

The National Endowment for the Arts is at the forefront of a national effort to advance practices in arts and health for members of the military. The [NEA Military Healing Arts Partnership](#) supports healing arts programs for service members suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other psychological health conditions. Programs are currently at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) Walter Reed Bethesda and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital Brain Wellness Center in Virginia.

## HEARING FROM PRACTITIONERS AND EXPERTS

[Beneath the Surface: Creative Art Therapy at Fort Belvoir, Virginia](#) features Master Sergeant Earl I. Covel who attended the [Creative Arts Therapy program at the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital](#) and Jackie Biggs, a creative arts therapist.

[How the Arts Can Heal the Military](#) by Commander Moira McGuire, NC, USPHS, program manager of the Warrior Clinic and director of the Creative Arts Program at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

In a [podcast with Theater of War Director Bryan Doerries](#), he discusses how presenting readings of Greek tragedies to military and civilian communities opens up new conversations.

## FINDING RESOURCES: PRESENTATIONS

The National Council on the Arts public meeting on March 24, 2016 focused on the [healing arts and the military](#) with guest presentations from:

- Suzanne Bethel, Executive Director of the Art League of Alexandria (VA) speaking about the IMPart program
- Marty Pottenger, Executive Director, Terra Moto speaking about All the Way Home: Vets Story Exchange
- Deborah Lenk, Executive Director, Museum of Glass (Tacoma, WA) speaking about Hot Shop Heroes

