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Applicant Calendar

- September 14:
Last day to submit Artwork
-Must be dropped off by 5:30 pm
- September 21:
Exhibit Opens
- September 21:
Gallery Reception
6 - 8 pm
Free & open to the public
- November 2:
Last Day of Exhibit
- November 3 - 9:
Artists can pickup artwork

CALL FOR ART ENTRIES

MORE THAN A UNIFORM ART EXHIBIT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
OSCAR G. JOHNSON VA
MEDICAL CENTER &
THE BONIFAS ARTS
CENTER

SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS
AND FAMILY MEMBERS,
SUBMIT YOUR CREATIVE ARTS
TO THE MORE THAN A
UNIFORM EXHIBIT.

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About the Exhibit: The *More Than A Uniform* Exhibit will highlight works of art created by service members, veterans, family members and caregivers.

Art can express big emotions. It can give a voice to pain and anger. It can be a way to see beauty in imperfect lives. Art can be mindful. It can serve as a break from big emotions and serve as a way to escape from the heaviness of life.

“As individuals we connect with the art, with ourselves, with others that we gather to create with, or share our creations with. Connection and belonging are two very powerful protective factors for suicide prevention. In preparation for this exhibit the VA has collaborated with the Bonifas Arts Center and other art

centers across the U.P. and Northern Wisconsin to create opportunities for Veterans to connect through art. Art is a tool that can exorcise emotions and what is in the art is as important as what is left out.” –Alyssa Knoll

One of our goals for this exhibit is to address the mental health crisis and the stigma around it—and how individuals use art as a tool to help cope with a variety of issues. If you identify as having a mental health disability, please consider allowing your art to be part of the mental health awareness portion of the exhibit.

We want service members, veterans, family members and caregivers’ art to be seen and your voices to be heard. We hope that you will find a sense

of understanding in this exhibit and that as your art is shared, the stigma around mental health and suicide will fade away as our understanding of the problem grows.

Connect with others by sharing your work in the *More Than A Uniform* Exhibit. If you are a service member, veteran, family member or caregiver of someone who has served, then your art matters and belongs in this exhibit.



More Than a Uniform

Sept. 21 - Nov. 2, 2023

Entry Form Thank you for printing clearly

Name: _____ I wish to remain anonymous

(we still need your name for our system but “anonymous” will appear on artwork label)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Entry 1 Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____

Insurance (replacement) Value: \$ _____ For Sale Price/NFS: \$ _____

Entry 2 Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____

Insurance (replacement) Value: \$ _____ For Sale Price/NFS: \$ _____

Entry 3 Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____

Insurance (replacement) Value: \$ _____ For Sale Price/NFS: \$ _____

I'm Including a Bio/artist statement

Please include my work in the mental health awareness portion of the exhibit

Return of artwork:

I will pick up my work

{ Artwork returned in the packaging }
{ it came in so pack accordingly. }

Pre-paid return shipping label enclosed

Return form & artwork: Bonifas Arts Center

700 1st Ave. S., Escanaba, MI 49829

Any Questions?

Phone: 906-786-3833

Kate's direct line: 906-212-5236

Email: kate@bonifasarts.org

For Office Use: Please do not write here

Date Received: _____ Staff Initials: _____

Eligibility & Conditions: This show is open to all service members, veterans and/or family members and caretakers of those who have served. All work must be the artists' own design, original in concept and execution and not previously exhibited in the Bonifas Gallery. Original works only (no prints). Any medium, traditional or experimental, qualify for entry. 2D and 3D artworks are accepted. Diptychs and triptychs count as 1 entry. You may remain anonymous if you chose, just check the box—we will still need your name for our records but your name will not be published to the public. This event is open to all skill levels and abilities. To help make connections with the viewing public, including an artist bio and/or artist statement is welcomed but not required.

{ A friendly reminder to any of the Veterans that have taken free classes offered at any of the partner art centers, you can submit that work into this show as well. }

Entry Procedure: Artwork and application must be brought in by **September 14 by 5:30 pm** during our business hours: Tuesday - Friday: 10 - 5:30 pm and Saturday 10 - 3 pm

- All artwork must be labeled with the artist's name, title, sale price/NFS (not for sale).
- A 30% gallery commission is applied if a sale is made.
- Artwork is returned in the packaging it came in so please add your name to it.

Entry Fees: There is no fee to enter this show. Thank you for your service!

Submission: All wall hanging works must be framed with wire hanging method preferred. Wrapped canvas' are allowed but must be wire hang ready as well. Your entry grants permission for the Bonifas to photograph your work for promotional or educational purposes only. Artist credit will be given when image is used.