



## MEDIA AND NEWS RELEASE QUESTIONNAIRE

### NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

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Artists and Performers: Please complete this form and return by \_\_\_\_\_.

Please complete this form to help our Festival staff highlight your creative arts achievements. We request that you take the time to consider and answer each questions carefully, keeping in mind that your responses here are all that the staff will have to compose your introduction in the show (or art exhibit), your write-up in the Festival bio booklet, and your Hometown News Release (if you want one).

NAME <i>(Last, First, MI)</i>	DATE OF BIRTH	PREFERRED NAME FOR NAME BADGE
ADDRESS <i>(Street, City, State, Zip Code)</i>	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include area code)</i>	E-MAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR BRANCH OF SERVICE

AIR FORCE   
  ARMY   
  COAST GUARD   
  MARINE CORPS   
  NAVY   
  NATIONAL GUARD  
 OTHER *(Please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU SERVE IN COMBAT IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONFLICTS? <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> KOREA <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAM <input type="checkbox"/> THE GULF WAR <input type="checkbox"/> AFGHANISTAN <input type="checkbox"/> IRAQ <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>(Please specify)</i> _____	DATES OF SERVICE? <i>(Month/Year)</i> _____ TO _____
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WERE YOU INJURED IN COMBAT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	JOB IN SERVICE? _____	RANK ACHIEVED _____
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WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE VA FACILITY YOU ARE REPRESENTING?  
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IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME ATTENDING THE FESTIVAL? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IN WHAT DIVISION(S) OF THE CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR NATIONAL MEDAL(S)? <input type="checkbox"/> ART <input type="checkbox"/> CREATIVE WRITING <input type="checkbox"/> DANCE <input type="checkbox"/> DRAMA <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC
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A Biographical Booklet about all of this year's participants will be prepared and included with the printed Program that will be handed out during the stage show and art exhibit. It will include a small photo and quote from each artist and performer. We hope that everyone will allow us to include them in this very special publication.

Veterans: Please check **one** of the two statements below.

- I **DO** GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY NAME AND ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS FORM, TO BE INLCUDED IN A BIOGRAPHY BOOKLET, AND POSSIBLY INCLUDED IN THE SCRIPT OF THE NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL STAGE SHOW.
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\_\_\_\_\_  
 PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS COMPLETED FORM FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS AND MAIL ORIGINAL TO:

NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL (117)  
 ST. CLOUD VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
 4801 VETERANS DRIVE  
 ST. CLOUD, MN 56303

1. IN ONE SENTENCE OR LESS, DESCRIBE HOW PARTICIPATION IN THE CREATIVE ARTS ENHANCES YOUR LIFE AND MAKES YOU FEEL.

2. WHAT WOULD YOU TELL OTHER VETERANS ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE CREATIVE ARTS (*art, creative writing, dance, drama or music*) AND WHY ARE THEY A GOOD FORM OF THERAPY?

3. WHEN AND HOW DID YOU BEGIN YOUR FORM OF THE ARTS (*include formal or informal training*)?

4. HOW DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR ENTRY? DOES THIS SELECTION HAVE PARTICULAR MEANING TO YOU?

5. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR PARTICULAR TALENT? (*This could include the difficulties you've overcome to be where you are in your art, or maybe an experience that inspired you to create art or perform.*)

6. HOW HAVE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH THE CREATIVE ARTS IN VA (for example at your local VA facility and/or past Creative Arts Festivals) IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

7. TELL US EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE DOING IN THE SHOW. IF YOU ARE AN ARTIST, GIVE US A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ARTWORK. PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.

8. ARE THERE ANY OTHER THINGS ABOUT YOU OR YOUR PERFORMANCE OR ARTWORK THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW? (*Or include in your news release if you want one.*)