

VSA Texas
Veterans and the Arts
Current Resources for Arts Organizations



- = Dance
- = Film
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- = Music
- = Performance
- = Visual
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Media	Name of Group and Location	Description	Website
	Exit 12 Dance Company New York, NY	Supports and advances the notion that art heals, and is devoted to serving those who have been touched by conflict by expressing their stories.	http://exit12danceco.com/
	Dance Exchange Takoma Park, MD	Dance Exchange makes dance with people of all ages in community and healthcare settings, we have regularly seen participants surprise themselves and others by coming alive in unexpected ways.	http://danceexchange.org/
	Dancing Well: The Soldier Project Louisville, KY	Provides restorative community dance experiences to veterans with PTSD or TBI. Through a dance experience uniquely tailored to the needs of afflicted veterans and their families, these individuals will benefit from the powerful healing, bonding, and socialization offered by traditional music and dance.	http://www.deborahdenefeld.com/dancing-well-the-soldier-project.html
	GI Film Festival Los Angeles, CA	Reel Stories! Real Heroes! Presents films that honor the heroic stories of the American Armed Forces and the worldwide struggle for freedom and liberty.	http://gifilmfestival.com
	Operation: Zeus Austin, TX	Creating a feature length series of documentary films in order to spread awareness that America's heroes are coming home and again struggling to adapt.	www.operationzeus.com
	The 555 Collective St. Francis, KS	Guided by the theory Art>Trauma, the 555 publishes an online magazine (covering art and humans), and conducts various creative projects that raise awareness and support for populations affected by trauma.	http://www.555c.org
	The ArtReach Foundation Atlanta, GA	The ArtReach Model integrates multiple creative and expressive arts interventions in workshops led by a licensed and certified therapist. The program relies upon a Train-the-Trainer program that can build rapid expansion of programs through a community-based empowerment approach. A veteran is always included as a member of the training team.	http://artreachfoundation.org

ArtStream Silver Spring, MD	Allies in the Arts Artists-in-Residence Project brings creative arts opportunities to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, in association with the American Red Cross.	https://www.art-stream.org/
Creative Healing Connections Keene, NY	Arts Retreats for Female Veterans and Service Members open to any woman who has served our country in any branch of the military at any time.	http://www.creativehealingconnections.org/retreats/veterans/
ArtTherapy Alliance Online	This Art and Veteran pinterest page is an excellent informational resource for creative veteran programming.	http://pinterest.com/arttxalliance/art-veterans
The National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military - Americans for the Arts Online	Strengthening the Health and Well Being of Service Men and Women and their Families Through the Arts	http://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/legislation-policy/the-national-initiative-for-arts-health-in-the-military
DryHootch of America Inc Milwaukee, WI	A coffee Shop helping Veterans who survived the war, survive the peace.	dryhootch.org
Gourd Society (organized by Great Promise for American Indians) Austin, TX	A group of American Indian Veterans who learn traditional gourd dancing, songs, and crafting of regalia.	http://www.austinpowwow.net
The Homecoming Project Austin, TX	Organizes multimedia exhibitions to document and explore the military personnel's story.	www.thehomecomingproject.org
National Veterans Creative Arts Festival Washington, D.C.	A creative arts competition for veterans treated at any VA medical facility.	www.va.gov/opa/speceven/caf/index.asp
Operation Oak Tree Evansville, IL	Multi-arts programming for military children and families throughout the cycle of deployment. Sponsored by the Institute for Therapy Through the Arts.	https://www.musicinst.org/operation-oak-tree-0
Smith Center for Healing and the Arts Washington, D.C.	Runs an Artist-in-Residence program for veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center	http://www.smithcenter.org/arts-healing.html
United States Veterans' Artist Alliance Culver City, CA	Provides opportunities for veterans in the arts by networking with veterans, artists, supportive individuals and organizations within the arts and veterans' communities to find funding and support for individual artistic projects in theater, film, television and the visual/fine arts and a wide variety of crafts.	http://usvaa.org/
Under the Hood Café Killeen, TX	A place where soldiers, families, friends and community members can socialize, get information on service members' and veterans rights, get referrals for legal and wellness services and participate in creative workshops.	www.underthehoodcafe.org

	United States Veteran Arts Program (USVAP) Chicago, IL	Increasing the representation of veterans in the arts community by providing durable supplies and resources to state and federal veterans facilities, to be used within that community, along with support, and guidance provided by Recreation, Music and Art Therapists at those centers.	www.usvap.org
	Veteran Artist Program Washington, D.C.	Takes artists who are also veterans, and propels their works and careers into the mainstream creative arts community through networking, mentorships, collaborations with professional artists, and original productions. Programs include Visual Arts and Vets on Sets.	www.veteranartistprogram.org/
	Vet Art Project Akron, OH	A network of creative arts therapists--including drama, art, music, dance/movement, writing & poetry therapy offering creative arts therapeutic workshops, retreats, community discussions, and public showings/performances of art by veterans featuring talkbacks with veteran artists. Offering programming nationally.	http://vetartproject.com
	VetCAT Chicago, IL	Provides quality creative arts therapies for all veterans and active duty service members, in a supportive community environment, to promote mental health, and the development of positive coping skills which will facilitate successful transition to civilian life.	https://www.facebook.com/VetCAT
	Veterans in the Arts St Paul, MN	To facilitate the ability of veterans to express themselves in a variety of art forms through a progressive program of supportive instruction and collaboration.	www.veteransinthearts.org
	Warrior Art Group Online	An online zone for Veterans and Active Duty Military Members to showcase original artworks in any form or medium.	http://www.warriorartgroup.com
	CreatiVets Nashville, TN	The mission of the corporation is to provide disabled veterans with the opportunity to use art therapy, music, and creative writing to address the psychological and emotional needs that arise from combat-related trauma.	http://www.facebook.com/creativeterans/
	Veteran Artists San Francisco, CA	"The Other VA" Veteran Artists is a community conduit for connecting veterans with artistic opportunities.	www.veteranartists.org
	Veterans Art Foundation New Haven, CT	Healing through creativity. Created by veterans for veterans, with the understanding that the arts can be used to heal the traumas of war.	http://www.veteransartfoundation.org/
	VSA Vermont Winooski, VT	The state organization on arts and disability. Has a program at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction that includes visual art and writing.	http://www.vsavt.org
	MusiCorps Bethesda, MD	Helping wounded warriors play music and recover their lives.	http://www.musiccorps.net
	Soldier Songs and Voices New Braunfels, TX San Marcos, TX La Grange, TX	Serves our nations military heroes with free music lessons, instruments when necessary, and a means of creative expression. Workshops currently happening at The Bugle Boy in La Grange.	http://soldiersongsandvoices.org

	Song Writing with Soldiers Austin, TX	Pairs returning active duty soldiers and veterans with professional songwriters in a retreat setting to craft songs about personal experiences in combat.	http://www.songwritingwithsoldiers.org
	Voices of Valor Scotch Plains, NJ	A unique opportunity for veterans to work with songwriters to create a song based on your experiences and reflecting who you are - no musical experience required!	http://www.voicesofvalor.org
	Arts in the Armed Forces Brooklyn, NY	To honor, educate, inspire, and entertain all active duty and veteran members of the United States Armed Forces and their families by engaging them in the power and social service of the performing arts.	http://aitaf.org
	Blue Star Theatres Washington, DC	Discounted or complimentary admission to participating theatres for all military personnel, their families and veterans.	http://bluestarfam.org/Programs/Blue_Star_Theatres
	Comics for Courage Maple Grove, MN	To entertain, raise funds and educate the public through comedy events in support of partner organizations Wounded Warrior Project and Vet Dogs.	http://www.comicsforcourage.org/
	Grand Forks Community Theatre Grand Forks, ND	Provides community theater opportunities to veterans and military families through programs such as "Deployed", a play written and performed by students at Grand Forks Air Force Base and "Warrior Words", a sharing of stories by veterans.	http://www.ggfct.com
	Shakespeare and Veterans Los Angeles, CA	Military Veterans, regardless of their experience with acting or Shakespeare, are mentored by theatre professionals, who may or may not be veterans, to perform Shakespeare classics.	http://shakespeareandveterans.org
	The Telling Project Austin, TX	Documentary-style performances that engages veterans and their families standing up and 'telling' their stories.	http://thetellingproject.org
	Veterans Center for Performing Arts New York City, NY	No Pity. No Apology. No Political Agenda." Uniting the military veteran and the civilian community by professionally developing and producing the veterans' original works in the visual, fine and performing arts.	http://www.govcpa.com
	The Veterans Project Los Angeles, CA	Organizes Stand Downs and other events and connects veterans seeking a career in the entertainment/media industry with experienced professionals.	www.theveteransproject.org

	American Veterans Arts and Crafts Online	We are a group of Veterans, of all branches, across the nation, brought together by a love of art. Each item listed for sale on this site is hand made by an American veteran. 6% of all sales go to help our group obtain a physical gallery location as well as help homeless. The other 94% go to the veterans themselves, those that created the art.	http://www.veteransartsandcrafts.com
	Artists for Awareness Plainfield, IL	Our organization strives to give those veteran artists a voice as well as introduce art to suffering veterans and grieving family members.	http://artistsforawareness.org
	Artworks by Veterans Chicago, IL	Seeks to help Americans understand military service through artwork created by veterans.	http://artworkbyveterans.wordpress.com
	Blue Star Museums Washington, D.C.	Offers free admission for all active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day to participating museums.	http://bluestarfam.org/Programs/Blue_Star_Museums
	Combat Paper Project San Francisco, CA	Through papermaking workshops, veterans use their uniforms worn in service to create works of art.	http://www.combatpaper.org/
	From War to Home: Through the Veteran's Lens Philadelphia, PA	Sponsored by VA Health Services Research & Development, combat veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are given a camera and an assignment: "Take photographs to tell your story, to convey what it was like to be deployed, come home, get medical care, readjust to the world." The project concludes with an exhibition of photos and accompanying quotes.	http://www.cherp.research.va.gov/PhotoVoice/PhotoVoice_Overview.asp
	Heroes Fallen Studios Windsor, NC	Telling our troops real life stories through Graphic Novels.	http://www.heroesfallenstudiosinc.org/
	National Veterans Arts Museum Chicago, IL	The museum collects, preserves and exhibits art inspired by combat and created by veterans.	http://www.nvam.org/
	Peace Paper Project - Veteran Paper Workshop Gouverneur, NY	Provides veterans with hand papermaking as a vehicle for self-expression and healing.	http://www.peacepaperproject.org/veteranpaperworkshop.html
	Veterans Antiquities Indianapolis, IN	A studio, gallery and online marketplace for veterans to make, learn and earn through the arts,	http://www.veteransantiquities.com
	Fatigues Clothesline San Antonio, TX	An awareness and art-based therapy program for military sexual trauma (MST) survivors and their families. Through drawing, painting or writing on the inside of a military uniform blouse, the work of art gives survivors the power to express themselves freely.	http://www.fatiguesclothesline.com
	VSA Texas Austin, TX	The state organization on arts and disability. The Distinguished Artist Veterans program offers an annual juried veteran art exhibit.	http://www.vsatx.org/veteranServices.html

	Operation ReVamp Grand Junction, CO	Runs the Veteran's Art Center hosting an art gallery, gift shop, veteran owned small business, open studios, art classes, meeting space, resource center and more. Provided Free to all Veterans and Military families.	http://operationrevamp.org
	American Healing Arts Foundation Strawberry, AZ	Dedicated to advancing wellness through the arts with a focus on programs for military servicemen and women who have served on various fronts for our country. Providing art classes with the intent of providing a therapeutic environment and healing through the arts and art therapy.	http://americanhealingartsfoundation.com
	Red Wing Arts Association Red Wing, MN	Provides veterans an opportunity to explore art in a variety of genre to express an aspect of their military experience.	http://www.redwingartsassociation.org/MNVetProject.htm
	Veteran Print Project Madison, WI	Obtain and develop oral histories of a new generation of veterans and connect local artists, specifically printmakers, with the veterans to create prints based on the oral histories.	http://veteranprintproject.com
	VSA Massachusetts Boston, MA	The state organization on arts and disability. Hosts a veteran art exhibit in their gallery.	http://www.vsamass.org
	Art Access Salt Lake City, UT	Veterans are taught by professional artists and enable participants of all ages and abilities to create art in an inclusive and accessible environment.	www.accessart.org
	VSA Missouri St. Louis, MO	The state organization on arts and disability. Hosts veteran art programs.	http://www.vsamissouri.org
	VSA Nevada Reno, NV	The state organization on arts and disability. Provides veterans who receive care at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System in Reno quality arts experiences through artist-in-residence programs. This rehabilitative program builds communication skills, independence, and self-esteem.	http://www.vsanevada.org
	Badger Dog Austin, TX	A program of the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation that provides creative writing workshops, including workshops for veterans.	http://www.austinlibrary.org/site/PageServer?pagename=bdog_what
	Military Experience and the Arts Lexington, KY	MEA is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization whose primary mission is to work with veterans and their families to publish creative prose, poetry, and artwork. We also work with scholars to publish articles related to veterans' issues in the humanities and social sciences.	http://militaryexperience.org
	Veterans Writing Collective Fayetteville, NC	A University program encouraging the art of writing. The group is open to writers of all genres and is open to all active-duty military, veterans, and family members.	www.methodist.edu/writingvets
	Veterans Writing Project Washington, D.C.	We believe that every veteran has a story. No-cost writing seminars and workshops for veterans, active and reserve service members, and military family members. Publisher of a quarterly literary review, <i>O-Dark-Thirty</i> .	http://veteranswriting.org

	Veteran Writing Workshop New York City, NY	Gives veterans the tools and confidence they need to bring their stories to life.	http://veteranswritingproject.org
	Warrior Writers Project Philadelphia, PA	To create a culture that articulates veterans' experiences, provide a creative community for artistic expression, and bear witness to the lived experiences of warriors.	http://www.warriorwriters.org

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