



Honoring the Warriors: Tours for Military Veterans

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These tours are designed to engage military veterans in conversation about some of the effects their military experiences have had on their lives using art as a catalyst for that conversation.

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Themes

Art of the Hero	Commemorating Loss
Things We Carry	The Art of Mindfulness
Art of War	Living One's Values
What is Honor?	Inside/Outside
Courage Across Cultures	Reconnecting with Life

Do's and Don'ts

<i>Do's</i>	<i>Don'ts</i>
Visit a VA Medical Center	Play therapist—you are the art person
Slow down & wait for comments	Make assumptions or judgments
Use eye contact & empathy	Ask "How was it?"
Be honest with your own emotions	Project your opinion onto the art
Respect the privacy of vets	
Ask about their branch & job in the service	
Be sure to thank them for serving	

Recommended Reading

Armstrong, Keith, Suzanne Best, and Paula Domenici. *Courage After Fire: Coping Strategies for Troops Returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and Their Families*. Berkeley, CA: Ulysses Press, 2006.

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Meyer, Dakota. *Into the Fire: A Firsthand Account of the Most Extraordinary Battle of the Afghan War*. New York: Random House, 2012.

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Theater

She Went to War produced by The Telling Project, 1006 W. Monroe St. Austin, TX 78704
Performed at the Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, 2017. Check your local theater.

Artworks

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Some/One, 2005, Do Ho Suh

Akicita Was-te (Good Soldier), 1991, Martin Red Bear

Armor, c 1520, Unknown artist, Germany

Corinthian helmet, c. 540 BCE, Unknown Greek artist

Seated bodhisattva Guanyin, late 11th-early 12th century, Unknown artist, China

The Fighter of the Spirit, 1928, Ernst Barlach

Peace Concluded, 1856, Sir John Everett Millais

The Four Days' Battle, 1666, Abraham Storck

Shirt, 1890, A'aninin (Gros Ventre), United States

The Intrigue, 1911, James Ensor

Samurai Armor, early 17th century, Unknown artist, Japan

Kiss of Victory, 1878-81, Sir Edward Gilbert

Warrior with Shield, 1953-54, Henry Moore

Lucretia, 1666, Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn

Portrait of Paris von Gutersloh, 1918, Egon Schiele

Death Song of Lone Wolf, 1901, Charles M. Russell

The Death of Germanicus, 1627, Nicolas Poussin

Self-Portrait of Dr. Arieta, 1820, Francisco Jose de Goya y Lucientes