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Calling Veteran artists, performers to enter Lovell Federal Health Care Center's annual Veterans Creative Arts Festival

Enrolled Veterans are encouraged to enter music, art, creative writing and dance; rehearsals already underway at the FHCC's North Chicago facility

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. – The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) will hold its annual Veterans Creative Arts Festival March 10, 2016 at the College of Lake County to highlight the artwork, creative writing and musical talents of area Veterans.

Veterans enrolled for care at any FHCC's facility may enter in art, music, dance and writing categories. Art categories are painting; sculpture; drawing; photography; wood, leather and model kits, and pottery. Performance categories include dance (including wheelchair dance), drama (including comedy), solo and group vocal and instrumental acts, vocal original compositions, and special recognition. Veterans also may submit creative writing entries.

The deadline is Feb. 19. For information, contact Tricia Stewart, 224-610-4201, tricia.stewart@va.gov; or Elizabeth La Combe, 224-610-5886, Elizabeth.lacombe@va.gov.

Please note: All performers must attend at least a portion of two rehearsals, held from 2 to 5 p.m., every Friday in January and February 12 and 19, in Building 131, Level 1- Recreation Activity Room, 3001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, Ill.

Local artists, musicians and writers will judge the creative entries and determine places in each category. The first place winning pieces will be eligible to advance on to the national level, where they will compete with entries submitted by Veterans from other Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities around the country.

The festival provides Veterans the opportunity to participate in creative self-expression in art and performance and to gain recognition. The Lovell FHCC festival will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., March 10, in the C Wing Conference Center and Auditorium, Lower Level, at the College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake, Ill. The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival will be in Jackson, Miss., Oct. 10-17, 2016. For more information on the national festival, go to <http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/caf/index.asp>.

About the Lovell FHCC: The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center is the nation's only fully integrated medical facility between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. Lovell FHCC serves active duty military personnel, their families and Veterans. Lovell FHCC, which is located in North Chicago, operates four Great Lakes Naval Station clinics and three community based outpatient clinics in McHenry and Evanston, Ill. and Kenosha, Wis.