



Rules, Regulations, & Entry Information

Vet to Vet Tennessee & Monroe Area Council for the Arts are pleased to present Operation Military Masterpiece, an art contest, a visual story that will honor America’s Veterans and the military branch they represent. Art can be used to convey a message of inspiration and creative thought. It essentially is a look from within providing a deeper understanding of the human condition.

VTVT and MACA invite artists to participate in this joint venture by responding to this competitive initiative and putting brush to their work. The contest elicits the artist, to use their vision on the storied history of the American Military by presenting respectful artwork for one (or more) of the six respective branches of service. The artist is asked to produce a work of art that expresses the valued traditions of each branch of service. A review of historical military art would offer a representative baseline for which the art may be properly inspired. We would love to see the humanity of the hearts of our men and women of service through your work.

This project is a national art contest open to anyone over 16 years old. There will be Six Categories. Six (6) Banner Designs one (1) for each Branch of Service: Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force. Artist may enter all six categories. Artworks will be juried based on creativity of the artist’s representation of the military branch.

This is a family-friendly art show, any work deemed unsuitable will be rejected by the discretion of the Jurors. Original 2D artworks will only be accepted (no reproductions or copies permitted). Art must be created on a flat surface only (required for scanning and printing). The winning artworks will be scanned and professionally printed on a 5 ft wide by 10 ft tall banner. The artwork must be in the following dimension – **18 inches wide by 24 inches tall**. Computer Graphics must be in **300dpi or higher** in the same **size 18 inches wide by 24 inches tall**. The following media will be acceptable including color pencil; oil; watercolor; acrylic; pastel; graphite; ink; marker; charcoal; graphic digital design, and mixed media. **The artwork must be in full color.**
(NO PHOTOGRAPHY)

Winning Categories

Army-\$1,000	Marine-\$1,000	Navy-\$1,000
Air Force-\$1,000	Coast Guard-\$1,000	Space Force-\$1,000

The winning art submissions will then be converted to banners that will be beautifully displayed on the façade of the Robert “Bob” Hatley Veterans Service Center in Madisonville, Tennessee. There will be one winner for each military branch of service.

The winners will receive \$1,000 each. The winners will be announced by Monroe County Mayor Mitch Ingram at the Veteran’s Day Celebration on November 11th at the Veterans Service Center.

Delivering & Pickup of Artworks

All artworks to be hand delivered or shipped to the *Veterans Service Center, 403 Tellico Street, Madisonville, TN 37354* by **October 25th– Monday-Friday 9AM and 4PM – Deadline has been extended to October 25th 2021**

Artwork will be judged **November 3rd**

Submitted artwork will need to be picked **November 8th - November 12th 9AM to 4PM**

You can request your artwork to be shipped back to you at your expense.

All shipping must be prepaid by the artist. For questions call 865-336-2624

Judges

The Judges will be 5 professionals with military and/or artistic backgrounds. The appointed judges will evaluate all submitted work. Artworks will be judged based on people, places, objects, stories, and various historical points of interest in Military History pertaining to each military branch category. The artists are encouraged to explore military history pertaining to the Military Branch Category they are entering.

Operation Military Masterpiece Entry Form

All entries will be exhibited on the Vet to Vet Tennessee websites & the MACA website that meet the Judges and the show's criteria, all artworks will have an Entry Label with artist's name, title, & medium. Contact information will be required for Vet to Vet Tennessee & MACA's use only to return the artworks and distribute prizes.

NO ARTWORKS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED & SIGNED ENTRY FORM & LABEL ATTACHED WITH EACH PIECE OF ART.

Military Branch Category _____

Title _____

Medium _____

Artists Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

For the purpose of publicity, all artworks entered can be photographed and the images may be used on websites, social media and any promotional activities for this art show and any future materials. By submitting entries to this art contest, everyone will constitute acceptance of this release to Vet to Vet Tennessee.

**The winners of this art contest will release artwork & all copyrights to Vet to Vet Tennessee.
By entering this contest, I agree to all terms.**

Artist
Signature/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

By signing above, I confirm that all rules and regulations have been followed.

Please attach this sheet with your MASTERPIECE

Military Branch Category _____

Title _____

Medium _____

Artist Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

A MEMO FROM THE ARTIST
