

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**  
***Beyond the Call:***  
***Art by Military Service Members, Dependents, and Veterans***  
 April 28, 2026 – June 12, 2026

Suffolk Art Gallery  
 118 Bosley Avenue, Suffolk, Va. 23434

<b>Calendar</b>	
<b>Call for Entries Opens</b> .....	Friday, January 30, 2026
<b>Entry Deadline</b> .....	Friday, March 20, 2026
<b>Notice of Acceptance</b> .....	Friday, March 27, 2026
<b>Artwork Delivery</b> .....	Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<b>Exhibit Dates</b> .....	April 28, 2026 – June 12, 2026
<b>Reception and Awards</b> .....	Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 6 to 8 p.m.
<b>Artwork Pick-up</b> .....	Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Theme:** The Suffolk Art Gallery and Suffolk Art League are teaming up for their annual spring exhibition, this year in partnership with the U.S.O. to highlight the abundant creativity of active and reserved duty service members, their families, and veterans. Beyond the call to serve our nation, many of our military are inspired by a powerful call to share their diverse perspectives and ideas through art.

**BEYOND THE UNIFORM**

America’s 1.3 million service members are creative, innovative, and express their individuality in countless ways. This exhibit celebrates the immense artistic talent of Mid-Atlantic service members, their families, and veterans. During the celebration of America250 in 2026, it is an opportune moment to highlight the wide-ranging abilities of our dedicated military beyond the uniform.

**STEPPING OUT OF FORMATION**

We invite all Mid-Atlantic active and reserved duty military, their family members, and veterans ages 18 and up to submit artworks that consider the questions:

*How has the military lifestyle impacted you? How has it informed your identity, themes you explore, and/or the subjects (people, places, objects) you depict in your artwork?*

Artwork does not need to be military-themed or limited to military life specifically to be considered. We welcome applicants to submit a wide variety of subject matter, mediums, processes, and techniques that speak to their multi-faceted identities and imagination.



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**Entry Procedures:** Each artist may submit up to three (3) works at no cost. Digital images will be used to determine acceptance into the exhibit, and all entries must be submitted online. No physical pieces will be accepted at the gallery for jurying. **Visit the Café website at [\(ADD LINK\)](#) to enter.** Artists may submit up to three (3) images for each work of art (2-D or 3-D). Images must be no larger than 5MB each.

- All works must be labeled (with title and artist name on back), framed if required, and ready to display at time of delivery. A hanging wire must be attached to each 2D artwork at delivery. **No clip-type or sawtooth hangers will be accepted.** Suffolk Art Gallery reserves the right to not display any selected work that fails to correspond with the required presentation format and quality, including artwork that differs from the submitted digital image.
- Please contact the gallery BEFORE entering large sculpture (more than 50 pounds). 3D works must be stable or have mounting hardware and installation instructions. Pedestals will be provided as needed.

**Eligibility:**

- Open to all active and reserved duty military, their family members, and veterans in the Mid-Atlantic ages 18 and older.
- Submitted works must be originals completed within the last two years.
- Works must not have been previously displayed at the Suffolk Art Gallery.
- All styles and mediums are welcome. No installation art, video, or audio enhancements will be accepted because of gallery limitations.
- Works generated by artificial intelligence (AI) will not be accepted.

**Sale of Work:** Suffolk Art Gallery and Suffolk Art League retain a 30% total consignment of all works sold. All work must remain on display for the duration of the show.

**Awards:** Best in Show - \$500  
Second Place - \$300  
Third Place - \$200  
Viewer's Choice - \$100



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**Judging:** This is a juried exhibit; entry payment and application does not guarantee acceptance into the exhibit. Jurors' decisions are final. Jurors to be announced.

**Contact Suffolk Art Gallery with questions at (757) 514-7284 or [parksemail@suffolkva.us](mailto:parksemail@suffolkva.us).**

