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Pine Grove Veteran Wins National Creative Arts Award

What: National Creative Arts award and certificate to be presented to local Veteran

When: Monday, August 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Who: Mr. Chris Likes, Recreation Therapist/Creative Arts Program Coordinator, Lebanon VA Medical Center will present Mr. Thomas Williams of Pine Grove, PA, with the National Creative Arts Medal and Certificate. Mr. Williams is the first Veteran from Lebanon VA Medical Center to receive this National award.

Where: Lebanon VA Medical Center
1700 South Lincoln Ave.
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Building 18, 1st floor Activity Center

Background: Each year, the Department of Veterans Affairs encourages Veterans to showcase their talents in creative writing, dance, drama, music, and the visual arts. The National Creative Arts Festival is held at different VA Medical Centers each year. This year, the Creative Arts Festival will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, October 17-23, 2011. Lebanon VA Medical Center is proud to recognize Veteran Thomas Williams as one of this year's National Creative Arts winners. Mr. Williams's entry entitled "Wonders of the Sea" won a gold medal in the Creative Writing Division. Mr. Williams was invited by the National Creative Arts Committee to attend the festival in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to be presented his medal and certificate during the festivities. Unfortunately, Mr. Williams is unable to attend the awards festival in Fayetteville. The National Committee asked staff at Lebanon VA Medical Center to present Mr. Williams with his prestigious award.

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