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Veterans Creative Arts Competition Underway

NEW ORLEANS – Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS) is looking for creative Veterans interested in submitting their work to the 2018 Creative Arts Competition.

“This Veterans medical center is in the heart of a city where there is an abundance of art. It’s a big part of the culture here and we wanted to create an opportunity for our Veterans to showcase what they can do,” said Fernando O. Rivera, medical center director.

The deadline for entry is March 5, 2018. To qualify, the participant must be enrolled for care at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. All art must have been completed after April 1, 2017, but creative writing entries may have been written at any time. A Veteran may submit work in up to three art and creative writing categories, but only one entry per category.

An art and creative writing gallery featuring the submissions will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14. First place winners from each category will move on to the national level of competition.

“We are excited and honored to provide a medium for Veterans to showcase their art and creative writing at our facility this year,” said Tom Petterson, recreation therapist and event coordinator.

For more information or to enter, contact Thomas Petterson at Thomas.petterson@va.gov or 1-800-935-8387, extension 67508.

For more information about the new Veterans medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website www.neworleans.va.gov, Facebook at www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans or Twitter at www.twitter.com/vaneworleans.

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