The Warrior and The Artist

**Introduction**

The Warrior and The Artist exhibit is a judged military veteran art event dedicated to healing the scars of war and celebration of freedom. Exhibit sponsors: Jacksonville VA Center, VFW Post 2514 and Auxiliary. Advisory exhibit support is provided by Craven Arts Council and Gallery and local art shops.

**About the Exhibit**

Carven County is the residence of over 17,000 veterans, the exhibit offers a means for local and regional area veterans to voice their combat related experiences to heal scars of combat and celebrate freedom though art.

The genesis of the exhibit is an on-going combat veterans readjustment counseling program administered by the Jacksonville VA Center. Counseling is conducted on Tuesdays in partnership with VFW Dixon-Conderman Post 2514, New Bern, NC. Readjustment counseling is a wide range of services provided to combat veterans in the effort to make a satisfactory transition from combat deployments to peacetime duty or civilian life.

**Eligibility**

The exhibit is open to all artist, however, due to display limitations preference will be given military veterans. Artwork submissions are limited to photos, sketches, and paintings which express the exhibit theme. Pieces are to not exceed 24” X 36” and must be available for the entire exhibit. Works must be submitted with a hanging wire. Exhibit staff may reject entries that do not support the stated exhibit theme. Total exhibit not to exceed 60 entrees.

**Entries and Fees**

Artist may submit up to three entries. The fee for each entry is $5.00. All works must be labeled with title and artist at time of delivery. To make application go to wwwcravearts.org. and click the direct link to apply by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. Please submit a photo of the art with the show application. For information regarding the exhibit location go to vfw2514.org and click on The Warrior and The Artist link.

**Exhibit Dates**

The exhibit dates are December 3rd – 5th. It will be open to the public Friday Noon to 6 pm, Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday 10: am – 2: pm. The public is invited to meet attending artists on Saturday afternoon Noon to 4: pm.

**Logistics**

Approved works must be delivered to the Craven Art Council & Gallery, 317 Middle St. New Bern, November 27th 10:am to 5:pm, or VFW Post 2514, 3850 Butler RD. New Bern, November 30th, and December 1st 2-5: pm.

Following the exhibit Artist must pick up at VFW Post 2514 Sunday, December 5th, 2-6: pm or December 7th, 10: am to 4: pm or at the Craven Arts Council and Gallery December 8th , 10:am – 5: pm. Please indicate the time and location of art pickup. If art is to be returned by a commercial carrier or US Post Artist must provide a prepaid mailing label and pay a $10 handling fee. Work left after the pick-up dates will be become property VFW Post 2514 to be donated to a local non-profit unless other arrangements are made.

Artwork selected to be displayed on the Director’s Wall at the Craven Arts Council will be transported by exhibit personnel.

The artist pickup date will be announced.

**Commissions**

It is assumed that all works are for sale unless noted as NFS. The exhibit sponsor will retain 30% of sale price to offset exhibit expenses. Payments to artist will be mailed within 45 days of the exhibit.

**Insurance**

Jacksonville VA Center, VFW Post 2514 and/or other exhibit supporting organizations are not responsible for insuring art works. Reasonable and prudent care will be used secure, handle and care for all entries. This is a self-insured exhibit.

**Awards**

There will be three cash awards; 1st Place $100, 2nd Place $75 and 3rd $50. plus, People’s Awards; Best in Show, and Best in Show Category and Honorable Mention Awards. Additionally, art works that receive awards will be displayed on the Director’s Wall at the Craven Arts Council Gallery through December.

**Exhibit Media**

PSA and narrative provided to local media, Craven Arts Council network and distributed to veteran organizations.

**Jurors**

**Thomas McCabe** (Photography) – Tom is an award-winning photographer and the owner of Coastal Light Photographic Arts. He has been a member of Professional Photographers of North Carolina (PPNC) since 2004. Tom received his Certification as a Professional Photographer of America (PPA) in September 2013, his Master of Photography Degree in February 2015, and was accepted into the American Society of Photography. Tom has received numerous awards for his works and was awarded the PPA National Award in 2017 for his contributions to the art and craft of photography. Tom is currently the President of Professional Photography of North Carolina (PPNC)

**Laura Gammons (**Sketches and Paint) – Loura is a resident of Coastal North Carolina. She began her career as a professional artist in 2006 and has pieces in private collections throughout North America and Western Europe. The artist believes strongly that our world is faced with challenges that serve to separate people from peace and that we need things in our lives that provide a sense of refuge or give us the opportunity for find balance. With that commitment, her work is heavily inspired by nature and rarely depict man-made features. Each piece of art embraces an opportunity to find common treads of understanding shared by people of many cultures.

**Consent**

Consent to reproduce for publicity, cataloging or entry constitutes agreement to all conditions

**Questions**

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