



NIKE VETERAN VOLUNTEER JOB OPPORTUNITY EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA

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Job Title: Nike Missile Base Site Tour Guide Volunteers

Location: Nike Missile Base HM69 located in Everglades National Park

Time Commitment: Flexible hours with one to four days per week.

Skills: We are seeking Nike veterans who would like to volunteer time to the restoration and guided tours of Nike Site HM69 in Everglades National Park 30 minutes south of Miami.

We are looking for individuals who enjoy working with people and who would like to share their knowledge, experiences and enthusiasm to visitors who represent a wide diversity of cultures and countries.

Applicants who have an interest in leading tours should feel comfortable talking to small and larger sized groups. Applicants should have an interest in learning the history associated with the Nike Missile Base.

We will provide a comprehensive training program on Nike Missile Base history, including the events that led up to and resolved the Cuban Missile Crisis, the role the Everglades Nike Missile Base and soldiers played during this critical time period and an overview describing each building's purpose and use within the Nike Missile Base complex.

We will provide a formal training course which includes written historical information, photographs, and training materials to all volunteers. Volunteers will receive a "Nike Missile Site Certified Interpreter" certificate.

Job Duties: Park Volunteers will carry out a wide variety of duties related to visitor services, including preparing and presenting short talks and/or walking tours for regularly scheduled public programs, opening and overseeing the base during "open house" hours, and providing informal "walk through" tours for visitors dropping by during "open house". Volunteers may also oversee and carry out a variety of maintenance projects, including trimming back overgrown vegetation, completing facility maintenance projects and/or leading volunteer groups engaged in maintenance projects.

Benefits: Park volunteers will receive a volunteer uniform, park entrance pass and will have a variety of opportunities to learn about and explore park ecosystems while gaining intimate knowledge of the parks' natural and cultural resources, research and restoration projects and conservation issues and concerns.

Goal/Outcome of Job: Everglades National Park seeks to increase community involvement at the newly opened Nike Missile Site by recruiting park volunteers who will assist the park in expanding visitor and volunteer activities, programs and services at the Base.

Responsibility for the Nike Missile Site was transferred from the military to Everglades National Park in 1979.

Up until December 2009, the Base remained closed to public visitation. Park rangers and volunteers worked together to open the site to visitation. The opening day tour was a resounding success and paved the way for a season of filled-to-capacity tours.

In an effort to build on this initial success and momentum, we are seeking to recruit a team of volunteers who will carry out duties allowing us to expand visitor opportunities and public and volunteer involvement at the site.

The Nike Missile Base generates a high level of excitement and activity from the local community. By recruiting park volunteers to help us oversee and manage the site, we can greatly expand upon visitor services and expose the park and all it has to offer to a greater number of people living in south Florida and within the vicinity of Everglades National Park.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Mention that you are responding to the job posting by Sgt. Charles D. Carter for veteran's consideration.
2. Husband and wife teams or friends are encouraged to enjoy this experience together.

How to Apply: Please call or email Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Dostourian at 305-242-7752 or Jackie_Dostourian@nps.gov to learn more about this position and to obtain a National Park Service Volunteer Application.