



City of Palo Alto City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Presentation of a Gift to the City from Cubberley Artists

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: Community Services

Executive Summary

Cubberley Artists Daniele Archambault, Servane Briand and Paloma Lucas led the first Cubberley Artist Studio Program (CASP) collaborative comic book project in honor of Veteran's Day 2017. The final book, *Thank You for Your Service*, featuring contributions by the community in honor of veterans, is being presented as a gift to the City of Palo Alto, during the City's Veteran's Day event on November 5th.

Background and Discussion

The 2017 annual CASP open studios festivities took place on Saturday, November 11th – Veteran's Day. The entire event commemorated veterans, including an exhibition of veteran photography and prose titled, *Seeing Hope*, writing and photo workshops, more than 20 open studios, and a collaborative comic book project.

Artists Daniele Archambault, Servane Briand and Paloma Lucas hosted visitors in their studios to create the first CASP collaborative comic book project as a remembrance of and thank you to veterans. Visitors were invited to create short comic strips with colored pencils on a template provided by the artists. Participants were encouraged to share their own feelings of gratitude and connection with the military community. Each of the ninety strips was scanned, compiled and turned into a collection of three books with an e-book version available online.

Titled *Thank You for Your Service*, the final book is comprised of the original pages created on 8.5" x 5.5" archival paper that have been bound into a series of three books: Stories, Memories and Imageries. It was edited, printed, and hand-bound by Archambault, Briand and Lucas at the Cubberley Artist Studios in Palo Alto and housed in a hand-made portfolio box. Each of the book covers is made of army uniform fabric and is titled in the font used to display names on uniforms. Archambault, Briand and

Lucas also made seven copies of the books in repurposed ammunition boxes. *Thank You for Your Service* was recently on display at the American Bookbinders Museum in San Francisco and is now being presented to the City as a gift.

The book will be made available to the public through Palo Alto Libraries. An e-book will also be available for free to the public.