



Framed 18" x 24" Watercolor Painting



CREATED FOR CHARITY BY AWARD WINNING ARTIST PAULA VISNOSKI

Raffle to Honor Vietnam Vets

Local artist, Paula Visnoski, donated her time and talents to American Legion Post 18 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 18 for a painting to raise funds to honor local Vietnam era veterans. While Vietnam veterans were denied the welcome home all heroes deserve, they are often the first in line to thank current service members returning home. In this painting, a Vietnam era U.S. Marine Corps veteran donning a vintage boonie hat and sporting a tattoo of the 3rd Marine Division shakes the hand of an active duty member serving with the U.S. Army's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The colors in the background symbolize the Vietnam Service Medal and Ribbon, in which the yellow with red stripes suggests the flag of the Republic of Vietnam and the green alludes to the jungle of Vietnam. The details and symbolism are striking, as is the look of mutual respect passing between the heroes.

"I was a young artist making my way in life during that era so doing this piece meant a lot to me. It was an honor."

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Paula Visnoski, Artist

Funds raised will help defray the cost of honoring local Vietnam era veterans at a ceremony on Veterans Day, 11 November 2014. The Post and Unit are seeking input from local veterans to learn how they would like to be honored - publicly or privately. In 2013, American Legion Post 18 and VFW Post 5390 along with their Auxiliaries honored WWII and Korean War veterans with a custom made medal, personalized citation from the Town of Portsmouth, a Proclamation, and a moving ceremony at Town Hall on

Veterans Day. Months of research by Project Blue Star Coordinator Carolyn Evans-Carbery helped bring that event to fruition and inspired her to expand her research to make certain Vietnam veterans get the welcome home they never received and the thanks they rightfully deserve.



Paula Visnoski is a native of Massachusetts and moved to Rhode Island in 2009. Her art career spans

over 3 decades. Paula's paintings are most noted for her use of symbolism. You can view her work at: www.pmvart.com

Paula currently has a show until March 14th, of her recent watercolors, at the Island Heron in Jamestown, RI.

Visnoski decided to do this piece as a watercolor painting. It was painted on Ampersand Aqua Board and then sealed with several coats of UV resistant spray. The painting is framed and ready to hang in its new home!

In the past, the Post and Unit have used Ms. Visnoski's artwork with great success raising funds for a service dog for a combat wounded veteran in 2011 and for local non-profit USA Battle Buddies in 2012. This painting was commissioned by Christine Hayward, a Past Commander of Post 18 and the current President of Unit 18.

Only 300 tickets will be available. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, 17 May 2014 under the watchful eye of volunteers by a Cub Scout assisting with the reflagging of graves at cemeteries on Aquidneck Island.

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