

Fort Hood “Arabian Horses For Humanity” Veteran Artist Competition

Background:

The “Arabian Horses For Humanity” www.arabianhorsesforhumanity.org project was created in the fall of 2016 to share the Arabian horse and to benefit charities and other deserving organizations throughout the United States and Canada. The Marketing Development and Promotions Committee of the Arabian Horse Association, The Arabian Horse Promotional Fund and the Purebred Arabian Trust is responsible for the development and management of this project.

An original, life size sculpture was created by artist, Karen Kasper and then duplicated into a life size fiberglass statue that has been reproduced and donated to various charitable organizations throughout the United States, to help those organizations in their fundraising efforts. To date, 15 horses have supported numerous charities. See www.arabianhorsesforhumanity.org for examples and stories related to this project.

Fort Hood Veterans, Families and First Responders Artist Competition:

The Region Nine Arabian Horse Association (a region of the Arabian Horse Association of North America), which represents a four-state region of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, has donated one of the Arabian Horses for Humanity statues to Fort Hood. Our goal is to help raise awareness for veterans and the physical and emotional challenges they face that may be addressed with equine-assisted therapy. This donation is also made in conjunction, and with the support of, the “All Glory Project” www.allgloryproject.org a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded by Elizabeth Shatner (wife of actor William Shatner) to bring equine-assisted therapies to military veterans and their families.

The Third Cavalry stationed at Fort Hood has kindly offer to launch this program at Fort Hood, assist in promoting this important project and be the caretaker of the finished painted horse. *Disclaimer – This is not an official endorsement of the United States Army.

RULES FOR COMPETITION:

“HERO” – The Region Nine Arabian Horse Association has aptly named this horse “Hero”. Why? Because we are supporting all of the heroic veterans, active duty service people and first responders who are dedicated to the freedom of the United States of America.

OBJECTIVE- The objective is to design a painted horse that promotes the armed forces veteran and the support that is needed to bring equine therapy to those that are in need. It has already been proven that horses offer a unique avenue for therapeutic recovery of PTSD, various disabilities and many other issues. The goal is to receive maximum exposure for the project through traditional media and social media and set an example for other military units to follow.

WHO MAY COMPETE - Active Duty Military, Veterans, Spouses of Veterans, Immediate Family of Veterans and First Responders within a **50** mile radius of Fort Hood or others currently stationed at Fort Hood.

WHAT YOU WILL BE PAINTING – The artist will be painting an original, life size fiberglass sculpture of the Arabian Horse. Examples of other “Arabian Horses or Humanity” projects can be found at www.arabianhorsesforhumanity.org The statue is unprimed and materials and techniques for

painting can be found at www.cowpainters.com through its "Artists' Hotline". It will be the artists responsibility to prepare a design that will be submitted to the Selection Committee.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY – A submission packet in PDF format can be downloaded from www.arabianhorsesforhumanity.org Entries should be submitted to the Selection Committee at becksblueribbon@gmail.com The entry must have, at minimum, a proposed design sketch. Please be aware that the more detailed the submission, the stronger the impact of the judges' decision.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION - Deadline for submitting entries is **May 31, 2019**.

HOW THE COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED - The Selection Committee comprised of:

Major General John Nichols – Retired Adjutant General of Texas

Dr. Suzanna Hupp – Director of Veteran Services Texas Health & Human Services Commission former Texas State Representative

Winter Rusiloski– Assistant Professor of Art Painting Baylor University

Mark Himmel -- Director Region Nine Arabian Horse Association

Mrs. Elizabeth Shatner -- Founder of the "All Glory Project"

Entries will be judged based on creativity, relevance to the theme "Hero" and artistic interpretation.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION – Once the winning entry is selected, the winning artist will have until June 30, 2019 to complete the work. The artist will attend the unveiling of the completed statue during the Third Cavalry Regiment's Fourth of July celebration with the artist in attendance. In addition, the winning artist will be announced at the Region Nine Arabian Horse Show Championship Show in Fort Worth on June 1, 2019.

AWARDING OF THE PRIZE MONEY - Once the statue is completed the artist will receive the \$1,000 award. When the winning artist is announced, he or she will receive \$500 for materials to complete the project.

WINNING ENTRY WILL BE DISPLAYED AT FORT HOOD - The winning entry of the Arabian Horses for Humanity statue will be displayed by the Third Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood and will be used to create awareness for equine-assisted therapy for veterans and their families. The statue will also be featured on social media and other campaigns to increase awareness and in fundraising efforts for equine-assisted treatment of veterans who have post traumatic stress issues and/or other disabilities. Our goal is to obtain national military coverage of the project.

Important Information Links:

www.arabianhorsesforhumanity.org - background on Arabian Horses for Humanity project

www.allgloryproject.org – the nonprofit organization founded by Elizabeth Shatner and dedicated to assisting veterans through the use of equine therapy and one of the future benefitting charities of the Arabian Horses for Humanity project

www.cowpainters.com – the manufacturer of the fiberglass statue that is featured in the contest. The site that can provide artist tips through its “Artist Hotline”

www.arabianhorses.org – the official website of the Arabian Horse Association

www.region9aha.org – the website of the Region Nine Arabian Horse Association the entity that that donated the statue and supports the Arabian Horses for Humanity Project at Fort Hood