



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri
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Dear Units,

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad. We have dedicated our lives to support those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

Since 2000, the Auxiliary has presented the NVCAF, alongside the Department of Veterans Affairs. Carrying out the Auxiliary's mission of Service Not Self, members, units and departments support the local competitions, the festival, and generous monetary donations to help carry out this event.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) is the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music for veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national health care system. Veterans exhibit their artwork and original writings or perform musical, dance or dramatic selections in a live stage show performance. All veterans invited to participate are selected winners of a year-long, national fine arts talent competitions in which thousands of veterans enter, from VA medical facilities across the nation.

Missouri has been chosen as the site for the 42nd National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in St. Louis from April 10-17, 2023. During the week of the festival Missouri has been asked to host the Hospitality room. This room will be open for the veterans, caregivers, and family members to utilize throughout the events.

We are requesting YOUR help to show the participants how the Show Me State knows how to show our appreciation for their service. The Department has kicked off a drive to collect monetary donations as well as small items to place in the room. Some examples of items needed are crossword puzzle books, pens, coloring books for both children and adults, crayons, decks of cards and fidget toys to name a few. No markers please.

Please send all monetary donations to the department office earmarked NVCAF no later than March 17, 2023. Other items may be sent to the department or you may contact a committee member to make other arrangements.

Sincerely,

Louise S. Welch

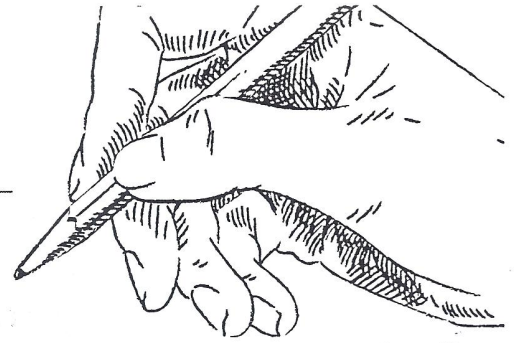
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**NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS
FESTIVAL**

ST. LOUIS APRIL 10-17, 2023

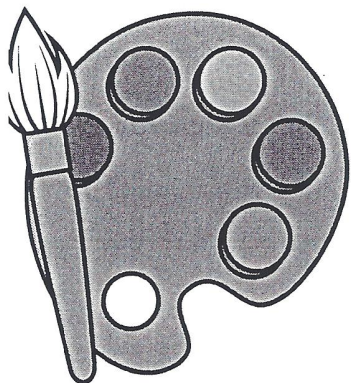
Donations Needed!

Games, Crossword puzzle books, Search find books, Sudoku books and coloring books for children and adults, crayons and colored pencils. (No markers)

Snacks such as chips, granola bars, cookies, and candy. Juice bottles, bottled water. Coffee, creamer, Coffee cups, cup sleeves and much more.

We have created a gift registry on Amazon. Search American Legion Auxiliary NVCAF and a list of items needed will come up and you can purchase items and have them sent to the department office.

We hope you support us in this endeavor and we thank you in advance for your support!



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Department office by March 17, 2023.
In memo line please put NVCAF donation.
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