Alpha - Romeo - Tango (ART) Program

Free Art Class Experiences for Veterans, **Active Duty & National Guard/Reserve Personnel**



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Let ART Inspire & Connect You!

Did you know that Canton Museum of Art's Alpha - Romeo - Tango" (ART) Program is a 10-week series of FREE, creative ceramics / clay art classes, plus related arts programs, in both FALL & SPRING sessions, open to Veterans, Active Duty & National Guard/Reserve?

Registering Now! Fall 2025 Session

Ceramics / Clay Classes Sep 10 - Nov 12 | 10 Wednesdays | 6:00 - 8:00pm Canton Museum of Art 1001 Market Avenue North | Canton OH 44702

Related Arts Programs — Express Your Creativity!

Immersive Poetry Classes Sept - Oct 2025 | Dates & Times TBA Sept 1 Pegasus Farm 7490 Edison Street NE | Hartville OH 44632

Guitar Classes

Sept 18 - Dec 4 | 10 Thursdays | 3:00 - 4:00pm Stark County VET Center 4220 Cleveland Avenue NW | Canton OH 44709







CREATIVE FORCES

This program is funded in part through a 2025-26 grant from the Mid-America Arts Alliance and the National Endowment for the Arts Creative Forces Initiative to "improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for military and veteran populations."



Funded in part by a 2025-26 ArtsImpact grant from ArtsInStark.

Spring 2026 Session

Ceramics / Clay Classes

Feb 25 - Mar 29 | 10 Wednesdays | 6:00 - 8:00pm

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Related Arts Programs — Express Your Creativity!

Immersive Poetry Classes Mar 2026 | Dates & Times TBA Feb 1

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Guitar Classes

Jan 15 - Apr 2 | 10 Thursdays | 3:00 - 4:00pm

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ART ceramics / clay classes are led by artist, teacher, and military spouse, **Susan Mentrak.** Susan is a ceramic artist and illustrator born and raised in Ohio. She graduated with a degree in Illustration from The Columbus College of Art and Design. She devotes herself to learning, developing, and sharing her expertise in clay creation.

Related ART sessions are led by:

- Canton Museum of Art's Eduction Director,
 Amanda Crowe, and Pegasus Farm's Military & First
 Responders Center Program Coordinator, Missy Howard,
 with Immersive Poetry classes inspired by artworks in
 the Museum's Collections; and
- Guitar classes by **Denny Vlahos** of Fretz4Vets, a way for Veterans and First Responders to experience various styles of music, including blues, jazz, and more.

Sign-up for Ceramics or all — FREE! Register & learn more at: CantonArt.org/alpharomeotango

QUESTIONS? Contact Amanda Crowe, Education Director at: amanda@cantonart.org, 330-453-7666 ext. 114





The Canton Museum of Art is proud to continue its service in Blue Star Museums, a nationwide program that provides FREE admission to currently serving U.S. military personnel and their families.











Why the ART Program?

Envisioned by artist / teacher / military spouse Susan Mentrak, the ART Program sessions focus on the creative aspect of using clay-creating for participants to connect; tell a story about themselves, their families, their pets, and their service; and to support each other.

The related poetry and guitar classes encourage further outlets for creative arts expression and exploration. These are not "art classes" in the traditional sense – there is no right or wrong, no pressure, only expression and enjoyment designed to build resiliency and well-being in all.

What participants say:

"Spending time working with other Veterans was a joy."

"Very relaxing, I like working with my hands and thoughts."

"I had no clue on how to make something with clay. I found working with clay so relaxing and meditative."