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N.C. Museum of History extends *American Red Cross: Healing the Warrior's Heart through Art* exhibit



RALEIGH, Jan. 12, 2018 — Due to popular demand, the N.C. Museum of History will extend the showing of the *American Red Cross: Healing the Warrior's Heart through Art* exhibit through April 1, 2018.

The exhibit, which opened in June of 2017, features a collection of works created by U.S. Marines who were wounded while serving. The Marines completed the artwork under the guidance of world-renowned artist Craig Bone as part of an art therapy program for Wounded Warrior Battalion–East, based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Prior to working under the guidance of Bone, most of the Marines did not have experience creating representational art.

“We are thrilled that the art has been well-received by the public and know that it touches the hearts of many active-duty military members, their families and veterans who walk through the museum’s doors,” said Barry Porter, regional CEO of the Red Cross of Eastern NC. “We are thankful that hundreds of others will be able to see the exhibit because of the extension.”

This powerful exhibit includes more than 20 paintings and three sculptures, each telling its own story. Some of the paintings are embedded with hidden pictures. Quotes from the Marines and artists help illustrate the unexpected psychological and emotional recovery many made through this program, and what that recovery meant to their families.

The exhibit is located in the museum’s third-floor gallery space, adjacent to the *North Carolina and World War I* exhibit. We hope to see you there!

PHOTO: Medevac, USMC Wounded Warrior Battalion-East, courtesy of American Red Cross, Eastern North Carolina Region

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About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state’s natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state’s history, conserving the state’s natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development. NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette’s Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit ncdcr.gov.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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