

VETERANS TO EXHIBIT ARTWORK AND TALENT IN BOWIE

Works of art to be exhibited at the 9th annual Maryland Veterans Creative Arts Festival have now been selected. The festival, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maryland, will be held on March 24, 2019 in the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. The exhibit features work created by veterans who use the arts as an aid in their recovery from physical and mental health issues through the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) Recreation Therapy Departments throughout Maryland and the District of Columbia. Over 30 works of art will be displayed representing a variety of media including clay, ceramics, photography, needlework, painting and kit construction. These pieces of art were entered in competition at the local VAMC level in hopes of earning a spot in the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan in October.

Artwork and creative writing will be on exhibit beginning when the doors open at noon and end at 1:45 pm. All are invited to browse through the exhibit, visit with the artists and authors who are on hand and maybe get some autographs. The doors of the auditorium will open at 1:30 pm with a stage show beginning at 2:00 pm. Performers have entered the competition in categories such as instrumental and vocal music, dance and drama.

This event is open to the public. A donation of \$10 per ticket to support the National and local Veteran's Creative Arts projects is requested for those attending the stage show. However, complimentary tickets are available for ROTC/JROTC members who come in uniform and active duty military.

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