VETERAN ARTS SHOWCASE

~ FREE ~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC **November 20-22, 2015** At The FDR Presidential Library and Museum 4079 Albany Post Rd/Route 9, Hyde Park, NY 12538 Exhibit Hours: Friday 5:30-8:30 Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4:30

Founded on the understanding that the arts are vital to veteran reintegration – for self-expression, recovery from the aftereffects of war and to reconnect with the civilian-veteran community. The Showcase features visual artists, crafters, writers, poets, musicians and performers who are veterans, family members of veterans, or military connected.

Opening Ceremony ~ Reception November 20

5:30-6:30pm



Writers Workshop November 21 11-2 Pre-registration REQUIRED

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES and CIVILIAN-VETERAN DIALOGUE

Visitors will experience a unique and powerful co-mingling of multiple arts that touch our deepest connections to war and community. This is more than just "thank you for your service" -- we invite you to get to know veterans in a whole new way by visiting the gallery and participating in one or more of the following events:

6:30-8:30pm Friday IMPACT THEATER's VETERANS' PROJECT: LEAVING THEATER

The Opening Ceremony and Reception is immediately followed by a civilian and veteran theatrical troop, Directed by Fay Simpson, performing an interactive play with the audience that focuses on difficulties faced by many veterans attempting to return to civilian life. Refreshments provided.

2:30-5:00pm Saturday WARRIORS' VOICES and THE LONG ROAD HOME

Original poetry, songs and essays by local *Warrior Writers*, veterans and members of military families. Group discussion with the artists, followed by an **"Open Jam" of Veteran and Civilian Musicians** – community members encouraged to bring their instruments/join in.

2:00-4:30pm Sunday CORE STORIES - a civilian-veteran dialogue on the aftereffects of war, which includes poetry and a community drum circle. Closing performance by local Native American group, the **Nimham Mountain Singers**. Pre-registration appreciated – not required.

~ STUDENT OFFER ~

First 20 High School or College Students (with school ID) to attend Saturday or Sunday Afternoon Performances will receive COUPON FOR FREE MEAL OR ENTERTAINMENT

SPECIAL OFFER FOR SCHOOL CLUBS ^

If your college or highschool has 20 or more students sign-in either Saturday or Sunday

Showcase committee will donate \$250

to your Student Veteran Association, ROTC, or other Arts or Service-Oriented Club.

Provided through a grant from the Seriti Foundation. Max 3 schools – if more than 3 qualify, selection will be made randomly.

For artist bios, program details and updates, ads or donations, or pre-registration for workshop or CORE STORIES, contact: Dr. Lori Arella (845) 226-4218 drloria@gmail.com www.VETFAMSA.org