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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to Unveil Exhibition of Ohio Veterans' Artwork in Columbus

COLUMBUS – Art enthusiasts, military supporters and the rest of the general public are invited to join the Ohio Department of Veterans Services and distinguished guests as we welcome the exhibit “Art Inspired by the Front Lines” to the Vern Riffe Building on October 18. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and include an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The exhibit will showcase the artwork of Ohio veterans and will reflect their experiences serving in the United States military. A total of about 40 works will be on display, including sculptures, drawings, paintings and photographs.

The exhibit, which is free to all, will run from October 18 through November 13 and appear in the Art Gallery’s extension in the lobby area of the first floor of the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. The Riffe Center is located at 77 South High Street in downtown Columbus.

Veteran artists whose works will be on display include:

Benjamin Anderson of Miami County
Jeremy D. Banta of Franklin County
Stephen D. Cheek II of Franklin County
Alan Cottrill of Muskingum County
Ed Davis of Stark County
Serbennia Davis of Franklin County
Ric Forney of Butler County
Coty Giannelli of Stark County



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Robert Habern of Paulding County
Jacob D. Hostetler of Trumbull County
Daniel J. King of Fairfield County
Raine McMullen of Franklin County
David M. Ridenour of Wood County
Jeff Turner of Franklin County
Ricky L. Williams of Medina County
Ken Williamson of Hamilton County

Some of the artists will be in attendance and available to speak with members of the media and guests.

The exhibit will be open through the Veterans Day weekend and will be mere feet away from the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame display that is a permanent fixture at the Riffe Center.

Thanks for your help in making this a fitting tribute to Ohio's veterans.

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Art Inspired by the Front Lines is a collaboration between the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery and the Ohio Department of Veterans Services