

CREATIVE ARTS

MAY 2025

Since 2000, the Auxiliary has co-presented the National Creative Arts Festival, along with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to carry out the Auxiliary's mission of Service Not Self. Members, units, and departments support the local competitions, the Festival, and provide monetary donations to make this event possible. Your Unit donations should be mailed to Department and specified that they are for our local Creative Arts program.

Photos of the Auxiliary making a difference at this event for our veterans can be viewed by visiting NVCAF on Facebook.

The program involves art, music, creative writing, dance, and drama. Entries in the local Creative Arts Festivals are judged and the winners receive ribbons. The top three finalists in each category are invited to compete in the National Creative Arts Festival which will be held May 11-18, 2025, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The visual arts division includes 51 categories ranging from oil paintings to leatherwork to leatherwork to paint-by-number kits. In the performing arts division, there are 100 categories related to music, dance, and creative writing.

Our local Creative Arts Festival will be held May 8, 2025, in the Topaz Clinic, at Carl T. Hayden Medical Center in Phoenix. I encourage everyone to attend and have an opportunity to meet our talented veterans. The Tucson Arts Festival will be held August 12-15, 2025, and the Prescott Arts Festival will be held in September, 2025. Anyone interested in car pooling? Call me.

Additional information can be found at www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov.

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