



# National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

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Thank you for agreeing to take this survey. Your responses will be kept in confidence and will only be reported in aggregate. Your participation will provide us with important information that will be used to better serve our Veterans.

1. What is your age?

- 17-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-64
- 65-74
- 75+

2. Are you...?

- Male
- Female

3. In which era did you serve? Please select all that apply.

- OEF/OIF
- Desert Storm
- Korea
- Vietnam
- World War II
- Other

4. Do you have a VA-rated Service Connected Disability?

- Yes
- No

5. Nature of illness/injury (choose PRIMARY one):

- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
  - Quadriplegic SCI  Paraplegic SCI
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Amputation
- Visual Impairment
- Stroke
- Other

6. How many years have you had this illness/injury?

- < 1 year       1-2 years       3-5 years  
 6-15 years       16-25 years       25+ years

7. Do you use a wheelchair or prosthetic limb on a daily basis?

- Wheelchair  
 Prosthetic limb  
 Neither

8. Which of the following VA National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events have you participated in, if any? Please check all that apply.

- National Veterans Creative Art Festival  
 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic  
 National Veterans Golden Age Games  
 National Veterans TEE Tournament  
 National Veterans Wheelchair Games  
 National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic

9. For how many years have you participated in any VA National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events?

- This is my first event  
 2-5  
 6-10  
 11+

10. How many years have you participated in the Creative Arts Festival?

- This is my first year  
 2-5  
 6-10  
 11+

11. How often do you participate in therapeutic arts?

- Daily       Seasonally  
 Weekly       Not at all  
 Monthly

12. How do you engage in therapeutic arts? Please check that apply.

- VA programs  
 Veteran Service Organization therapeutic art programs

- Community based creative arts & recreation programs
- Individually / on my own
- I don't regularly engage in creative arts / recreation
- Other

13. Which of the following, if any, does your VA therapist do to support your participation in therapeutic art programs at home? (Check ALL that apply)?

- Provide resources for community organizations
- General orientation
- Organized practices
- Skills instruction
- Equipment
- None of the above
- Other

14. For how many months, if any, did you train in preparation for this event?

- 11+ months prior to event
- 8-10 months prior to event
- 4-7 months prior to event
- 1-3 months prior to event
- I did not train for the event

15. How likely are you to continue involvement in one or more of these sports when you return home.

- I definitely will not
- I possibly will
- I probably will
- I definitely will

16. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Preparation and participation in the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic has taught me ways to be active in recreation in my home community."

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

17. To what extent would each of the following help you to be more involved in sports on a regular basis? Please use the following rating scale.

- a. Would not help
- b. Some help
- c. A fair amount of help
- d. A lot of help
- e. A tremendous amount of help

- \_\_\_\_ Education of community programs available in my area
- \_\_\_\_ Adaptive sports clinics to develop skills
- \_\_\_\_ VA staff support to introduce me to a local program for the first time
- \_\_\_\_ Adaptive equipment

18. Thinking specifically about this event, what is the SINGLE most important reason you participated in this event?

- Improve or maintain health.
- Help other Veterans – peer mentor, advocate for new injuries and help with adjustment.
- Enhance / develop a social network.
- Learn new adaptive sports & recreation activities.
- Continue my rehabilitation.
- Other (please specify)

19. When you participate in leisure activities, do you usually do this alone or with others?

(Choose ONE answer)

- Mostly alone
- Mostly with friends
- Mostly with family members
- With a combination of family and friends
- I do not participate in leisure activities, such as movies, sports, restaurants, etc.

20. To what extent did each of the following influence your decision to participate in this event? Please use the following rating scale.

- 1. No impact
- 2. Slight impact
- 3. Moderate impact
- 4. Major impact

- \_\_\_\_ My doctor or therapist recommended it

- \_\_\_\_\_ I enjoy sports
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am an active person
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am concerned about staying healthy
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like to compete in sports events with other Veterans
- \_\_\_\_\_ I like the interaction with other Veterans
- \_\_\_\_\_ I want to gain experience with different sports
- \_\_\_\_\_ My friend or family member encouraged me to participate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

21. Check all that apply:

- First time entering the National Veterans Creative Arts Competition
- First time participant at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
- Visual Artist
- Performer

22. What creative arts events have you participated in over the past year?

*Check all that apply:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VA Craft Clinic            | <input type="checkbox"/> VA Writing Clinic               | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Instructor      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VA Music Therapy<br>Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> VA Choir                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Theater   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VA Art Therapy<br>Clinic   | <input type="checkbox"/> VA Band                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VA Drama Clinic            | <input type="checkbox"/> VA Guitar<br>Workshop           | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> VA Creative Arts<br>Competition |  |
- Other (*please describe*):

22. Performers only:

In preparing for the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, (*Check all that apply.*)

- I have read the Festival Participant Responsibilities and am prepared to engage in rehearsals, the stage show performance, creative arts workshops and other events described.
- I have rehearsed the production music and am ready for rehearsals at the Festival.
- I have not been able to rehearsal because
- Other

23. Artists only:

In preparing for the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, (*Check all that apply.*)

- I have read the Festival Participant Responsibilities and am prepared to engage in art workshops, interaction sessions, art exhibit display and other events described.
- I do not feel I am prepared because
- Other

24. Is there any other feedback you'd like to provide:  
[free text entry]