

DUTIES OF THE VETERANS COMMITTEE OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KALAMAZOO

The Veterans Committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the Club President and as many members as the Chairperson shall determine are necessary or desirable for its purposes. The Committee's responsibilities primarily include those programs and activities that the Club has assumed following its merger with the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo-Sunrise.

The programs and activities are:

1. The annual Kalamazoo County Veterans Day Ceremony. The Committee chairperson shall designate a person to be the chairperson of a sub-committee to organize and conduct that event (which may be him or herself). Non-Rotarians and non-Committee members may be on that sub-committee.
2. The annual Kalamazoo Memorial Day Ceremony at Riverview Cemetery held in conjunction with the Memorial Day parade in downtown Kalamazoo. The Committee chairperson shall designate a person to be the chairperson of a sub-committee to organize and conduct that event (which may be him or herself). Non-Rotarians and non-Committee members may be on that sub-committee.
3. Carry out the Club's responsibilities required by the *Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Kalamazoo and Rotary Club of Kalamazoo re: Rose Park Veterans Memorial* ("MOU").
 - A. There is a Rose Park Veterans Memorial Endowed Fund at the Kalamazoo Foundation established by the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo-Sunrise whose purpose is to provide money for the repair, maintenance and improvements of the veterans memorial in Rose Park and to support projects that make the park more accessible and appealing to visitors. Support may also help maintain the park if it is no longer part of the city budget to do so.
 - B. The President of the Club is designated by the MOU as the person to initiate requests for distribution of funds from the Fund. Those requests are developed in conjunction with the City of Kalamazoo's Parks Director.

C. The Veterans Committee shall support the President by: (1) periodically inspecting the Rose Park Veterans Memorial and the rest of the park to determine if repairs or improvements are required or desirable; (2) coordinating with the City of Kalamazoo Parks Director regarding the requests for distribution of funds; and (3) jointly overseeing the repairs or improvements being made to the Veterans Memorial and Park.

D. The Committee may initiate other activities involving Rose Park.

4. The Committee may initiate other veteran-related projects or activities and shall be the Club's primary point of contact for events initiated by other organizations that are primarily aimed at veterans.
5. The Committee also has access to a fund provided by the merger with the Sunrise club that is kept as a separate account or line item in the Club treasury and is intended to be used to offset expenses incurred for the events listed above.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo on February 11, 2026.
