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CREATIVETS AND VCUARTS TEAM UP TO COMBAT PTSD AND TBI

Art-based Program to Introduce Combat Veterans to the Healing Power of Art

Richmond, VA – CreatiVets has partnered with the Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts (VCUarts) and the Office of Military Student Services to provide a three-week, fully-accredited art course uniquely created for combat veterans suffering from PTSD and/or Traumatic Brain Injuries. Participants will have full access to studios and equipment at the school, and the program gives them an opportunity to create and discuss art with some of the best art instructors in the country at no cost to the veterans. Through the process, they will learn the benefits of using art as a form of stress and anxiety relief, as well as a way to tell their stories using creative writing, woodworking, and digital media.

At the end of the three-week program, the participating veterans will have the opportunity to share the pieces they have created at a local gallery showcasing their works. Through this program, Veterans help raise public awareness about the challenges they face and how art can assist in addressing the psychological and emotional struggles that arise from combat-related trauma.

VCU has a proud history of serving veterans and has built a reputation of excellence in the art education community. It is CreatiVets' honor to partner with VCUarts, an institution that puts our veterans first and strives to support those returning home to work through issues associated from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injuries.

If you would like more information about this program, please contact Stephen Ross, director of VCU's Office of Military Student Services, at (804) 827-8730 or email at stross@vcu.edu, dstewartfraus@vcu.edu, or Jeremy Durbin, Executive Director of CreatiVets at (704)425-2292 or email at Jeremy@creativets.org.