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## **VETERANS DAY TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE AIRPORT WITH A DISPLAY OF INTERPRETIVE ARTWORK**

HYANNIS, MA (November 3, 2016) – Veterans Day will be marked at Barnstable Airport with a unique display of interpretive art by middle school students from Barnstable, Bourne and Provincetown.

“From the Words of Warriors II” includes 30 works of art – watercolors, pen and ink, sculpture and acrylic – that will be on display in the Airport between November 9<sup>th</sup>- November 18<sup>th</sup>, with a closing reception for veterans and students being held November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the terminal.

The artwork represents student’s interpretations of veterans’ service during wartime and peacetime, based on in-person interviews the students conducted during the visit of the Collings Foundation exhibit ‘Wings of Freedom’ at the airport in September.

HoYin Yuen who teaches art to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Barnstable Intermediate School and is a coordinator of the project along with the Cape and Islands Veteran Outreach Center says one of the goals of this partnership was to humanize veterans and active duty service men and woman for the students.

“For the veterans and military, it was an opportunity to share their experience from their own personal perspective, and to demonstrate to children the reality of military experience beyond the stereotypes they may have formed,” says Gina Giambusso, Outreach and Program coordinator for the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center. “The ultimate sign of a community’s respect for a current or former member of the military is to be interested in them as human beings and to remember the importance of their service. Hopefully the students who participate in this project will carry that respect with them.”

“We are really pleased to collaborate with members of the Cape Cod and Islands Art Educators Association, the Cape and Islands Veterans Outreach Center, veterans and students to recognize the service of all veterans,” said Airport Manager Roland “Bud” Breault. “We invite everyone to come to the airport and view the artwork and take time to read the display labels accompanying the work in order to learn more about the stories of these individuals.”

Students worked under the direction of the following art teachers - Ho Yin Yuen at Barnstable Intermediate School, Dineen D'Avena at Bourne Middle School, and Michael Gillane at the Provincetown Public School.

**About Barnstable Municipal Airport:**

[Barnstable Municipal Airport](#), located in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, provides commercial and general aviation services to Boston, New York and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. It is owned by the Town of Barnstable and managed by the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission and its staff. Please check them out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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