



*Positive Reflections: From Combat to Community – Feedback from veterans and partners*

1. “Thank you for all you are doing. It’s truly amazing and so needed.”  
– Nina Strom, Navy Veteran, Behavioral Health Clinic Lead Clinician, Veterans Resource Centers of America
2. “Thank you so much for allowing me to participate in such a unique experience! It was great to learn and grow and take with me through the journey.”  
- Sean Stevens, US Army Veteran
3. “Thank you so much for the opportunity to feel honored, comfortable and secure with like-minded citizens who recognize patriotism, duty and Americanism. When I was in the service there were 3 (three) enemies within. Having had polio, I almost didn't make it through basic training, but was driven and motivated by family tradition and patriotic pride. The second 'enemy' within (here in our country) were those who spit on my US Army dress uniform as I made my way through the Oakland bus terminal on a week-end pass. The third was being stationed in Virginia where they were still fighting the Civil War and well before the Civil Rights Act. As Army musicians we had several black friends who were not allowed, even in uniform, to eat in restaurants. We beat them at their own game by ordering food to go and left and ate in the car.” Sharing stories on Friday with other veterans was both emotionally healing and made me grateful for the progress the country has made with more to come.”  
– Bill Hollingshead, US Army Veteran
4. “Thank you for presenting the *Positive Reflections* Exhibition in Winters. In addition, please thank the many others on your team who also served so well.”  
- Gail Wingard, Winters VFW Post 11091 Member
5. “I certainly do appreciate all the work that you did in gallery set-up and overall coordination for the traveling *Positive Reflections* traveling exhibition. A job well done and professionally managed.” - Charlies McDonald, US Coast Guard Veteran
6. “It was a great project and I hope we can do it again. I really appreciate all your work and efforts.”  
– Art Pimentel, Dean, Sacramento City College – West Sacramento Center