On behalf of everyone here at Heroes’ Cafe, thank you so much for your interest in board service. We know that those with an interest in being a leadership volunteer have many choices. In our community, there are an array of remarkable organizations engaged in the important work of making our world a better place and serving our local military families. We are humbled knowing that you are interested in us.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what you would bring to our board. It also gives you a sense of what matters to us in any board candidate.

The goal of our process is to determine if we are a good fit for each other: your level of commitment and ability to deliver on our expectations so that we are confident that you can help us to increase the scope and impact of our work. On the other side, we want to know what motivates you and how you think about our organization so that we can help to create an excellent board experience for you.

Thank you again for your interest in our work and for taking the time to complete this application with thought and care. We look forward to reviewing it with that same level of thought and care and to continuing our conversations.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

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| **Name:** |
| **Address:** |
| **Contact Number:** |
| **Email:** |

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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| **Past and Present Treasurer Experience:** |
| **Boards, committees, task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational, or social):** |
| **Other Volunteer Experience:** |
| **Organization Role/Title Date of Service:** |
| **Why do you want to be a Board Member:** |
| **Have you ever been** |

Those committed to volunteering in a leadership capacity have an abundance of organizations to choose from. We are most appreciative of your interest in ours and would like to hear more. Why our organization and not any other? Please share your motivation and what it is about our work that has led you to raise your hand to be a leading ambassador for us. OUR WORK.

What excites you about the work you do at your current organization?

What do you see as 1-2 challenges and 1-2 opportunities for the Heroes’ Cafe in the next few years?

**SKILLS / EXPERTISE:**

Place a X in all the skills and expertise you will bring to us that will strengthen our board and enhance the ability of our organization to deliver on its mission.

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|  | Public Relations |  | Reading/Understanding  Budgets, balance sheets |  | Public Policy/Advocacy |
|  | Legal Experience |  | Public Speaking/  Presentations |  | Accounting/Treasurer |
|  | Event Planning |  | HR / Administration |  | Strategic Planning |
|  | Social Media |  | Media Relations |  | Web Design |
|  | Fund Raising |  | Grant Writing |  | Information Technology |
|  | Professional/Nonprofit Experience |  | Facilities |  | Real Estate |
|  | Financial investment  Management |  |  |  |  |

Add any other skill or expertise you will bring to this opportunity and help you have a successful experience.

**ATTRIBUTES:**

A board is more than a collection of individuals. It is an entity that governs, approves strategy and engages in robust discussion and debate on relevant issues. It must act as a single entity. As such, the personality traits you bring to the board will help us to ensure we have a diversity of personality styles and traits that, when added to our current board members, will enhance the ability of the board to work together as a governing body. **Place a X in all that apply**

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|  | Collaborative |
|  | Respectful of varying points of view |
|  | Willing and able to lead a discussion |
|  | Enthusiastic |
|  | Willingness to speak to groups of individuals |
|  | Manage Time Well |
|  | Strong work ethic |
|  | Good sense of humor |
|  | Asks tough questions with respect |

NOTE: Please be prepared to amplify on these attributes. Add these if you believe these attributes are key to your Board’s success.

**FUNDRAISING:**

Among other responsibilities, board members play a key role in raising funds for our organization. It is an expectation of board service that you will introduce people in your sphere of influence to our work and invite them into our community. Our organization commits to providing you with the information and tools necessary for you to stand as a vocal and visible ambassador for our work.

**TIME:**

Board service is a true commitment of time and energy. We estimate that board

service could be a commitment of approximately 10 each month. This will include attendance at our monthly Heroes’ Cafe, work parties, and other special events.

Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts that may serve as impediments to this time commitment? If so, how will you manage the demands on your time?

Employment History: Starting with most recent.

* Company Name:
* Begin date:
* End date:
* Primary Function:
* Reason for leaving:
* Employer Contact information:
* Can we contact your employer?

• Company Name:

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• End date:

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Military Service, if applicable, if none state so:

• Branch:

• Years Served:

• Discharge Type/Date:

• Primary Duty:

**OTHER:**

Who recommended you for board service?

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty, or plead no contest to a crime? (If yes,

please explain)?

Please identify at least three references we can speak with. We will attempt to contact them, but it is your responsibility to ensure we can connect with them.

* Name:
* Phone Number:
* Email:

You will be expected to protect our attendees’ personal information and will not take pictures for your personal use. All pictures are property of the Heroes’ Cafe and will require written permission to send outside this organization. We intend on populating our webpage with photographs of our events. Can we use photos with you in them?

**RESUME:** Please attach your most recent resume and / or professional biography. Either email your application: [americanheroescafe@gmail.com](mailto:americanheroescafe@gmail.com)

OR

mail to:

Heroes’ Cafe

C/O Gary Walderman

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Edmonds, WA 98026

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Please be prepared to show proof if requested. If this application leads to acceptance, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature:

Date