

2022 OMAHA Veterans Affairs Local Veteran Creative Arts Competition Art Division Entry Packet

*Veterans must be enrolled to receive care at the Omaha, Nebraska VA
before entering the local competition.*

The competition includes categories in the visual arts division that range from oil painting to leatherwork to photography to paint-by-number kits. There are also categories in creative writing which include poetry, personal essays, short stories, and scripts, and include a special category for written work related to military experience.

- This packet is for **ART DIVISION** entries only. Creative Writing entries must submit a different entry form.
- It is extremely important that all participants read the **ART DIVISION RULES** on pages 2-5. **Entries that do not meet the requirements will be disqualified.**
- **Please note:** a valid email address must be provided that can be used to receive communication from the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival staff. This is the only form of communication used for the National 1st Place Veterans invited to attend the National Festival to receive information related to the hotel, flights, festival activities, etc.

**** A competition entry form (page 13) and a signed consent (pages 15-16) are **required to be submitted with the electronic art entry.** VA form 10-5345 (pages 17-18) is also required if entering categories that require a written word document.**

Please return your completed entry form, signed consent(s) and competition entry for to:

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***All COMPLETE submissions and entry forms are due
ELECTRONICALLY
by
Friday, August 12, 2022 by 4:00 pm to
Catherine.demasi@va.gov.***

Art Division Rules

1. All artwork entered (except for the Military Combat Experience) must have been **completed/photographed after October 1, 2021**. Artwork submitted in a prior year in any form of completion may not be entered again.
2. Complete the art entry form with detail about the mediums and techniques used. This information is crucial to the judging process and is shared with the judges. Do not include Veteran diagnosis information or personal statements in the mediums/techniques section: this information is not part of the judging process unless submitting an entry into Military Combat Experience, Group Art, or the Special Recognition categories in which case a separate write-up is required.
3. All art entries must be created solely by the Veteran and/or Veterans submitting the art entry.
4. Reproductions of another artist's original two-dimensional artwork, photographs, or computer-generated art (including inkjet, Giclee and other types of reproduction methods) will not be accepted. The use of Giclee is only acceptable in the following categories: Printmaking, Black and White Photography, Color Photography and Digital Art.
5. All two-dimensional artwork must be exhibition ready (ready for display with wire hangers). No saw tooth hangers, free-standing photo frames, etc. will be accepted.
6. If an entry contains a craft kit, it must go into a craft kit category unless otherwise stated in the category definitions (for example: soapstone carving kits go into the carving category).
7. GUNS, BLADES, KNIVES or other WEAPONS will **not** be accepted due to VA regulations banning these items from VA facilities.
8. No one Veteran will be allowed to enter more than three art categories and one group category in the art division.
9. Dipped art, and puzzles (including puzzle kits) will not be accepted.
10. Two electronic jpeg images may be submitted for each two-dimensional entry. Please include one image of the art entry in its entirety and one image of the art entry in more detail. **(Optimal image file size is 1 MB.)**
11. Three electronic jpeg images for each three-dimensional entry will be accepted. Please include one image from the front of the art entry in its entirety, one image from the back or side of the art entry in its entirety, and one image of the art entry close up in more detail. **(Optimal image file size is 1 MB.)**
12. Sets in the fine arts and applied arts may contain **no more than three pieces**. Chess sets are an exception. The pieces must relate to one another in an obvious way to the judges in order to be classified as a set. **No sets** are allowed in the kit categories, unless a single kit contains a set such

as a set of suncatcher Christmas ornaments in which case, no more than 3 pieces may be submitted for judging.

Further clarification of sets:

- Examples of two-dimensional sets are diptychs, triptychs, or series—no more than three separate pieces of artwork that are clearly intended to be displayed together as ONE PIECE with equal size and framing. Imagery/content must relate to each other in clear and obvious way.
- Three-dimensional sets must relate to each other in an obvious way and may contain no more than three pieces for judging purposes.

13. Entries that include personal collections such as spoons, medals, or coins (where the content of the entry is not created by the Veteran) will not be accepted.

14. Entries that are first-place national competition winning pieces MUST be fully assembled when shipped. Diorama's will not be shipped. These art pieces will be displayed in poster form during the Festival art exhibit.

15. **Artwork Size Restrictions** - Each national art entry must be able to fit into **one box**. The box can be up to 150 lbs., up to 165 inches in length and girth combined. Length cannot exceed 108 inches. To measure packages use the following formula: **length + 2x width + 2x height**

Step 1. Determining Length - Measure the longest side of the package, rounding to the nearest inch. This is your length.

Step 2. Determining Girth (2x Width + 2x Height). Measure the width of the package, rounding to the nearest inch. Multiply this number by 2. Measure the height of the package, rounding to the nearest inch. Multiply this number by 2. Add these two numbers together. This is your girth.

Step 3. Add the length and the girth together. This is your package measurement.

****Entries that exceed the weight and measurements indicated above will be disqualified.***

Multiple Entries

Veteran may submit entries in **up to three art categories** and **one group category** in the Art Division. Veteran may submit entries in up to three creative writing categories in the Creative Writing Division. Veterans are not permitted to submit more than one entry per individual category (see category lists on pages 6-12). A separate entry form is required for each category entered.

- Veterans may not expand the number of their entries in any one division using a different name (for example: pen names, stage names, different artist names, etc.).
- A single entry may not be submitted into two or more categories within the same division. It is acceptable however for an entry to be submitted into multiple divisions if the rules are followed for each division.

Additional Information

- Veterans who have received a gold medal in the same category from any of the 5 divisions (art, creative writing, dance, drama, and music) for two consecutive years must enter a different category the third year. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the entry being disqualified.
- Veterans may not enter the same art, creative writing, dance, drama and music entry again after it has won first-place nationally. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the entry. Additionally, Veterans should be encouraged to enter new material each year.
- References to diagnosis and explanations of emotional or personal content related to the Veteran will not be read or communicated to the national judges. The exception to this rule is an entry submitted into a category that requires a write-up.
- Prior to submitting entries in the competition, eligible Veterans who are also VA employees should discuss leave options/restrictions with their supervisor in the event they might be invited to attend the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival.
- Results of the national competition will be sent via E-mail to VA staff contact persons in December. They will be posted to the website in January. www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov
- All artwork entered (except for the Military Combat Experience) must have been completed after October 1, 2021.
- Art entries must be submitted as digital .JPEG images. Do not submit the actual art or photographs of the art as they will be disqualified.
- Following the national judging, first-place pieces from each art division category should be shipped to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival host VA facility location. Information will be sent after the results are announced on the specifics for mailing artwork. Entries that are extremely fragile may not be shipped and will instead be displayed at the Festival art exhibit as a poster image.

Art Division National Judging

The national judging will occur in October and November via the digital image judging process with results being announced in December. Staff contact persons at each facility will be notified of the competition results via E-mail.

Following the national judging, first-place pieces from each art division category should be shipped to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival host VA facility location. Entries that are fragile may not be shipped and may instead be displayed in the Festival art exhibit as a poster image.

***IMPORTANT - NO GLASS PROTECTIVE LAYER (on flat art) MAY BE USED WHEN SHIPPING NATIONAL FIRST PLACE ARTWORK TO THE FESTIVAL. PLEXIGLAS MUST BE USED INSTEAD.**

Artwork shipped with a protective layer of glass **WILL FORFEIT THEIR PLACEMENT IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION** due to the risk of potential injury to persons unpacking the piece and potential damage to the artwork.

Tips for Taking Better Digital Art Images

- **Two-dimensional pieces may submit two images** – one image as the total presentation and one image showing more detail.
- **Three-dimensional pieces may submit three images** – one image from the front, one image from the back or side and one in more detail.
- **The art piece should fill the photo** – get as close as possible so the piece fills the viewfinder of the camera. **Do not include the title card, show exhibit card, art award ribbon, etc. in the photo.**
- **Include the framing and matting of pictures** – these items are part of the total presentation. Pedestals or bases that are part of the artwork should also be included in the digital image.
- **Frame the piece using a neutral background** – colorful backgrounds can alter the color of your piece by reflecting color onto it.
- **Watch for shadows on the background** – move the item being photographed away from the background to eliminate shadows.
- **Be alert for glare** – try changing the direction and location of the lighting or soften the light by bouncing it off a wall or screen.

Fine Art Categories & Military Combat Experience

Fine Art Subdivision Categories 1-14:

1. **Acrylic Painting** - The creation of original work by applying acrylic paint to a surface. The surface is not limited to canvas; it can be on wood, plaster, leather, metal, glass, etc.
2. **Oil Painting** - The creation of original work by applying oil paint, oil sticks, or oil pastels to a surface. The surface is not limited to canvas; it can be on wood, plaster, leather, metal, etc. Encaustic painting should be entered into this category.
3. **Watercolor** - The creation of work using watercolor paint. The surface is not limited to canvas; it can be on wood, plaster, leather, metal, etc.
4. **Monochromatic Drawing** - A monochromatic drawing consists of lines that use a *single* color and shades of that color that may be done using pencil, ink, charcoal, etc. Any use of additional color should be entered into colored drawing.
5. **Colored Drawing** - A colored drawing consists of lines of two or more colors and may be done using colored pencils, markers, etc.
6. **Pastels** - An art medium in the form of a stick, consisting of pure powder pigment and a binder. A pastel is usually a painting rather than drawing because the color is applied in masses rather than lines. **Note:** Oil pastels should be entered into the Oil Painting category.
7. **Sculpture** - Art created by shaping, combining, modeling or casting materials such as plastic, clay, textiles, wax or polymers into a work of art. They may be free standing or relief. **Note:** Carved sculptures should be entered into the Carving category, metal sculptures should be entered into the Metalwork category, and glass sculptures should be entered in the Glasswork category.
8. **Pyrography** - A design burned into a surface by using wood burning tools. **The design must be original.** This process is typically done on wood but can also be done on leather and other surfaces. If transfers or tracings are used, the piece must be entered in the Transfer/Engraving Art Kit category.
9. **Printmaking** - A multiple-replica (more than one copy or print) art form. It consists of an original print or proof from a master plate created through such processes as lithography, etching, woodcut, engraving, etc. Computer graphics must be entered into Digital Art category.

10. Pottery - A **functional** piece of fired ceramic ware (bowl, vase, pot, etc.) The form can be wheel-thrown or hand-built, not slip cast in a mold. Porcelain is included in this category. Slip cast ceramics belong in Glazed or Stained/Painted ceramics categories. Sculptural clay pieces should be entered into the Sculpture category.

11. Black and White Photography - A monochromatic photograph using black and white and varying shades of grey or sepia tones. Photographs must be mounted and framed. This category includes both film and digital forms of photography. Sepia and other tonal prints such as cyanotypes (blueprints) should be submitted into this category.

12. Color Photography - A color photograph. Photographs must be mounted and framed. This category includes both film and digital forms of photography.

13. Digital Art - Art that was completely created using digital technology. The work is created entirely through software or applications. All original entries must be printed, mounted and framed to qualify for this competition. It is **required** that in addition to listing the software programs or applications used, techniques must also be detailed in the “mediums/techniques used” section of the entry form. **Use of Photoshop is only allowed if the application is used to wholly create an original piece, not to modify photography. Animation and videos will be disqualified.** *Note: Digitally enhanced/edited photography should not be entered into this category. Photography that has been digitally enhanced/edited should be entered into either the Black and White Photography category or the Color Photography category.

14. Military Combat Experience - The medium used must be a fine art or applied art medium. Unlike the other art categories, there are NO restrictions as to when the artwork was created however entries submitted previously into this category are not eligible to compete.

To enter this category there are **four requirements**:

- **A Word document containing a typed statement/narrative** (25 to 225 words) composed by the Veteran and/or his VA staff contact person explaining how the art relates to the Veteran’s wartime experience. **Entries submitted without a write-up will not be judged.** *Judging for this category equally takes into consideration the written narrative as well as the skill involved in the artwork.*
- The Veteran must have experienced combat duty during World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, Gulf War, Grenada, Panama, Kosovo, Somalia and other recognized combats or current combat operations.
- The artwork must **relate to the Veteran’s personal experience in that war or conflict** but does not need to be a graphic representation of that combat experience.
- Consent forms 10-3203 and 10-5345 (pages 15-18) must be signed and dated by the Veteran. The staff contact person submitting the entry for the Veteran should safeguard the signed consent forms at their VA facility.

Fine Art Subdivision Categories 15-34:

15. **Glazed Ceramics** - Clay pieces formed by pouring slip in a mold, bisque fired, and then finished with the application of glaze(s) and fired. Entries that contain bisque pieces that are painted and/or stained, as well as glazed, are to be entered into the painted ceramic category.
16. **Stained or Painted Ceramics** - Clay pieces formed by pouring slip in a mold, fired into bisque ware and finished with the application of stains or paints. **If firing is the last step when creating your piece, the piece must be entered into Glazed Ceramics.** Ceramics using both painting and glazing techniques should be entered into the stained or painted ceramics category.
17. **Woodworking** - This refers to pieces constructed of wood that may have a **functional/useful** purpose, such as a jewelry box, a chess set, a clock, etc. **Wood lathe work or wood turning is included in this category.**
18. **Carving - Decorative** art achieved by carving away unwanted materials from an original piece of material. It may be relief or in the round. Material used includes stone, wood, ivory and other hard substances. **Note: Soapstone carving kits are to be included in this category.**
19. **Jewelry (not beads)** - Jewelry pieces made through casting, channeling, lost-wax, wire wrapping, etc. Jewelry incorporating beads should be entered in the Beadwork category.
20. **Crocheting/Knitting** - The use of yarn or thread and a crochet hook, knitting needles or nifty knitters to create a pattern/design and is often a useful object.
21. **Mosaic** - The art of decoration with small pieces of colored glass, tile, stone or other hard material used to create a pattern or picture. Wood intarsia and marquetry are included in this category.
22. **Collage** - An artistic collage work may include newspaper clippings, ribbons, bits of colored or hand-made papers, portions of other artwork, photographs, and such, glued to a surface. Collage is two dimensional. Scrapbooks are not allowed.
23. **Assemblage** - A form of sculpture comprised of "found" objects arranged in such a way that they create a new piece. These objects can be anything organic or man-made. Assemblage is three dimensional. Personal collections alone (for example: coin collections, medal collections, etc.) will not be accepted. (Dioramas will not be accepted.)
24. **Original Design in Needlework** - This includes stitchery, needlepoint, quilting, sewing a garment, soft sculpture, embroidery, cross stitch, and crewelwork, etc. These are *original designs created and completed entirely by the Veteran* that are usually worked on fabric (occasionally leather) with a needle to create a finished piece. It may be flat or three-dimensional. Pre-printed patterns on the fabric, the use of commercial patterns, charts or graphs should be entered in the Fabric Art Kit category or Needlework Kit category.

25. **Original Design in Fiber Arts** - The use of a substance that can be separated into threadlike parts to create an **original** design in latch hook, rug punching, string art, basketry or weaving. Pre-printed patterns on the fabric, the use of commercial patterns, charts or graphs would be in the Latch Hook Kit category, Fabric Art Kit category, or Needlework Kit category.
26. **Knotting** - Lacework made by knotting cords, thread or other fibers. Beads, shells or other decorative materials may be used. Macramé and fly tying are examples of techniques that are in the knotting category. Tatting is included in this category.
27. **Leather Stamping** - Involves the use of shaped implements (stamps) to create an imprint onto a leather surface, often by striking the stamps with a mallet. Pre-cut leather pieces may be used. Kits are not accepted in this category. Kits that contain stamping should be entered into the Leather Kit category.
28. **Leather Carving/Tooling** - Uses metal implements to compress moistened leather in such a way as to give a three dimensional appearance to a two dimensional surface. Pre-cut leather pieces may be used. The main tools used to "carve" leather include: Swivel knife, veiner, beveler, pear shader, seeder, cam, and backgrounder. The swivel knife is held like a pencil and dragged along the leather to outline patterns. The other tools are punch-type implements struck with a wooden or raw hide mallet. The object is to add further definition by them to the cut lines made by the swivel knife. Entries that contain both stamping and carving/tooling are to be entered into this category as well. Kits are not allowed in this category. Kits that contain leather carving/tooling should be entered into the Leather Kit category.
29. **Metalwork** - The primary material used is metal. Tooling or punching a design or transfer, or metal assembled into a three-dimensional piece for decorative purposes are included in this category. Lathe work using metal is included in this category. Copper tooling should be entered into Transfer/Engraving Art Kit category.
30. **Glasswork** - Glass is used as the primary medium. Examples would include stained glass, hand-blown glass, fused glass and glass etching and enameling. Commercially shaped glass items that have been painted would be in one of the Fine Arts Painting categories.
31. **Beadwork** - Beads of any kind are used to create a design. Examples would include beaded jewelry, beaded belts or other items made on a beading loom, etc.
32. **Scroll Saw/Fretwork** - Decorative open patterns cut out of wood or metal using a scroll saw and/or files.
33. **Mixed Media** - The distinct blending of two or more art techniques to create an object. The use of two or more **applied or fine arts** techniques (category types) in the creation of a single piece of art. *Entries in this category must include a description. **The types of art techniques (category types) must be identified on the entry form. Example: Painting, Sculpture, Carving.***

- 34. Group Art Category** - A single art entry created by a group of Veterans. Groups in art **are not limited in number of group members**. However no more than 5 eligible invited Veterans from the first-place national competition winning entry in the Group Art category will be funded by the Festival. **Note: Entries in this category must meet all size and weight restrictions.**

Entries in Group Art category **MUST** also include:

- **A Word document containing a typed statement/narrative** (25 to 225 words) composed by a VA staff person and/or Veteran group members explaining the creative process, goals of the group, and other helpful information. **Entries submitted without a write-up will not be judged.** *Judging for this category equally takes into consideration the typed narrative as well as the skill involved in the artwork.*
- Consent forms 10-3203 and 10-5345 (included in this handbook) must be signed and dated by the Veteran. The staff contact person submitting the entry for the Veteran should safeguard the signed consent forms at their VA facility.

Craft Kit and Special Recognition Categories

- Definition of a Kit entry: All materials needed to complete the project are supplied in the kit. Embellishments may be made to the assembled kit using non-kit items.
- Entries containing more than one kit will be disqualified (with the exception of the combined kit category).

Craft Kit Subdivision Categories 35-50:

- 35. Leather Kit** - A kit that comes pre-cut, pre-punched, pre-embossed and ready to finish, stain and/or lace.
- 36. Wood Building Kit** - A wood kit that has a **useful function** such as birdhouses, carousels, cup racks, spice shelves, etc.
- 37. Model Building (Plastic, Metal, Wood) Kit** - Snap together, glue together, or assembled plastic, metal, and/or wood **model** kits. (Diorama's will not be accepted. The definition of a diorama is a three-dimensional representation of a display or scene.)
- 38. String Art Kit** - A kit that uses string to establish a design. This category includes dream catcher kits and beading kits that DO NOT involve the use of a needle.
- 39. Latch Hook Kit** - A rug kit that comes in a unit with the right amount and color of yarn in the kit and the pattern already printed on the canvas.

40. **Craft Coloring Kit** - A pre-printed design on fabric, paper, wood, canvas, rugs, etc that the Veteran fills in with colors of their choice using colored pencils, markers, paint, etc.
41. **Figurine Painting Kit** - Pre-formed plaster, plastic, metal or wood 3 dimensional figures that the Veteran paints following a separate diagram and instructions included in the kit. There are no outlines on the piece indicating color application areas.
42. **Paint by Number Kit** - Involves applying oil, acrylic, or watercolor paints to the outlined numbered areas.
43. **Suncatcher or Sand Art Kit** - Suncatchers involve the application of transparent glass stains on a pre-formed and outlined plastic shape. Sand art involves colored sand applied to pre-shaped adhesive areas.
44. **Fabric Art Kit** - A kit that includes the use of commercial patterns and fabric (cloth or yarn) to create a pre-printed pattern or design. Cut-n-tuck kits would be included in this category.
45. **Needlework Kit** - A kit that utilizes yarn or thread applied with a needle to plastic, cloth or canvas. Embroider kits, crewel kits, needlepoint kits, etc., are in this category. Pieces created from pre-printed designs, the use of commercial patterns and graphs qualify for this category. ***Note: Beading kits that involve the use of a needle are to be included in this category.***
46. **Transfer/Engraving Art Kit** - Copper tooling kits, foil scratch art kits and wood burning kits are included in this category which involves incising images, designs or patterns onto a surface by rubbing, scratching, burnishing, cutting or burning.
47. **Mosaic Kit** - A kit that uses small pieces of colored glass, plastic, tile, stone or other hard material to create a pre-printed pattern or picture. Woodscapes and Pixel Art would be included in this category.
48. **Combined Kit** - The integration of two or more **distinctly different** kits to create a **single** work of art. A collection of model cars or ornaments, etc. will not be accepted.
49. ***NEW CATEGORY: DIORAMA** - A model representing a three-dimensional scene. National winning entry **will not** be shipped to the Festival. Winning entry will be displayed via a poster board.

Special Recognition Categories 50-51

The Special Recognition category of the visual arts division is divided into two separate categories. The intent of these categories is to reinforce the concept of the arts as therapy, where an individual uses artistic expression to facilitate successful treatment outcomes. Entries and their accompanying written statement/narrative from the Veteran's VA staff contact person should focus on how the arts are used by the individual(s) to rise above severe limitations. ***Judging for this category equally takes into consideration the written narrative as well as the skill involved in the artwork.*** Entries submitted into the Art Special Recognition categories could be in the Fine Arts, Applied Arts, or Kits division.

50. Special Recognition Physical Disability - Entries that recognize individuals who exhibit creative expression through the visual arts while possessing significant ***physical limitations***.

51. Special Recognition Mental Health Challenges - Entries that recognize individuals who exhibit creative expression through the visual arts while possessing significant ***emotional or mental health challenges***.

Entries in each of the two Special Recognition categories **MUST** also include:

- **A Word document containing a typed statement/narrative (25 to 225 words) composed by a VA staff person or the Veteran explaining why the Veteran is deserving of special recognition. Entries submitted without a write-up will not be judged.**
- Consent forms 10-3203 and 10-5345 (included in this handbook) must be signed and dated by the Veteran. The staff contact person submitting the entry for the Veteran should safeguard the signed consent forms at their VA facility.

Art Division - Group Art Entry Form

Category:	34-Group Art
Title of Piece:	
Veteran Group Name:	
Number of Veterans in Group:	

First Name	Last Name	Email	Phone Number

Size of artwork in inches:	Length:	Width:	Height:
<p>Describe mediums and techniques used. It is CRUCIAL to provide much detail and information about the mediums and techniques used. For craft kits, please describe enhancements and techniques used. Attach additional pages if needed.</p>			

File Name: Suggestion: Division-Cat.#-Title of piece-vet initials : _____

Veterans: By submitting artwork into the competition, you are confirming the following statement is true: I confirm this art piece was completed entirely by me after October 1, 2021. I have read all the rules for the division in which I am entering and confirm that if my art piece is chosen as the national first-place winning entry, it will be exhibition ready when it is shipped to the Festival host site.

All COMPLETE submissions and entry forms are due ELECTRONICALLY by Friday, August 12, 2022 by 4:00 pm to Catherine.demasi@va.gov.

EACH VETERAN MUST SIGN FORM 10-3203 TO COMPETE IN THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITIONS.



Department of Veterans Affairs

CONSENT FOR PRODUCTION AND USE OF VERBAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, DIGITAL IMAGES, AND/OR VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDINGS BY VA

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL WHOSE STATEMENT, LIKENESS, OR VOICE IS REQUESTED

NOTE: The execution of this form does not authorize production or use of materials except as specified below. The specified material may be produced and used by VA for authorized purposes identified below, such as education of VA personnel, research activities, or promotional efforts. It may also be disclosed outside VA as permitted by law and as noted below. If the material is part of a VA system of records, it may be disclosed outside VA as stated in the "Routine Uses" in the "VA Privacy Act Systems of Records" published in the Federal Register.

The purpose of this form is to document your consent to the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) request to obtain, produce, and/or use a verbal or written statement or a photograph, digital image, and/or video or audio recording containing your likeness or voice. By signing this form, you are authorizing the production or use only as specified below.

You are NOT REQUIRED TO CONSENT TO VA's REQUEST to obtain, produce, and/or use your statement, likeness, or voice. Your decision to consent or refuse will not affect your access to any present or future VA benefits for which you are eligible.

You may rescind your consent at any time prior to or during production of a photograph, digital image, or video or audio recording, or before or during your provision of a verbal or written statement. You may rescind your consent after production is complete if the burden on VA of complying with that request is not unreasonable considering the financial and administrative costs, the ease of compliance that number of parties involved, and **the Veteran's VA facility and the Dept. of VA Office of National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events.**

The photograph, digital image, and/or video or audio recording will be produced while I am (describe the activity or situation) ***(To Be Completed by the Department of Veteran Affairs, if applicable)***

A participant in an adaptive sport or creative arts therapy program sponsored by the Veteran's VA facility and the Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events (NVSP&SE) and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Check at least one of the following (to be completed by VA)

I hereby voluntarily and without compensation authorize Department of Veterans Affairs NVSP&SE and/or the Veteran's VA facility to produce a photograph, digital image, and/or video or audio recording of me (or of the above named individual if the individual is legally unable to give consent).

I hereby voluntarily and without compensation authorize Department of Veterans Affairs NVSP&SE and/or the Veteran's VA facility to obtain or use a verbal or written statement from me (or the of the above named individual if the individual is legally unable to give consent).

I consent to allowing VA to record and use a verbal or written statement, or produce and use photographs, digital images, and video or audio recording for the purpose(s) identified below:

This product will be used: (NOTE: At least one of these boxes must be checked as well as a purpose described below) (to be completed by VA)

Internally (stay within VA) Externally (shared outside VA)

Please check the applicable purpose(s) (to be completed by VA)

Promotional Efforts:

Internal Publication (only VA) External publication (publicly available)

Other (Specify): Newspapers, radio stations, television stations, participant profiles, souvenir program booklet and DVD, and other media outlets. In addition, VA may release this information to sponsor organizations of the National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events in the form of other media products to promote the positive aspects of creative arts therapy.

Research Activities: Study

Education Purposes:

Presentation Conference Publication in a Journal Training Other (Specify):

VA ONLY Use:

Performance Improvement Quality Improvement Health Care Operations

Other (Specify):

All of the Above

NOTE: Do not sign this form unless one or more of the boxes above has been checked.


I have read and understand the foregoing, and I consent to the use of a verbal or written statement from me, and/or of my likeness and/or voice as specified for the above-described purpose(s). I understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation of any kind will be made to me by the United States for such use. I understand that consent to obtain, produce, and/or use a verbal or written statement, photograph, digital image, and video or audio recording containing my likeness or voice is voluntary, and my refusal will not adversely affect my access to any present or future VA benefits for which I am eligible. I further understand that I may, at any time, rescind my consent prior to or during production of a photograph, digital image, or video or audio recording. I also understand that I may rescind my consent after production is complete if the burden on VA of complying with that request is not unreasonable considering the financial and administrative costs, the ease of compliance, and the number of parties involved.

Print Veteran Full Name (First and Last Name)	Veteran Signature	Date
<i>Permission Obtained By (TO BE COMPLETED BY VA)</i> Print VA Employee Full Name	Title	Date
<i>Signature of Person Obtaining Consent (TO BE COMPLETED BY VA)</i> Print VA Employee Full Name	VA Employee Signature	Date

IMPORTANT: If VA is providing or releasing any patient health or demographic information with the verbal or written statement, photograph, digital image, or video or audio recording, VA Form 10-5345, Request for and Authorization to Release Medical Records or Health Information, is required prior to the release of such data to any source outside VA.

VETERANS MUST SIGN FORM 10-5345 IF ENTERING CATEGORIES THAT REQUIRE A WRITE-UP:

- Military Combat Experience
- Group Art
- Special Recognition categories

 Department of Veterans Affairs	REQUEST FOR AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS OR HEALTH INFORMATION
<p>PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to notify you that this information collection is in accordance with the clearance requirements of section 3507 of the Act. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who must complete this form will average 2 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out this form. The execution of this form does not authorize the release of information other than that specifically described below.</p> <p>The information requested on this form is solicited under Title 38 U.S.C. The form authorizes release of information in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164; 5 U.S.C. 552a; and 38 U.S.C. 5701 and 7332 that you specify. Your disclosure of the information requested on this form is voluntary. However, if information needed to locate records for release is not furnished completely and accurately, VA will be unable to comply with the request. The Veterans Health Administration may not condition the provision of treatment, payment, enrollment in the VA Health Care Program, or eligibility for benefits on the signing of an authorization, except for research-related treatment where an authorization for the use or disclosure of individually-identifiable health information for such research is required. VA may disclose the information that you put on the form as permitted by law. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure of the information as outlined in the Privacy Act system of records notices identified as 24VA10A7 "Patient Medical Record - VA", 08VA05 "Employee Medical File System Records (Title 38)-VA" and in accordance with the Notice of Privacy Practices. VA may also use this information to identify Veterans and person claiming or receiving VA benefits and their records, and for other purposes authorized or required by law.</p>	
<p>TO: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 810 Vermont Ave., NW Washington, DC 20420</p>	
<p>LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME</p>	<p>DATE OF BIRTH</p>
<p>PATIENT'S MAILING ADDRESS <i>(include City, State, Zip Code)</i></p>	
<p>NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION, INDIVIDUAL OR TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM INFORMATION IS TO BE RELEASED:</p> <p>Newspapers, radio stations, television stations, participant profiles, souvenir program booklet and DVD, and other media outlets. In addition, VA may release this information to sponsor organizations of the National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events in the form of other media products to promote the positive aspects of creative arts therapy.</p>	
<p>PURPOSE(S) OR NEED: Information is to be used by the requestor for:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER To promote awareness of VA's National Programs and the positive impact of creative arts therapy.</p>	
<p>INFORMATION REQUESTED: (Check applicable box(es) and state the extent or nature of the information to be provided:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>(Describe)</i> General diagnosis or disability</p>	
<p>LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME</p>	<p>DATE OF BIRTH</p>

SENSITIVE DIAGNOSES: REVIEW AND, IF APPROPRIATE, COMPLETE WHEN RELEASE IS FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN TREATMENT.

I request and authorize Department of Veterans Affairs to release the information pertaining to the condition(s) below for the non-treatment purpose(s) listed in this authorization.

Unnecessary to provide this information for entering 2022 NVCA competition

- DRUG ABUSE ALCOHOLISM OR ALCOHOL ABUSE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA
 HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)

I understand that information on these sensitive diagnoses may be released for treatment purposes without me checking the above boxes, and will be released even if the boxes are unchecked unless I indicate by checking the box below that I do not want this information released for this specific disclosure.

I do not want sensitive diagnoses released for treatment purposes under this specific authorization. I realize this does not impact other future requests unrelated to this authorization.

AUTHORIZATION: I certify that this request has been made freely, voluntarily and without coercion and that the information given above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I will receive a copy of this form after I sign it. I may revoke this authorization in writing, at any time except to the extent that action has already been taken to comply with it. Written revocation is effective upon receipt by the Release of Information Unit at the facility housing records. Any disclosure of information carries with it the potential for unauthorized redisclosure, and the information may not be protected by federal confidentiality rules.

I understand that the VA health care provider's opinions and statements are not official VA decisions regarding whether I will receive other VA benefits or, if I receive VA benefits, their amount. They may, however, be considered with other evidence when these decisions are made at a VA Regional Office that specializes in benefit decisions.

EXPIRATION: Without my express revocation, the authorization will automatically expire (*select one of the following*):

- AFTER ONE-TIME DISCLOSURE, IF ALL NEEDS ARE SATISFIED
 ON (*mm/dd/yyyy*) **May 1, 2023**
 UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: _____

PATIENT SIGNATURE (<i>Sign in ink</i>)	DATE (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)
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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE (<i>if applicable</i>) (<i>Sign in ink</i>)	DATE (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)
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PRINT NAME OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE	RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT
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TYPE AND EXTENT OF MATERIAL RELEASED

DATE RELEASED (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)	RELEASED BY:
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