



NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE **ARTS** FESTIVAL

art • music • drama • dance • creative writing

FACT SHEET

What The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) is the celebration and grand finale stage and art show, which are the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for Veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national health care system.

Who Approximately 120 Veterans will exhibit their artwork, share their original written work, or perform musical, dance or dramatic selections in a gala variety show. A professional orchestra will accompany the performance. All Veterans invited to participate are selected gold medal winners of year-long, national fine arts talent competitions in which thousands of Veterans enter, from VA medical facilities across the nation.

When Festival: October 10 – 16, 2016

Why VA medical facilities incorporate creative arts into their recreation therapy programs to further the rehabilitation milieu for both inpatients and outpatients. This annual competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through that therapy, and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our Nation's Veterans after disease, disability or life crisis.

Events Open to the Public - Sunday, October 16, 2016

Art Exhibit – 12 Noon – 1:45 p.m. **Stage Show** - 2:00 p.m.

Location to be announced in July, 2016

Presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Director

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Host

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Admission

Free, but tickets are required to the stage show.

Ticket information will become available after September 1, 2016.

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