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PRESS RELEASE

Veterans Art Project Exhibition at Sun Gallery in Hayward

Oakland CA – (Sept. 12, 2017) – The Veterans Art Project coordinated by the Alameda County Arts Commission at the Oakland Vet Center will be featured in an exhibition in the Ken Cook Room at Sun Gallery in Hayward, CA. Artworks include visual storytelling, textile artworks, paintings, and collaborative community artworks.

For the last two years, the Veterans Art Project has brought creative expression workshops to the Oakland Vet Center to support the crucial services provided to our Alameda County veterans and their families. The goal is to provide Veterans with opportunities to express themselves in a supportive environment, explore visual art making techniques, and engage in community building. Over the course of 10 art activities in the past year, 200 Veterans created art during counseling groups and community events. This project is funded by the California Arts Council.

Artworks created through the Veterans Art Project will be on view Friday, September 8 - Sunday, October 8, 2017 at the Sun Gallery at 1015 E St in Hayward. The gallery is open Friday - Sunday, 11 am - 5 pm. It is free and open to the public. The public is invited to the Artists Reception on Saturday, September 16 from 1 - 2:30 pm.

The art projects on display include:

- Collaborative project “Wishes, Hopes and Dreams Community Tree” involving 50 Veteran participants.
- Vietnam Veteran “Then and Now” Photo Project featuring service photos, current photos and writing by 16 participants in two Vietnam Veteran counseling groups.
- Collaborative quilt “Darkness Seeking Light: Life Reframed” featuring textile art by 13 participants in the Women’s Military Sexual Trauma counseling group.
- Canvas paintings by 6 Veterans who participated in an acrylic painting workshop.
- Additional collaborative art projects created during community events at Oakland Vet Center.

This exhibition is free and open to the public during open hours. For more information about the exhibition, please call (510) 891-5716.

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