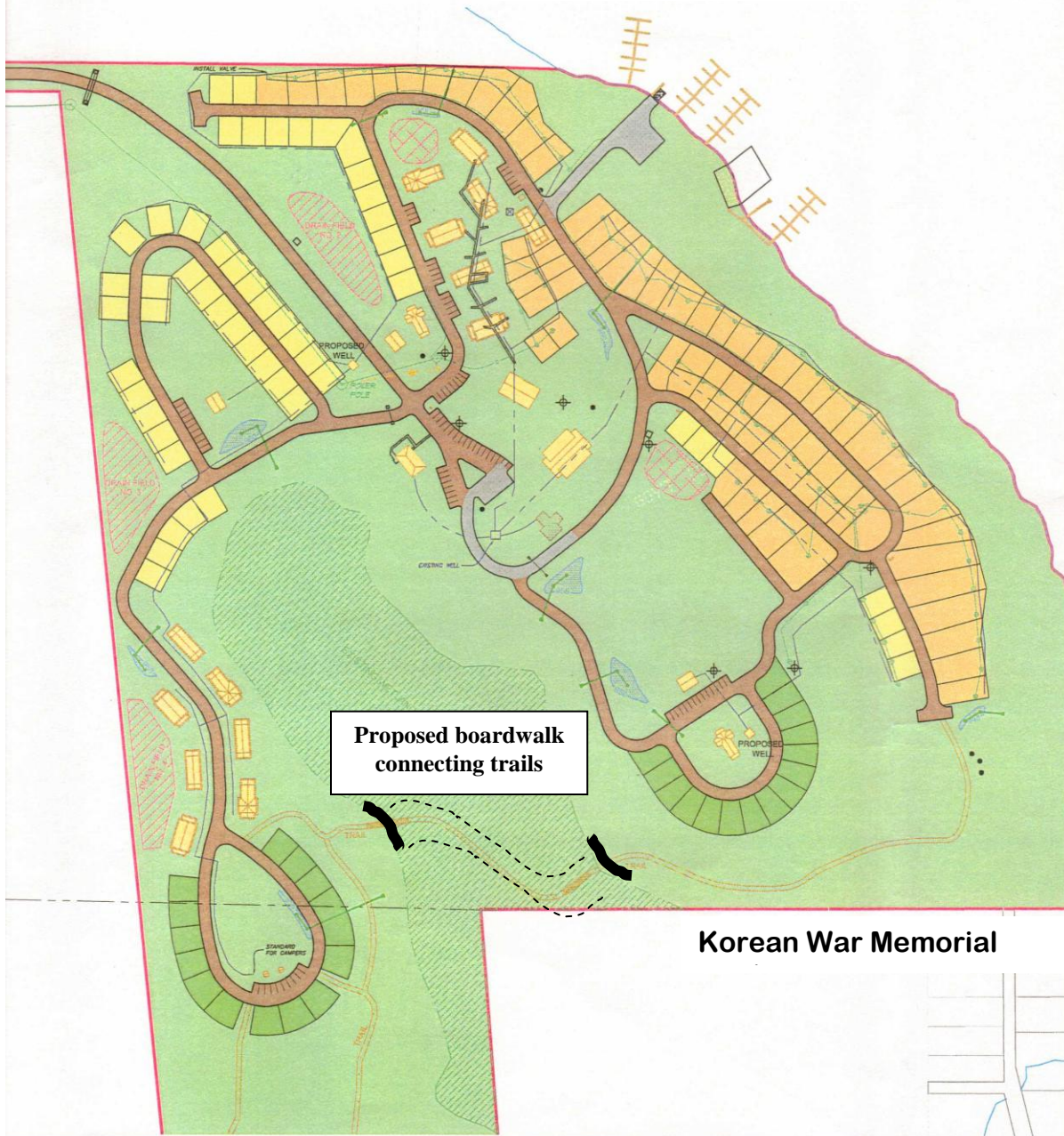
Material: 6 foot prefabricated sections of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) lumber, each with 2 bearing pads, 4 adjustable legs (24"), hardware, and runner rails (ADA compliance). (Wickcraft Boardwalks)



Boardwalks shown with ADA compliance Runner Rails



DISABLED VETERANS REST CAMP
MAY TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT



Big Marine Park Reserve Master Plan

