

Press Release

The Cumberland County Historical Society, in partnership with the J. Sherwood McGinnis, Jr., War, Peace, and Justice Project is hosting the Joe Bonham Project©, *We Are Not Our Wounds*™

Date: Tuesday, November 7 to Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Time: Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM—5:00 PM; Saturday 10:00—4:00PM

What: Art Exhibit, free and open to the public

Location: Cumberland County Historical Society, G.B. Stuart History Workshop
33 W. High St., Carlisle, PA

<https://www.historicalsociety.com/>

Highlights: The Joe Bonham Project is dedicated to drawing the stories of America's wounded veterans. *We Are Not Our Wounds* is an art exhibit that depicts, with sobering intensity, the challenges for the soldiers and their families in the wake of being wounded in action. There is an excruciating journey to heal physically and psychologically, as well as forge a new relationship with themselves and the world as whole human beings—not simply as the sum of their wounds.

The Project Artists are a consortium, primarily from the New York Society of Illustrators. They were founded in 2011 by Chief Warrant Officer-2 Michael D. Fay USMC (retired), a former official Marine Corps combat artist. This exhibit is organized and curated by him.

The project is named after Joe Bonham, a fictional character. He is the WWI wounded, faceless protagonist, in the 1939 anti-war novel *Johnny Got His Gun*, by Dalton Trumbo, and in the 1971 movie of the same name.

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