

CALL FOR ARTISTS

J Arthur Stowell American Legion Post 83 in Freeport is very excited to be sponsoring a celebration this November to honor service people past and present. A statewide **Maine Veteran's Arts Celebration** will be held at FREEPORT SQUARE GALLERY, 140 Main Street, Freeport, throughout November, 2009. Special events are planned all month long and particularly on November 11, including special ceremonies at 11am. Veterans' organizations around the state are working to bring this focus on veterans alive.

In this time of multiple wars and increased focus on the people who serve our country, we choose to look forward and backward at the history of our Maine service people through the arts they have created and continue to create. We choose to honor their service by presenting them through a celebration of their creativity.

Small veterans' Art Shows have been held scattered throughout the state over the past several years. This is the first attempt to bring veteran artists together in a concentrated format. Freeport Square Gallery is a large enough space to bring together this event. The art exhibit will bring together Veteran artists and art from all over Maine – Kittery to Fort Kent.

All Maine veterans are invited to participate by submitting one piece of work to the show. Work can be war related or of everyday life. All art styles will range from contemporary realism to abstract are welcome and all media will be presented from pencil to sculpture. Concurrent with the art exhibit will be poetry readings, book readings and musical performances. All artists exhibiting and performing will be veterans from all branches of service and will include posthumous submissions. This will be a powerful month of art experiences that will impact both exhibitor and viewer.

Forms, with information about entering work are posted at www.freeportsquare.com and can be downloaded. Work is due at the Gallery by October 31, 2009. For more information, contact Freeport Square Gallery at 207-865-1616 or your local Veterans' Center.