#### Military Arts Research and Connection to Community June 13, 2023 University of Texas, Austin

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#### **NEA Creative Clinical Forces Sites**



## Creative Forces Community Engagement

- 2017-2018: State arts agencies (SAAs) co-hosted nine summits, bringing together military and arts communities in the areas near Creative Forces clinical sites
- 2018 to 2020: Creative Forces funded ten Community Connections projects taking place near existing clinical Creative Forces sites
- 2019: An external evaluator conducted an evaluation of Community Connection Projects
- Concurrently conducted literature reviews and convened a working group with subject matter experts
- 2021: Launch of the Creative Forces Community Engagement Grant program
- Projected for 2024/2025: Comprehensive evaluation of the grant program to include participant outcomes



# Results of Early CF Community Engagement

- Documented the needs of military and veteran populations exposed to trauma, and of their families and caregivers
- Identified goals for community arts engagement programming and four outcomes for participants
- Produced logic models and measurement frameworks for the grantee and national program levels
- Informed grant guidelines development
- Evaluated methodologies and instruments for data collection, to include development of a participant outcome survey



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### National Resource Center

#### **CreativeForcesNRC.arts.gov**

- Clinical and Community Programming Information
- **Open-Access Research**
- Virtual Exhibit
- **Network Building**



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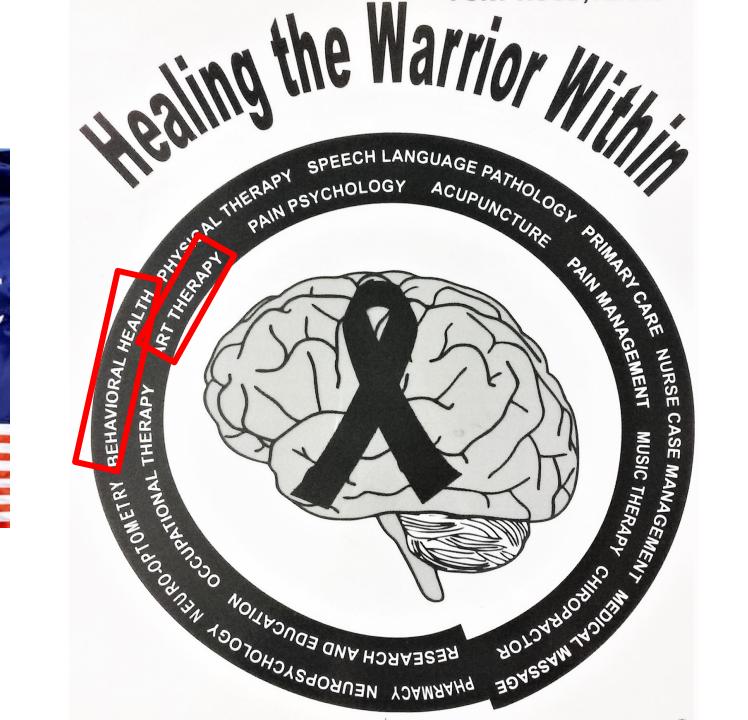
### https://www.creativeforcesnrc.arts.gov/ourimpact/clinical-research-findings





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# Intrepid Spirit





#### TX Art Sparks Veterans Creative Writing Program Spring 2018

Funding for this project provided by the Disabled Veterans National Foundation.

#### Writing Workshop for Veterans

The State Organization on

Hosted by VSA Texas Held at the Cultural Activities Center 3011 North Third Street, Temple, TX 76501

Saturdays, March 24 - April 28, 2018 (No class March 31) from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Instructor: Cynthia Linzy FREE! Register by calling 512-454-9912 or email april@vsatx.org Space is limited. **Any experience level welcome.** 

Distinguished Artist Veterans Working with Military Families in Texas

Turn your memories into memoirs and past experiences into well crafted stories, poems, plays or songs. Learn how to make the ideas and pictures inside your head come alive on paper by sharpening your use of color and imagery. You will be led through visualization exercises, easy writing prompts, and useful writing examples to create strong writing by careful word choice and many other effective writing techniques. Discover your own writing style in a relaxed, supportive class atmosphere. Class includes individual critique of your work and suggested sources for publication if desired. Participants will also have the option to have their work published with other veteran writers in Summer 2018.

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