

ARMY ARTISTS LOOK AT THE WAR ON TERRORISM
2001 TO THE PRESENT



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From the Chief

When a war poses for its picture, it leaves to the artist the selection of the attitude in which the artist may desire to draw it. And this attitude is the artists point of view circumscribed by the boundaries of his ability and the nature of the work for which his training and practice have fitted him.

J. Andre Smith, artist, 1919

The WAR ON TERRORISM has been viewed by the public in many different mediums, but rarely has it had the opportunity to see a soldier-artists rendition of the conflict, one that provides a unique and personal interpretation of how the experience can be depicted.

The artwork included in this online book on the WAR ON TERRORISM provides a visual history from September 11, 2001 to the present. The art was created by soldier-artists assigned to the Army Staff Artist Program under the auspices of the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Museum Division, in Washington, DC, and the Army Reserves and National Guard. These soldier-artists continue a rich tradition of documenting the lives of American soldiers at war, in training, and in a variety of humanitarian missions.

The Army's art collection includes art from the mid-nineteenth century on, but it was not until World War I that the service specifically commissioned and deployed eight artists into the Corps of Engineers to record the activities of the American Expeditionary Forces in France. At the conclusion of the war, as the Army was unable to provide care and storage for the art due to the rapid demobilization, the artwork was given to the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History.

In 1944 Congress authorized soldier-artists to produce artwork in the European and Pacific theaters, with the stipulation that it did not interfere with their regular duty assignments. The artwork from World War II evolved into the Army Art Collection and in 1965 the Chief of Military History

developed the Army Art Program to produce historical records of Army field activities by sending soldier-artists all over the world. (For a more detailed history of the Army Art Collection and Army Staff Artist Program, see [Army Art Program, A Brief History](#).)

In 1992 the Army established the Army Staff Artist Program which allowed for soldier-artists to be assigned to the U.S. Army Center of Military History to provide visual records of the Army during their tour of duty. The eight soldier-artists represented here are from the Regular Army, Army Reserves and National Guard. The book will continue to be updated as new art is available.

We hope you find the art thought-provoking, inspirational, and informative.

Dr. Jeffrey Clarke
Chief of Military History



from LZ Washington, U.S. Embassy, Baghdad by Timothy Lawn

The Soldier-Artists

Gary N. Cassidy

Served in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and Bosnia, documenting the Army experience. His works also include the included image of the Pentagon on 9-11. [Click here to read further ...](#)

Martin J. Cervantez

Resident Soldier-Artist, currently serving at the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), Museum Division. He deployed to OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM in 2008.

Heather Engelhart

Deployed with the Louisiana National Guard in 2003-2004, in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Currently an engineer officer in the LANG serving as an executive officer with the 1021st Engineer Co. (Vertical).

Elzie Golden

Served as the Soldier-Artist at CMH for several years. Prior to his arrival at CMH, SFC Golden was assigned to the Defense Information School (DINFOS) where he trained future joint service multimedia illustrators. [Click here to read further ...](#)

Timothy Lawn

Currently serving in the United States Army Reserve with the Special Operations Command, Tampa, Florida. He deployed to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM as a photographer, print journalist and combat illustrator 2004-2005.

Darold Peters

Served as a Staff Artist at CMH from 2005-2006. His first assignment was with the U.S. Army Audio Visual Center. [Click here to read further ...](#)

Henrietta Snowden

Assigned as Staff Artist at CMH through November 2002. MSG Snowden came to CMH from the NCO Academy. [Click here to read further ...](#)

Christopher Thiel

Served as a Staff Artist at CMH. MSG Thiel came to CMH from the Sergeant Majors Academy, graduating in 2006. [Click here to read further ...](#)



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What Is Behind the Pink Door?, Darrold Peters



Another Day at the Office, Christopher Thiel





Bradley Driver, Elzie Golden

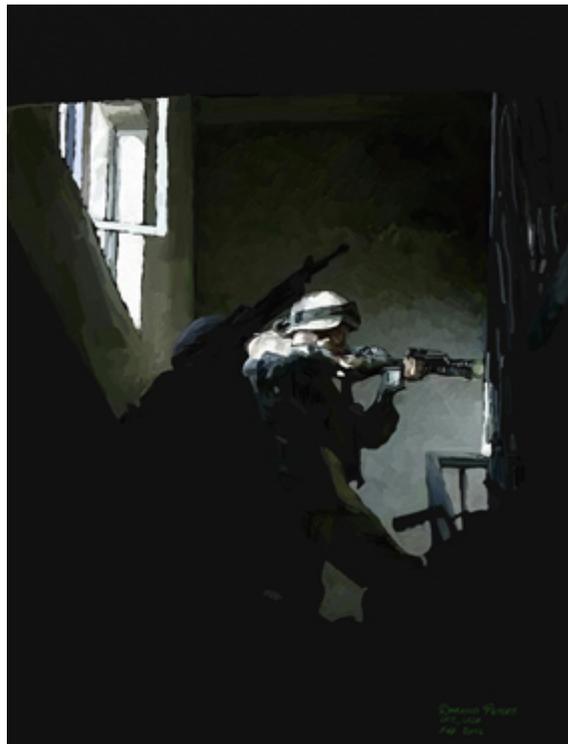


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Darrold Peters



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Darrold Peters





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Darrold Peters



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