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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Special Series of Free Family Art Workshops for Veterans, their Families and Friends Presented throughout the County in November and December**

The Alameda County Arts Commission is presenting a series of free art workshops for Veterans, their families and friends. The goal of the art workshops is to strengthen bonds and encourage communication through the engaging, joyful and transformative power of the art making process. The family art workshops will have fun art activities that are easy for all ages and great for the whole family. Participants will make a family book that includes an instant group photo, colorful hand-made shapes and positive messages.

The following are encouraged to participate: Veterans and their families, family members of active service members, and friends and supporters of Veterans.

This innovative program is strongly supported by a number of key Alameda County partners including Alameda County New Beginnings, 100 Families Alameda County, Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission, Alameda County Veterans Service Office, Oakland Vet Center, Alameda County Library and all the workshop sites. This program is also part of a new, statewide initiative for Veterans and active military funded by the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

#### **Upcoming Veterans Family Art Workshop Dates:**

- Saturday, November 7, 2015, 10:00 - 11:30 am at Oakland Vet Center located in the Alameda Veteran's Memorial Building, 2203 Central Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501
- Saturday, November 14, 2015, 1:00 – 2:30 pm at Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, CA 94550
- Saturday, November 21, 2015, 2:00 – 3:30 pm at Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546
- Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm at Hayward Area Historical Society's Center for History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, CA, 94541
- Saturday, December 12, 2015, 3:00 - 4:30 pm in conjunction with "Help Veterans Heal: Art is the Prescription" Art Exhibit at Oakstop, 1721 Broadway, Suite #201, Oakland, CA 94612

**RSVP is encouraged by not required.** Space is limited. To RSVP or for more info about the workshops, contact Violet Juno, Program Coordinator, at 510-891-5716 or [violet.juno@acgov.org](mailto:violet.juno@acgov.org)

This project is inspired by the belief that the arts and engagement with the arts contributes to a thriving Alameda County.



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