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Pentagon walls feature artwork by Armed Forces Retirement Home veterans *Officials set to honor AFRH veterans in reception May 5*

Residents from the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) will be recognized in a reception at the Pentagon, Thursday, May 5, for their paintings, portraits and military service biographies currently on display in a new art gallery there.

Officials from the Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) will meet and greet AFRH residents at the Armed Forces Retirement Home – Art Gallery exhibit set up in a main corridor. WHS Acting Director and Organizational Policy and Decision Support Director Regina F. Meiners will offer remarks honoring the residents and their artwork.

"The project showcases the wonderful talents of our veteran residents," said Washington, D.C. campus administrator, Susan Bryhan. "They are honored to have their work displayed in the Pentagon."

Milton Williams, art specialist at the Gulfport, Miss. campus, agreed.

"The resident artists are thankful, pleased and honored to display their art works with the active duty men and women as well as the civilians and guests at the Pentagon," he said. "It is their hope that each work of art will be an enjoyable and a pleasant adventure."

Paintings on display included military battle scenes, a guitarist in a club, colorful hot air balloons in the sky, and a variety of compelling visuals depicting plants, residential dwellings, oceanic scenes and wildlife.

The Pentagon and AFRH had previously met prior to the pandemic to discuss showcasing residents' artwork at Defense Department headquarters.

NOTE: Please reach out to AFRH Public Affairs if you are interested in learning more about tomorrow's event.

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The Armed Forces Retirement Home is the nation's premier life community for veterans of the U.S. armed forces and their spouses. Its mission is to fulfill America's commitment to its military veterans by providing an excellent community with exceptional residential care and extensive support services. The Home is one of America's most enduring veterans' retirement homes with campuses in Washington, District of Columbia and Gulfport, Mississippi. For more information, visit: <u>afrh.gov</u>