

# NEW Creative Writing Categories!

## ★ Poetry

- No longer than 48 lines:  
Humorous, Inspirational, Patriotic, Other

## ★ Essay

- No longer than 3 double-space pages:  
Humorous, Inspirational, Patriotic, Other

## ★ Personal Experience

- No longer than 3 double-space pages:  
Humorous, Inspirational, Patriotic, Other

## ★ Short Story

- No longer than 1,000 words

## ★ Monologue/Dialogue

- No longer than 3 double-space pages

### Responsibility-liability:

All possible care will be taken in handling submissions for judging. However, the VA will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

★ Pieces can be brought to the Fargo VA up to one week prior to event.

VA is not responsible for unclaimed artwork.

Participants will be required to give written consent allowing the production and use of verbal or written statements, photographs, digital images, and/or video or audio recordings by VA for competition and publicity purposes.

### Judging:

**Art criteria:** creativity, skill, originality, and total presentation.

**Writing criteria:** creative content, message clarity, use of language, originality of topic or idea, overall strength of competition. Judging for the writing division will occur separately from the show on February 13.

Local first place entries in each category will have the opportunity to compete in the 2019 National Veterans Creative Arts Competition!

# Fargo VA Veterans Creative Arts Festival

February 13, 2019  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Deadline for artwork submissions:  
February 1, 2019



## Rules:

- To qualify for entry, the artist must be enrolled at a VA medical facility or Outpatient Clinic **BEFORE** entering the local competition.
- All visual art must have been completed after April 1, 2018, except for Military Combat Experience.
- The VA facility staff and the judges have the right to change an entry's category as needed.
- Working GUNS, KNIVES or other WEAPONS will not be accepted due to VA regulations banning these items from VA facilities.
- A Veteran can enter up to three ART pieces, but **ONLY** one entry per category per Veteran.
- It is recommended that hanging art is mounted, framed, and ready for display. Use Plexiglas instead of glass.

To enter or for more information, contact:

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## Special Art Categories:

**Special Recognition** - A description of the physical and/or mental health challenges the Veteran overcame in order to accomplish the creation of the art is required to qualify for this category. The description, not to exceed 225 words can be written by the Veteran or the Veteran's VA staff contact person, nurse, physician or practitioner.

**Military Combat Experience** - Veteran must have experienced combat duty during World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, Gulf War, or current combat operations. The artwork must relate to the Veteran's personal experience in that war or conflict. A statement explaining how the art relates to the Veteran's wartime experience, composed by the Veteran and/or his VA staff contact person of 25 to 225 words must be included with each entry. The medium used must be a fine art or applied art medium.

**Digital Art** – Art that was created using digital technology in the process of its creation. The work is created entirely with the computer and includes 2D graphics as well as 3D graphics. All original entries in the Digital Art categories must be printed, mounted and framed. It is **REQUIRED** that the software programs used be listed in the "mediums/techniques used" section of the entry form. **ANIMATION AND VIDEOS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

## Applied Art and Fine Art Categories

Acrylic Painting	Fine Art Mixed Media
Watercolor	Jewelry (no beads)
Carving	Knotting
Pastels	Leather Carving/Tooling
Mosaic	Scroll Saw/Fretwork
Fiber Arts (original design)	Applied Arts Mixed Media
Glasswork	Oil Painting
Colored Drawing	Sculpture
Color Photography	Graphics
Black and White Photography	Painted or Stained Ceramics
Beadwork	Pottery
Glazed Ceramics	Collage
Leather Stamping	Metalwork
Wood working	Crocheting/Knitting
Pyrography (original design)	Needlework (original design)
Assemblage	

## Kit Categories

Leather	Needlework
Wood Building	Craft Coloring Kits
Fabric Art	Latch Hook
Paint by Number	Figurine Painting
Transfer/Engraving Kits	Mosaic
String Art	Combined
Model Building (Plastic, Wood or Metal)	Suncatcher or Sand Art