



NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL PATCH

Since 2000, the Auxiliary has co-presented NVCAF, alongside the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs. Carrying out the Auxiliary's mission of Service Not Self, members, units, and departments make generous monetary donations to help carry out this event. Best of all, Auxiliary members have had the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with these heroes who participate, leading to a life-changing experience for many. "What surprises me is how giving the ALA is, how unselfish they are," said a performer. "I've had the time of my life here." The week-long Festival showcases the creative achievements of veterans receiving treatment at VA medical facilities. Veterans participate in many categories, including visual arts such as painting, sculpting, and drawing, as well as creative writing, dance, drama, and music.

A special Junior patch has been created for our Junior members and SAL youth to be involved in raising money for the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Any Junior or SAL youth can earn this patch if they raise at least \$5 for each year old. For example, a 17-year-old would raise a minimum of \$85 (17 x \$5 = \$85.)

Donations can be raised a variety of ways. Juniors and SAL youth can solicit donations from family, friends, Legion Family members or contribute themselves. Fundraising activities can be coordinated, such as bake sales or other sales, etc. Funds can be raised individually or as a group, but each Junior or SAL youth receiving this patch needs to have raised the required minimum funds for their age. The goal is for the youth of our organization to be involved and aware of the Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Checks should be made out to *National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary* with ***National President's Project 2022-2023*** in the memo line.

To receive the patch, complete the following and send it with the donation to:

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters

Attn: Development

3450 Founders Rd.

Indianapolis, IN 46268

Name of Junior/SAL: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Unit/Squadron: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Amount raised: \$ _____ (\$5/year of age) Department of: _____

Optional: Tell us about how you raised the money (You may use the back of the page if needed):
