



WAR INK

OIF/ OEF VETERAN MEMORIAL TATTOO ART

With nearly 2 million veterans in California and a generation of them returning home from two wars, Contra Costa County Library and a cooperative group of California library systems have launched a timely and relevant project, War Ink, an online exhibit of Iraq and Afghanistan veteran memorial tattoo art. War Ink will launch on Veterans Day 2014, and will consist of a virtual-multimedia-exhibit of 30 veterans from throughout California. War Ink represents a unique opportunity to explore the unfiltered record of war that veterans have documented on their bodies; their story, told in their way.

The exhibit will be curated by Jason Deitch, a veteran consultant who is himself an Army combat veteran and social researcher whose work has focused on how combat veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars rebuild social identity and recommit to social institutions post service. Each veterans experiences and story, authentic and direct, will be recorded by nationally renowned StoryCorps' Military Voices Initiative from New York. Their tattoos will be photographed by Shaun Roberts whose work has been featured in *GQ*, *Juxtapoz*, and *Wired.com*.

Veterans interested in the project are encouraged to fill out, save, and email this PDF, along with a photo of their tattoo(s), to Jason Deitch. Recruitment period now through the end of June.

Five horizontal rectangular boxes for contact information, followed by a large vertical rectangular box for a photo of the tattoo.

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