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Celebrating Veterans Through the Arts Event

New Braunfels, TX — Community artist, consultant, and educator Rey Gaytan will be leading an intergenerational family event that will honor local veterans through art on Monday, Nov. 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Westside Community Center (WCC), located at 2932 S. IH 35 Frontage Rd. in New Braunfels.

“Mr. Gaytan has a heart for community art projects,” said Westside Community Center Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Hernandez. “He has spent his life helping people learn and grow in the arts, so when he was here for the Hispanic Heritage Culture Event in September, we started discussing ideas and opportunities for community outreach in November here at the WCC. We agreed on a watercolor event where family members of veterans - varying in age and generations - could create something together in the same space.”

During this special event, participants will work together under the instruction of Gaytan, who served in the Marine Corps from 1969-1973, to create a watercolor work in honor of Veterans Day.

Children will be spread out on the gym floor with rolls of craft paper and water color. Adults will be seated around the children’s area at tables, with opportunities for painting. Those who want to spend family time together but do not want to paint are welcome to watch.

Gaytan has completed more than 26 artist-in-education projects in Texas and New Mexico and has 36 years of teaching experience in museums, school districts, and universities. Born in Seguin, he is a graduate of New Braunfels High School and the University of Texas – Austin, where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts and master’s degrees.

Veterans and their family members — children must be six years of age or older — can register for this free event by calling the Westside Community Center office or by going online to <https://nbtexas.libcal.com/event/4631628>.

Many library programs, including Celebrating Veterans Through the Arts, are made possible with the support of the Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library.

For questions about the event, or other programs at the Westside Community Center, call the community center’s office at 830-221-4630 or the main library at 830-221-4300.

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