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PVAHCS REQUESTS ENTRIES FOR 2014 “PUT YOUR HEART INTO ART” CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

SUMMARY

Who: Veterans enrolled in the Phoenix VA Health Care System (PVAHCS)

What: Submit entries to participate in the PVAHCS 2015 Creative Arts Festival – “Put Your Heart Into Art”

When & Where: The Creative Arts Festival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 5, in the ACC basement conference center. Winners will be recognized at 11:30 a.m.

Why: To help Veterans heal through recreational therapy and creative arts by highlighting their work in the Creative Arts Festival.

PHOENIX – The Phoenix VA Health Care System is soliciting entries for the annual Creative Arts “Put Your Heart into Art” Festival and competition. This is an opportunity for Veterans to highlight their artistic abilities and talents. The event is designed to help Veterans heal through recreational therapy and creative arts by highlighting their artistic work.

You must be a Phoenix VA patient to participate. The entry deadline is Friday, Jan. 23. All projects must be delivered to PVAHCS Recreation Therapy between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on either Feb 2 or Feb. 3. For more information or to obtain entry paperwork, patients can contact Recreation Therapy at 602-277-5551, ext. 1-7250

Many Veterans benefit from VA Recreational Therapy Services through the use of creative interventions such as painting, pottery making, leather craft, creative writing and dance that assist with promoting health, healing, and improved quality of life.

Highlighting those creative abilities and talents has become an important part of the PVAHCS Creative Arts Festival called “Put Your Heart into Art. Categories in the show competition include art, creative writing, dance, drama and music, which have both individual and group options.

Applications need to include an entry form for the respective division as well as a VA consent form for picture and or/voice and if the entry is in the dance, drama, or music division a recording of the entry must also be completed. All required recordings must be completed by the PVAHCS Medical Media Department.

The Phoenix VA's Creative Arts Festival is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 5 in the Ambulatory Care Center basement conference center. Winners will be announced at 11:30 a.m.

Entries will be judged for creativity, originality, and skill. Winners from the Phoenix CAF will go on to the regional competition. If a Veteran's entry wins at the regional competition, his or her entry will be a part of 2015 National Creative Arts Festival Oct. 12-19, hosted by the Durham VA Medical Center in Durham, NC.

Both the local and national events are sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. In Phoenix, the local ALA members are part of the Creative Arts Festival Committee that helps plan and organize the event. ALA volunteers can assist with numerous components of the festival from preparation and planning, set-up, photography, judging, and more.

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