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## **College of the Desert Marks Art Center Hosts Veterans Art Exhibition Through Sept. 26**

**PALM DESERT, CA** — College of the Desert is proud to announce “A Veterans Exhibition” running now through Sept. 26 at the Marks Art Center.

A free artists’ reception open to the public will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5. Light refreshments will be provided. Conversations with the artists begin at 5:15 p.m. Music will be provided by COD Ballet Folklorico Club Sabor a mi Tierra.

Paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, textile, three-dimensional works in metal, glass and installation art are on display, featuring work by U.S. military veterans Michael Aschenbrenner (Army); Bianca Caiati (Air Force); Albert DeVito (Marine Corps); Thomas Gronowski (Air Force); Gil Hayes (Marine Corps); Gilbert Hayes, Sr. (Marine Corps); Rick Jorgensen (Marine Corps); John Martinez (Army/Marine Corps); Phyllis Miller (Navy); Citalmina Xóchitl Ríos (Marine Corps); Bruce Romjue (Navy); WM Marquez (Army); and SHOE Schuster (Navy).

The Marks Art Center, along with Donni Prince from College of the Desert’s Veterans Services, helped to solicit the Southern California veteran artists included in the exhibition.

The Walter N. Marks Center for the Arts (MAC) is a nonprofit facility that supports arts education and enriches the cultural life of our students, faculty and community. The center is at 43500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert. The gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and by appointment.

For more information, please contact the Marks Art Center at (760) 776-7278 or visit the center on Facebook @marksartcenterCOD or Instagram @marksartcenter.

### **About College of the Desert:**

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 16,000 students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino’s Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit [www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu).