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Local Military Veterans to Show-Off Artistic Talent

LOMA LINDA, Calif. — Military service veterans will get a chance to wow judges and the public with their artwork at the 2010 Loma Linda VA Creative Arts Competition. The art contest and exhibit will be held at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center on Feb. 18 in the Community Living Center Dining Room. The public is invited to attend the free art exhibit from Noon to 3 p.m.

Veterans are eligible to enter this yearly event if they receive medical care at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System, which includes VA medical facilities in Corona, Palm Desert, Sun City, Rancho Cucamonga, Victorville and Loma Linda.

All local entries will be judged and the first place nominations will be submitted to VA Creative Arts selection committees, who send selected entries to a national judging and exhibit show.

The Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center is located at 11201 Benton Street in Loma Linda. Attendance and parking to the Feb. 18 event is free and open to the public.

National winners may be invited to the 2010 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Oct. 18 - 24. The Festival is a week-long event that showcases national winners in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music.

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System incorporates creative arts into its recreation therapy program. The annual art competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through therapy and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our local veterans.

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System is one of the top 50 employers in the Inland Empire with more than 2,100 employees and 910 volunteers that serve more than 60,000 veterans. The Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center provides a wide variety of services through inpatient, outpatient and home care programs. The major bed services include Medicine, Surgery, Behavioral Medicine and Neurology. The facility has 142 acute care beds and a 108 bed Community Living Center.

For more information on the Loma Linda VA's Creative Arts Competition contact Public Affairs (909) 583-6193.

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