



# WAR INK

## OIF/ OEF VETERAN MEMORIAL TATTOO ART



With nearly 2 million veterans in California and a generation of them returning home from two wars, Contra Costa County Library and a cooperative group of library systems have launched a timely and relevant project, War Ink, an online exhibit of Iraq and Afghanistan veteran memorial tattoo art. War Ink will launch on Veterans Day 2014, and will consist of a virtual-multimedia-exhibit of 18 veterans from the greater Bay Area. War Ink represents a unique opportunity to explore the un-filtered record of war that veterans have documented on their bodies; their story, told in their way.

The exhibit will be curated by Jason Deitch, a veteran consultant who is himself an Army combat veteran and social researcher whose work has focused on how combat veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars rebuild social identity and recommit to social institutions, post service. Each veterans experiences and story, authentic and direct, will be recorded by nationally renowned StoryCorps' Military Voices Initiative from New York. Their tattoos will be photographed by Shaun Roberts whose work has been featured in *GQ*, *Juxtapoz*, and *Wired.com*.

Veterans interested in the project are encouraged to contact **Jason Deitch** directly with their name, contact info., city of residence, branch of service, and, of course, a photo of their tattoo(s). Recruitment period now through the end of June.

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