

THE ART OF SERVICE

“Innovate, Accelerate, and Thrive”

The Kelly is honored to collaborate with The Air University Academic Services to host the second annual “Art of Service” art show in 2025. This exhibition will take place at the Muir S. Fairchild Research Information Center, Building 1405 on Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. Artwork will be showcased in 25' x 5' glass display case within the Main Lobby of building 1405, located at the heart of the Academic Circle of Air University. While small, this area has significant foot traffic and high visibility. Additionally, the artwork will be featured digitally on the Air University Library’s international website and social media channels. We invite submissions that reflect the Airforce’s new tagline; “Innovate, Accelerate, and Thrive”. We seek artworks that emphasize Air Force technologies (“innovate”), aircraft (“accelerate”), and servicemembers and their families (“thrive”). Artists are encouraged to create works that illustrate buildings and monuments, vehicles and aircraft, as well as depict the lives of airmen and their family activities associated with Maxwell AFB and Air Force units in Montgomery, Alabama.

Guidelines:

1. **Eligibility:** Open to civilians, military personnel, military veterans, and their families of at least 19 years of age.
2. **Artwork:**
 - Artwork cannot be copied from copyrighted materials.
 - Two-dimensional artworks should be in traditional mediums, such as: oil, acrylic, watercolors, pastels, gouache, charcoal, etc.
 - Artworks should be representational, though various styles (realistic, impressionistic, expressionistic, etc.) are accepted.
 - Artworks should be at least 11" x 14" but no more than 40"x60" in size.
3. **Application:** Space is very limited in this show, and entries will be juried. Each artist may submit up to two (2) entries. Submit a photo of each entry and a 75 to 100-word description per entry explaining why you believe your entry represents the theme of “Innovate, Accelerate, and Thrive.” Send photos, descriptions, application form, and exhibition agreement to Exhibits@TheKelly.org or online at TheKelly.org by June 1st.
4. **Notification:** Artists will be notified of the selected items for this exhibition on or before June 12, 2025.
5. **Delivery:** Art should be delivered to the Kelly at 301 Hill Street, Wetumpka, AL 36092 on or before June 23, 2025
6. **Commission:** The Air University Library Academic Service Directorate at Maxwell AFB cannot sell or promote the sale of artworks. The Kelly will advertise the art (for sale or otherwise) on our website, accessible via a display QR code in the exhibit. A twenty-five percent (25%) donation to The Kelly will be deducted from any sales during this exhibit. If you have any pieces that are for display only and not for sale, please notate this clearly on the application form.
7. **Awards:**
 - The Kelly’s Best of Show: Chosen by The Kelly’s juror(s).
 - Commander’s Choice: Chosen by select commanders on Maxwell-Gunter AFB.
 - Patron’s Choice Award: Visiting patrons will vote for their choice over the course of the exhibition.
 - VAI’s Veteran Award: Chosen by Veteran Art Institute’s juror(s), to be awarded to a military veteran artist.

Judge: Jim Stovall is a US military veteran and a skilled illustrator, and his military background includes roles in aircraft maintenance, as a B-52H tail gunner, and as a U.S. Navy submarine sonarman. In 1979, he founded Eagle Illustrations to create high-quality military artwork, and to this day his work reflects discipline, precision, and deep respect for military service, preserving its history through highly detailed, historically accurate illustrations.

June 1, 2025	Applications Due	September 4, 2025	Reception at Maxwell and Winners Announcement
June 12, 2025	Acceptance Notification		
June 21 & 23 2025	Art Take In at The Kelly	September 4, 2025	Exhibition Closes
July 1, 2025	Exhibition Opens	September 5 & 6	Art Pick Up at The Kelly
July 10, 2025	Kelly Reception with Digital Exhibit		