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FOUNDATION

TELLING VETERANS STORIES THRU ART

WHY ART MATTERS

- [Boots-PAF18102024 Melanie L.mp4](#)
- “The boots were challenging. So much came up while I was painting it. I thought about my time down range and being med-evac’d. I thought about the people we lost and my fated flight to Germany on the bottom stretcher. Truth be told, I stopped painting for class when I got to the boots 3 weeks ago. But, today with tears quietly streaming down my face, I trudged through and finally completed this assignment.”

By - Melanie L. Veteran

Mary Whyte
WE THE PEOPLE

Portraits of Veterans in America



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PAF MISSION AND VISION

- Our mission is to create **purpose, expression, and connection** in the veteran community through exposure to and participation in art.
- Our vision by 2028 is to have delivered impactful art experiences to 15,000 veterans through partnerships with veteran's organizations in all states and overseas to enhance wellness.
- **Our Goal:**
 - Provide FREE art supplies and classes to Veterans
 - Enroll 1,000 Veterans this year and grow the number of veterans served to 15,000 in five years
 - Have a national presence showcasing art for, of, and by Veterans

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- *“In the past, I holed up and felt isolated. Through art I found connection and community.” Dani F, Veteran.*
- *“When I left the Air Force I couldn’t talk. Learning to paint has given me back my voice.” Dale S., Veteran*
- *“I can’t thank you enough. The Patriot Art Foundation has personally given this war veteran a new outlook and confidence to continue painting.” Clark C., Veteran*

PAF PROGRAMS - How we achieve our mission

- **Watercolor Boot Camp** - A free six-week online Watercolor course done in your home, at your pace.
- **Art Muster** – For Boot Camp participants wanting to continue art with a small virtual group of veteran artist.
- **VA Centers – Brushes of Valor** - FREE Art Classes and Supplies at participating VAs with a Recreational or Art Therapist – currently in Salt Lake City, Utah; Miami, Florida; and Charleston, and Columbia South Carolina.
- **Veterans Day Event – Art of Valor** – 9 November on the USS Yorktown
- **Social Media Platforms**— Connect with veterans and through virtual exhibitions, online forums/conferences, and social media updates.

WATERCOLOR BOOT CAMP RESULTS

Sign up at info@patriotartfoundation.org

class starts

April 2025



Christopher...

Apr 4, 2024



BEET SALAD, ANYONE?

- 1) Watercolor Boot Camp with Mary Whyte!
This has been my favorite exercise, so far.
- 2) I struggled with the folds of the leaves but like how airy they look.
- 3) I love the colors of the beets and leaves combined and I like how the shadowing came out. Plus, I love roasted beets, putting vinegar and salt on them and having a big beet salad.



Mar 31, 2024

RAVEN

I really enjoyed learning to make expressive black colors

ART MUSTER

PAF ART MUSTER PROVIDES SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS IN FUTURING CONNECTION

- Two Art Muster Volunteer Instructors: Lucinda Draine and Suzanne Accetta. Value the Veteran's military service to America and their return to civilian life giving a sense of purpose.
- Art Muster meets weekly for one-hour on Zoom. The first six meetings are facilitated by an instructor, with the goal of creating a cohesive, self-sustaining group.
- The Art Muster program engages in the process of providing feedback that is based upon growth, mindset, and a spirit of safety for all. The person sharing work is invited to engage in a form of self-critique that is called self-directed feedback. The person sharing an image for discussion is the first person to speak. The participant will speak regarding: 1) What they did really well or feel good or exited about; 2) a "growth edge", or what they struggled with or know they want to improve; and 3) an intention to take away from the experience. The group is taught this critique method for each other's work and offers encouragement. The intention is that this procedure will be ongoing in these self-led groups.

PAF WORKING WITH VA CLINICS

“The Patriot Art Foundation has been a very helpful resource for Veterans who want to learn more about creating art or trying something new. As Veterans learn more about the different types of art, and experience personal training from successful artists, they have become more inspired in discovering their own creative abilities.”

Laura Gruce, Art Therapist, LCAT, ATR-BC, Miami VA

Charleston VA Clinic In- Person

- Thank you PAF Art Instructors Anne Wells and Giselle Harrington
- Thank you to Katie Megregian, Recreational Therapist at Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Clinic in Charleston, S.C.



THE ART OF VALOR - A VETERANS PAINTING EVENT

9 November 2024

Simulcast on Facebook, website, and You Tube

At Three Locations:

USS Yorktown, The Army Museum, and the National
Veterans Memorial and Museum

CALL TO ACTION

How do we Partner

- Help Spread the Word to other Veterans
- Need volunteer art instructors, Social Media, IT and Admin capacities
- Seek Donors



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