





Community Volunteer Ambassador - War in the Pacific National Historical Park

Location: Sumay, Guam

Position Details:

Stewards Individual Placements provides individuals with service and career opportunities to strengthen communities and preserve our natural resources. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) Program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service to train a diverse group of emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to local communities.

The Community Volunteer Ambassador will oversee our current volunteer program with the support of the supervisor and other park divisions. The CVA would create new or leverage existing community partnerships.

The CVA will represent War in the Pacific National Historic Park (WAPA) and the NPS at community events to recruit volunteers and promote volunteerism in the park during various community events. The CVA may also work village mayors' offices to conduct volunteer clean-ups in the Asan and Agat units of the park. The CVA will take the lead to recruit volunteers and develop programs for national stewardship events such as Earth Day, National Public Lands Day, and National Day of Service. Our Park goal with the VIP program is to transition to smaller, targeted, more effective project-based events that will cater to the needs of both the park and the volunteers. The CVA may recruit a local youth and other community groups to assist the park with invasive species mitigations, planting native trees and shrubs, and helping to maintain our hiking trails.

Currently, WAPA has only a single organizational partnership that provides volunteers: the University of Guam Marine Laboratory. However, there are numerous opportunities for partnerships, ranging from high schools to veteran's groups. Many people wish to volunteer in the park, and many groups are actively seeking new opportunities for volunteerism. Our CVA will work with these groups to identify their needs and match them with opportunities in the park.

Site Information:

War in the Pacific National Historical Park is a park dedicated to remembering and honoring the military service members who fought in the Pacific Theater and all those whose lives were affected by WWII. The Park is on the beautiful island of Guam which is rich in natural, cultural and historical resources that the Park is committed to preserving and protecting.

All Park divisions are engaged in the volunteer program, but the Interpretive division manage the VIP program. Many different groups and individuals reach out to our park to volunteer with the park intermittently and during park volunteer events. The groups that volunteer with the park are diverse groups from a variety of backgrounds (i.e. school groups, military groups, and business groups).







Position Responsibilities:

- Present outreach programs to recruit volunteers at community events.
- Prepare and inventory all supplies used for volunteer events
- Develop a Standard Operating Procedures to implement different types of volunteer events.
- Talk to park divisions to catalog all projects in need of volunteers (including time commitments, appropriate group size and ages, abilities/knowledge/skills required, etc.
- Create a "buffet-style" collection of volunteer events to streamline event planning and reduce workload for project managers
- Develop a database of local partners, including organization size, age range, abilities/knowledge/skills, previous in-park activities, etc. for matching with future projects
- Ensure that all VIP position descriptions are up to date and all planned volunteer events have appropriate descriptions and potential hazards evaluated.
- Input volunteer projects in to Volunteer.gov when appropriate.
- Create an end of year review of all volunteer programs or projects completed during the year of service.

CVA Minimum Requirements:

- High school graduate
- Organization skills
- Event planning
- Outgoing
- Hard worker
- Ability to work in the outdoors for extended periods of time
- Innovative
- Dependable
- Honest
- Effective Communication
- Self- Motivated
- Contributing Team Member
- Participate in the CVA National Early Service Training in fall/winter 2022/2023
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Be 18-30 years old at time of service (veterans up to 35 years old)
- High School Diploma/GED
- Submit proof of a Driver's License and undergo a Federal Background Check, upon selection
- US Citizen, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States

Preferred Qualifications

- Local Applicants
- Effective public speaking and communication
- Proficient with Microsoft Word and computer competent.
- Some design or graphics experience

Additional Information

The ideal CVA applicant is already a resident of Guam, since we cannot offer housing options. It would be advisable that the CVA work be open to working a flexible schedule that would include working on weekends, since most volunteer events occur over the weekend. We are amenable to discussing a flexible schedule if the CVA does not have an event scheduled every weekend.







A driver's license and car would be preferred, since the CVA would need to drive to different park sites and the office they would be working from.

The CVA would have the opportunity to work with other federal agencies, government divisions, nonprofit organizations and other community groups on the island, that would help the CVA develop opportunities to network with these different organizations.

The park is committed to helping the CVA with any professional development opportunities or training that will help them accomplish their goals during their time of service.

Benefits:

- CVA will receive a weekly stipend of \$500 (additional \$65/week, if housing is not provided)
- Limited health care/childcare benefits
- The position is eligible for an AmeriCorps Education Award \$6,345.00 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of the program
- Professional development funds
- Networking opportunities within the National Park Service and partnering organizations
- Public Land Corps Hiring Authority

How to Apply

Please visit <u>Community Volunteer Ambassador (cvainternships.org)</u> to review "Member Positions" by region and find instructions on how to apply.

The CVA position will start on <u>Monday, September 12th, 2022</u>, and run for 50 weeks until Friday, August 25th 2023. Applicants will need to apply here: <u>CVA Member Application 2022-2023 (September Cohort)</u> (jotform.com)and attach a cover letter.

Please ensure your cover letter addresses the specific requirements and position details for this park. You may submit one application for multiple positions by selecting all sites and attaching the necessary cover letters.

Applications Deadline

Please submit your application by Friday, July 15th to ensure full consideration.

For Application Questions:

Please contact Geoff Elliot, Program Director at gelliot@conservationlegacy.org

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