

SUMMER SALUTE TO SERVICE ARTWORK CONTEST



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Salute to Service Art Contest Now Accepting Entries!

Free 2-D national art contest for all ages via online submission; Deadline July 31

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The [National Veterans Memorial and Museum \(NVMM\)](#), in collaboration with the Delaware County (Ohio) Veterans Service Office, is now accepting submissions for two-dimensional artwork from all ages in four categories in the [Summer Salute to Service Artwork Contest](#). Artists are invited to submit one image of a 2-D artwork for consideration.

Artwork from the top three finalists will first be displayed at the Delaware County (Ohio) Fair from September 16 – 23, and will then be on view at the NVMM from October 2023 – April 2024. Winners also will receive gift cards donated by [Cheap Joe's Art Stuff](#) and [United Art & Education Superstore](#), a certificate signed by all six judges and a one-year Integrity membership to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

For a full list of requirements, rules, artist bios and more, [click here](#). The entry deadline is July 31. Winners will be announced on August 18.

A [panel of six judges](#) (see below) will review each digital submission and determine the three finalists for each category and the overall winner for each group. Finalists will be responsible for sending their original work to the NVMM for display. Thanks support from Battelle, the NVMM will frame artwork from the top three finalists in each age group.

Panel of Judges

- Shawn Augustson, U.S. Army Veteran and artist, discovered art as a form of therapy after serving in Iraq. His work has been shown in the Kurt Vonnegut Museum in Indianapolis, The National Veterans Arts Museum in Chicago, the Columbus Museum of Art and the NVMM.
- Kristin Conic, U.S. Navy Veteran and artist, is currently showing her exhibition, [A Midshipman's Journey](#), at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and was commissioned as a surface warfare officer in 2011. Conic has a Masters of Fine Arts degree in Visual Art from Jacksonville University.
- Adrian Rodriguez, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and artist, found a variety of art mediums to assist with his therapy after deploying to Iraq in 2005. While pursuing a degree in architecture, he found a general passion for art and being creative. This led Rodriguez to participate in a Veteran art program called [CreatiVets](#).

- Rey Cordero, U.S. Army Veteran, Delaware County Veterans Service Officer, joined the Army in 1989. During Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Cordero's unit was the first transportation company in theater. He continued his service in various posts until 1994.
- Will Parker, U.S. Army Veteran and Operations Manager, Nationwide Children's Hospital, joined the board of directors for [CreatiVets](#), a nonprofit organization that uses art and music to help Veterans cope with service-related trauma. In 2020, Will was selected as a Tillman Scholar by the Pat Tillman Foundation based on his work in improving equitable access to healthcare for children in underserved and high needs areas.
- Samantha Fouts, Exhibitions Associate, National Veterans Memorial and Museum, earned her B.A. in History from Ohio Wesleyan University and her M.A. in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University. As an exhibitions associate, she researches historic artifacts for use by the museum's Exhibition team to share the stories of our service members who have served our nation.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. [The National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world.

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