North Carolina Arts Council

Working with Veterans and the Military
NC Military/Veterans

• 4th largest military population in U.S.
  – 5 military bases, a military ocean terminal, a coast guard base
  – 130,000 active duty

• 8th largest veteran population in U.S.
  – 4 federal VA medical centers
  – 2 Intrepid Centers (Dept of Defense)
  – 14 state veteran service centers
  – universities and community colleges
  – @ 2,000 non-profit organizations serving veterans
Intersections with Current Programs

• Arts in Education activities at base schools

• “Downrange,” a new work by playwright Mike Wiley commissioned by Cape Fear Regional Theater

• Goldsboro downtown public art and design plan
Charles George VA Medical Center
Asheville, NC
Our Project with the CGVA

• First official writer-in-residence program
• Vietnam combat veterans with PTSD
• 8 weeks became 16 months
• Staged reading
• Anthology
Photo Voice Project with UNC-Asheville

http://www.veteransvoices.space/
"Deployed" is the acclaimed theatrical production he created with Touring Theatre of North Carolina based on the stories shared in the workshops.