



CALL FOR VETERAN ARTISTS

"Honoring Veterans Through the Arts"

VETERAN ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Presented by the Southfield Public Arts Commission (SPAC), Southfield, MI

The Southfield Public Arts Commission, in partnership with the Southfield Veterans' Commission and Southfield Cable 15, invites veteran artists to participate in a special exhibition celebrating the creativity, experiences, perspectives, and artistic contributions of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.



An exhibition honoring Veteran Artists whose service to our nation and dedication to the arts reflect courage, resilience, and creative expression.

★ ELIGIBILITY

Artists must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. military veteran, including veterans of any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
- Veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, and qualifying Reserve or National Guard service are encouraged to apply.
- Artists may be active professional artists, emerging artists, or individuals who create art as a hobby.
- Artists must be at least 18 years of age.
- Artists may reside in Southfield, elsewhere in Michigan, or outside Michigan.
- Artwork must be original work created by the submitting artist.
- Artwork should be appropriate for display in a public municipal facility and accessible to a general audience.

ARTWORK CATEGORIES

Artists may submit work in a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional media, including:



Artwork incorporating military experiences, service, patriotism, family, identity, healing, community, or personal stories is encouraged, but a military-related theme is not required.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Each artist may submit up to 3–4 images of artwork for consideration.

Please provide:

- Artist's full name
- Branch of military service
- Years of service (optional)
- City and state
- Artist Photograph
- Email address and telephone number
- Short artist biography (100–150 words recommended)
- Brief artist statement (100–150 words recommended)
- High-resolution images of submitted artwork

SELECTION PROCESS

Artwork will be reviewed by the exhibition organizers/curatorial team.

Selection will consider:

- Artistic quality and originality
- Creativity and presentation
- Suitability for a public exhibition
- Available exhibition space
- Overall diversity of artistic styles and media

Submission does not guarantee acceptance into the exhibition.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Artwork must be original and ready for exhibition.
- Two-dimensional artwork must be properly wired and ready to hang.
- Three-dimensional work must be stable and ready for display.
- Artists are responsible for ensuring that artwork is appropriately prepared and safely packaged for delivery.
- Artwork that requires special installation, electrical connections, or unusual display requirements must be identified at the time of submission.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SELECTED ARTISTS

Selected artists will receive additional information regarding:

- Artwork delivery and installation
- Exhibition dates
- Artist labels
- Opening reception
- Artwork pickup/deinstallation
- Sales procedures, if applicable
- Photography/video documentation and promotional use

ARTIST RECOGNITION

The exhibition may include opportunities for artists to participate in artist talks, interviews, photographs, and/or video segments through Southfield Cable 15, subject to scheduling and production requirements.

Share Your Story Through Art.

Your service is part of your story. Your art is another way to tell it.

Veteran artists of all backgrounds, artistic experience levels, and creative disciplines are encouraged to submit.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

October 8, 2026



EXHIBITION DATES:

October –
December 30, 2026



LOCATION:

Southfield City Hall
Main Lobby,
Southfield, Michigan

SUBMIT ARTWORK TO: Gary Watts, Producer/Director Southfield Cable 15, gwatts@cityofsouthfield.com and cc. Delores Flagg, Chair SPAC, daf4now@aol.com

QUESTIONS: Call Gary Watts, 248.796-4507 or Delores Flagg, 248.796-5100

We sincerely hope you will consider joining us for this meaningful opportunity. Additional details regarding exhibition dates, installation, and participation will be shared upon your interest.

With deepest appreciation
and gratitude,
Delores Flagg
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