



# NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR ARTS & HEALTH IN THE MILITARY



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The National Initiative for Arts and Health in the Military, led by Americans for the Arts, advances the arts in health, healing, and healthcare for military service members, Veterans, their families, and caregivers across the military continuum.

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## NATIONAL NETWORK DIRECTORY

The National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military established the National Network Directory to connect organizations and individuals who are actively working to ensure that quality arts practices are available and accessible throughout the military lifecycle. Individuals and organizations may participate in the Network in several ways: by providing direct programs and services or information and resources for military service members, Veterans and their families, and by disseminating information from the National Initiative to their constituents.

We are working to compile a complete directory of individuals and organizations that support or provide programs and services, or information and resources in or about the arts for military service members, Veterans and their families.

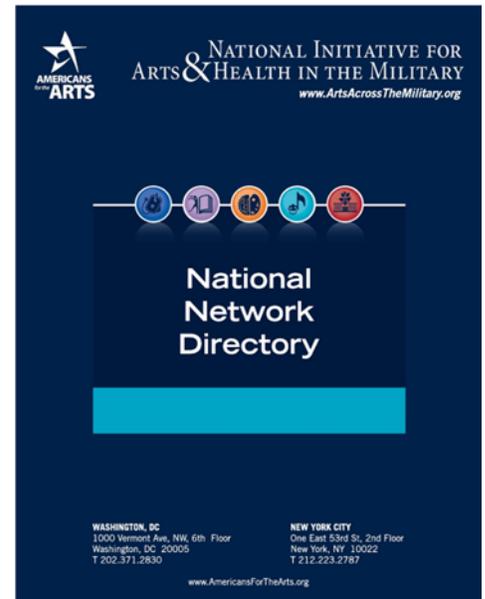
## Use the Directory to:

### SEARCH

- Listings by State
- For National or regional programs
- For Contact Information
- Arts services offered - Music, visual and literary arts, drama/theatre, dance/movement, etc.
- Military populations served - Veterans, active duty military, military families, military children, etc.

### JOIN US

- Fill out the simple online form found on [www.ArtsAcrossTheMilitary.org](http://www.ArtsAcrossTheMilitary.org)
- Help us build a grassroots movement dedicated to advancing the arts in health, well-being and community for America's military service members, Veterans, their families and caregivers.



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## NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DIRECTORY EXAMPLES

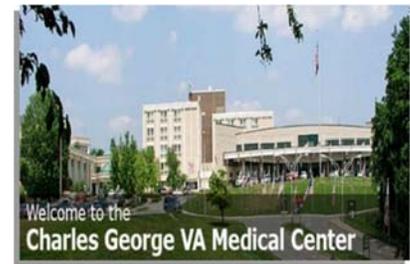


### Songwriting With: Soldiers (TX, NY, CA, MD, and VA)

SW:S uses collaborative songwriting to transform lives through creativity, connections, and strength. Veteran, Founder and Creative Director, Darden Smith pairs other Veterans with experienced songwriters, in workshop and retreat settings, to craft songs about combat and the return home. "I can bring this song home and play it for my kids, and they can understand what I've been through," says a participant. SW:S also runs workshops for military families. All costs for participants and family members are covered.

### Charles George VA Medical Center (Asheville, NC)

The CGVAMC is actively developing a Medical Humanities Program. With the support of local, state, and national partners, we have programming in the arts and humanities with focus on the recovery and healing of our wounded Veterans. One of six pilot sites for the VHA funded MyStory project, we are devoted to capturing stories of our World War II Veterans as both a legacy and enhanced medical care initiative. We are committed to the White Paper Recommendations of the NIAHM.



### Museum of Glass: Healing with Fire (Tacoma, WA)

In 2013, Museum of Glass introduced Hot Shop Heroes: Healing with Fire. This partnership with the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord serves soldiers with the most complex and devastating physical and mental injuries. Classes have expanded to serve soldiers outside of the WTB and Veterans. For many participants, the benefits are physical, emotional and spiritual. From one soldier, "This class awakened a previously hidden joy in creating things by hand. I was able to actually feel something other than numb."

### Oklahoma Arts Council (Oklahoma City, OK)

The Oklahoma Arts and the Military Initiative serves Veterans in the state as part of their reintegration and clinical rehabilitation. Additional outreach will be made to active duty troops, including guardsmen and reservists, and family members. The Initiative aims to aid community organizations in providing arts-focused programs to those who have courageously served our country. Additionally, we would like to build and strengthen the connections between arts and military communities and leverage the arts as part of the military experience in Oklahoma.



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