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## NVMM Spring Author Night to Explore Wartime Influence on Kurt Vonnegut's Writing

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum will host a Spring Authors Night on Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. The program will delve into the profound impact of Kurt Vonnegut's wartime experiences on his literary work.

This engaging conversation will also highlight the creative friendship between Vonnegut and artist Syd Solomon, with a special focus on Vonnegut's novel "Bluebeard" in relation to the current exhibition at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM), titled "Syd Solomon Concealed and Revealed."

Our distinguished panel will feature:

- Julia Whitehead, CEO of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library
- Dr. Greg Sumner, author of "Unstuck in Time: A Journey through Kurt Vonnegut's Life and Novels."
- Moderator: Michael Jerome Plunkett, Executive Director of the Literature of War Foundation.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., allowing attendees to enjoy refreshments and mingle before the program begins at 6:30 p.m. General admission is priced at \$20, while NVMM members, Veterans, and active-duty personnel can attend for \$15. Tickets may be ordered online <a href="here">here</a>.

This event promises to be an enlightening exploration of Vonnegut's legacy and the artistic connections that shaped his work. Don't miss this opportunity to explore Kurt Vonnegut's military experience and its influence on his work, with experts and fellow literature enthusiasts.

The Syd Solomon exhibition at the NVMM will run through May 11, 2025.

## **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. The NVMM is located at 300 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.