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New Traveling Exhibit, *WE THE PEOPLE* to be on view at National Museum of the United States Army

WE THE PEOPLE: Portraits of Veterans in America will feature 50 large-scale watercolor paintings and public events with the artist

Fort Belvoir, Va.— The National Museum of the United States Army in Alexandria, Virginia, will open a new traveling exhibit, *WE THE PEOPLE: Portraits of Veterans in America*, **March 18, 2023**. The exhibit is sponsored by the Patriot Art Foundation, founded by internationally renowned artist Mary Whyte, to honor and inspire veterans through the arts. The exhibit will be included with the Museum's free admission.

Media Preview Days

- **March 13 – 15:** Media may request advance preview tours with a Museum curator via media contact, Susan Smullen.

Exhibit Programs

- **Public book signing and exhibit tour with artist Mary Whyte**
March 18, 10-11:00 a.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- **Invitation-only Watercolor painting workshop for Veterans**
April 22: Media requests to observe the session may be sent to media contact, Susan Smullen.

In 2010, Whyte set out on an inspirational seven-year mission to paint fifty large-scale watercolor portraits of current-day American veterans. *WE THE PEOPLE*, depicts military veterans of all ages and in all walks of life. Images including a Missouri dairy farmer, a Rhode Island lobsterman, a Pennsylvania science teacher, a South Carolina single mother, and 46 other moving portraits will be showcased.

“[This exhibit tour is] not only a tour across and through these vast United States, it is a tour through the heart and soul, the duty and the commitment of the people who protect not only our Constitution and our

country but our very lives,” said Whyte. “We can only be deeply grateful, inspired, and humbled by all of them, and it’s my hope that this exhibition will give rise to a greater sense of gratitude for our military, as well as to inspire people to reach for what is possible.”

Media Information

Media queries and requests may be sent to Susan Smullen, Public Affairs Officer, 202.246.1610, susan.l.fazakerley-smullen.civ@army.mil. The Museum Campus has a dedicated public entrance at 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060.

More details about the Museum can be found in the [Museum’s media kit](#). A collection of high-resolution photos is available <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usarmymuseum/>.

The Museum is open every day of the year except December 25. Free, timed-entry tickets are required and available by request through the Museum's website at theNMUSA.org.

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About the National Museum of the United States Army

The National Museum of the United States Army provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions through the eyes of the American Soldier. By preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting invaluable artifacts, the National Army Museum creates learning opportunities for all visitors and bonds the American people to their oldest military service. We are America’s Army Museum.

The U.S. Army owns and operates the Museum. The Army Historical Foundation continues its fundraising role in support of the Museum and manages all retail, catering and special events.

For more information on the National Museum of the United States Army visit www.theNMUSA.org.

About The Army Historical Foundation

The Army Historical Foundation establishes, assists, and promotes programs and projects that preserve the history of the American Soldier and promote public understanding of and appreciation for the contributions by all components of the U.S. Army and its members. The Foundation serves as the Army’s official fundraising entity for the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army. The award-winning, LEED- certified Museum opened on November 11, 2020, at Fort Belvoir, Va., and will honor the service and sacrifice of all American Soldiers who have served since the Army’s inception in 1775. For more information on the Foundation and the National Museum of the United States Army, visit www.armyhistory.org.