



City of Palo Alto

City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Partner Presentation Veteran Audiences

Title: Partner Presentation Between the Palo Alto Library and Palo Alto Art Center for Veteran Audiences

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Community Services

Partner Presentation at Council

11.10.2014

Palo Alto Palo Alto Art Center and Library

The presentation will focus on collaborations between the Palo Alto Palo Alto Art Center and Library Department for veteran audiences. Both the Library and Art Center will discuss how their collaboration builds off previous programming for veterans.

In conjunction with the Library's receipt of a 2014 Cal Humanities *War Comes Home* grant, the Art Center and Library collaborated on a photography workshop for veterans and a subsequent exhibition and community day celebration on November 9. This project was informed by previous projects at the Palo Alto Art Center involving veterans, including Lava Thomas' *Veterans Portrait* project as part of the 2012 *Community Creates* exhibition; the Creative Work Fund sponsored artist residency with Berkeley-based ceramic artist Ehren Tool; and San Francisco-based artist Drew Cameron and Combat Paper.

These creative projects and other events are intended to increase community understanding for those who have served their community and to promote dialogue on the importance of engaging veterans into the fabric of civilian life.