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# **Arts4Vets Expressive Art Toolkits**

Each **Arts4Vets Toolkit** is custom-built to meet the individual veteran's creative interests and emotional needs. Every path to healing is unique — so each toolkit reflects that. Veterans can explore a range of art forms such as **painting, drawing, woodworking, stained glass, culinary arts, or paint-by-numbers**, all designed to promote focus, mindfulness, and expression.

#### How It Works

- 1. **Personalized Selection -** Veterans share their preferred art form and personal goals.
- 2. **Toolkit Design -** TT1P staff assemble a customized kit based on those preferences and therapeutic focus.
- 3. **Delivery** Toolkits are shipped directly to the veteran's address within 3-4 weeks.
- 4. Ongoing Support Veterans can request a new toolkit every 3 months to continue their creative journey.

### **Customization & Flexibility**

- Tailored Art Forms: Each kit is adapted to the veteran's interests woodworking, painting, or other mediums.
- **Designed with Veterans:** Toolkits are built in collaboration with servicemembers to ensure they align with real needs.
- Flexible Budget: Each toolkit is crafted within a \$150 supply budget, plus average \$15.80 shipping, allowing adjustments by art form and tools required.

# Sustainable Impact

- Continuous Access: Veterans may renew every 3 months for ongoing creative and emotional support.
- **Broad Reach:** Our current goal supports 500 customized toolkits, empowering veterans across the U.S. to heal through art.

# **Program Budget Overview**

Category Cost

Art Supplies \$50,000

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Specialized Tools \$25,000

Art Therapy Guidebooks \$4,000

Personalized Storage Bags \$5,000

Mindfulness Tools \$2,500

Shipping & Distribution \$7,900

Contingency Fund \$600

Total \$89,000

#### Partner With Us

To expand impact, TT1P welcomes donations and sponsorships from:

- Art Supply Brands (Strathmore, Winsor & Newton, Prismacolor, Liquitex, Rembrandt, etc.)
- **Printing Companies** for guidebook production
- Merchandise Suppliers for branded storage bags
- Logistics Partners for discounted shipping support

### Why It Matters

The **Arts4Vets Toolkits** are more than art supplies — they are gateways to calm, confidence, and connection. Each one helps veterans manage stress, rediscover purpose, and build resilience through the creative process.

Your support keeps creativity — and healing — within reach for every veteran.

# **Understanding Our Assessment Process**

### How It Works

The **Arts4Vets Art Packages** are shipped worldwide to active-duty servicemembers and veterans. We understand that not everyone is comfortable seeking help or joining a group setting — that's why we bring support directly to them through creativity.

Each package offers fun, accessible tools like **clay, paint, drawing supplies, or woodworking materials** that encourage self-expression and emotional release. What may begin as a creative hobby often becomes a powerful outlet for stress, frustration, and healing.

Idle hands can lead to restlessness – our goal is to keep them creating, expressing, and healing through art.

### How We Measure Impact

Every toolkit shipment is followed by a brief check-in and evaluation within 4–6 weeks of delivery.

- A volunteer therapist or TT1P team member connects with the veteran to discuss progress, emotional response, and any additional support needed.
- Feedback helps us assess effectiveness, tailor future toolkits, and ensure continued access to creative resources.

Our assessments focus on one goal: ensuring that each veteran receives the right creative tools to support ongoing mental wellness and growth.