

# Midwest Battle Buddies Board of Directors Candidate Application

We are pleased to have your interest in joining the Board of Directors for Midwest Battle Buddies.

### **Our Mission:**

Midwest Battle Buddies, Inc. of Wichita is dedicated to providing trained service animals to veterans of the U.S. Military who have been approved as in need of and appropriate to receive such animals to permit the veterans the opportunity to lead quality lives while continuing to make positive contributions to the community.

#### Our Vision:

Midwest Battle Buddies, Inc. shall be an organization that enhances the quality of life of veterans through service animals in Kansas and throughout the Midwest area at little to no cost to the veterans.

# **Our Values:**

Midwest Battle Buddies, Inc. will be governed by a set of principles that:

- Provides quality service animals to clients.
- Maintains good stewardship of financial and property resources.
- It is committed to high ethical standards.
- Fosters respect for clients and stakeholders.
- Practices respect for privacy and confidentiality in all matters relating to the provision of services.
- Ensure proper care, feeding, training, and housing of the service animals accepted into the program.

## **Responsibilities of Board Members:**

- Know and effectively articulate the mission, vision and values of Midwest Battle Buddies.
- Attend a minimum of 9 board meetings a year (3 consecutive missed meetings will result in board termination)
- Participate in establishing and enforcing organizational policies.
- Participate in assessing MBB performance and setting strategic goals and objectives.
- Accept responsibility for MBB financial accountability.
- Support and advise the MBB President as appropriate.

- Participate in MBB fundraising activities in a variety of ways.
- > Attend MBB events (mandatory 3 events per year)
- Commit time, thought, and effort to MBB
  - Share contact names, numbers, and email addresses with the Board president to help generate donations and sponsorships. (Each board member should provide 10 contacts annually)
  - Identify friends and associates who might be prospective donors, board members, or volunteers.
- Represent MBB in the community.
- ➤ Invite MBB staff to speak at group meetings you might attend religious, professional associations, service groups.
- Avoid conflicts of interest per MBB Conflicts of Interest Policy.
- Maintain confidentiality of all MBB board meetings and information relating to the organization and our members.

We look forward to visiting with you and the opportunity to have you serve as a member of our Board.

Respectfully,
Midwest Battle Buddies Board of Directors



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Name:		
Home Address:		
City: Zip:		
Home Phone:Phone:	Mobile	
Email Address:		
Current Occupation (or prior if retired):		
Areas of Expertise (Please check all that app	ly)	
Business/Corporate Education Financial Management Public Relations/Marketing Non-Profit Management Volunteer Management		Human Resources Legal Fundraising Government Philanthropic Public Speaking
Other areas of expertise/Skills:		

How did you learn about Midwest Battle Buddies?
History of Community/Volunteer Services (Non-Board)
Prior Board experiences (Please list any leadership roles served)
Special Interests & Hobbies:
What areas of the Midwest Battle Buddies are of interest to you?
What values and contributions will you bring to the board?
How will being a Midwest Battle Buddies Board member be good for you personally?
Board members are expected to spend 3-10 hours per month on MBB work. Do you feel this level of commitment is realistic for your scheduleYes

MBB Board Meetings are held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, at 9:30am – 10:00am in the Epic Center Building downtown Wichita. Can you plan to make this monthly commitment? YesNo
Earliest date of availability for Board Service:
Please supply two non-family references: At least one should be from current or previous employment. (Note references will not be contacted until after meeting with Board Chair/Executive Director)
Please allow my name to stand for nomination to the Midwest Battle Buddies Board of Directors. I am willing to commit my time, energy and passion to MBB.

Please submit by email to: colene.t.marshall.13@gmail.com