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### **Newly Formed Veterans Art Corps to Honor Service of Men and Women's Vets**

PHILADELPHIA, PA.... Art Sphere Inc., a Philadelphia non-profit, is presenting a series of healing art programs for veterans and their families at the Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, 213-217 North 4<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia 19106. Programs for men will take place on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and women's programs will take place on Mondays from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thousands of Veterans pass through this facility every year in search of services and a place to gather. Art Sphere Inc. saw a need to revitalize the Center and also provide activities that provide a way for positive and creative expression. Thanks to a Community Impact grant from the Home Depot Foundation, Art Sphere Inc. developed the Veterans Art Corps to use art and shared experiences around the theme of healing to deal with issues that affect these populations, such as suicide, depression, anger, PTSD and homelessness. Activities will concentrate on using imagery such as acorns and oak trees (symbolizing change, growth and the military branches) and yellow ribbons (a symbol of support and hope). Veterans will also design and paint murals in the building's now bare walls and decorate the columns with painted trees to create a welcoming environment for people seeking solace, companionship and information. By working together to make the VMC a unique and warm place, veterans from all service branches will create a place to heal and be healed. Participants' names will be inscribed on the mural, giving them a lasting symbol of their dedication. All veterans are welcome to participate but must register by contacting Art Sphere at [info@artsphere.org](mailto:info@artsphere.org).

Changing lives through art since 1998, ASI uses art as a strategic tool to educate and create meaningful experiences for people of all ages and motivates community members to maintain their neighborhoods as special places.

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