

# Gettysburg National Military Park invites Military Veteran, Cesar Rivera, as the NEW NPS Artist-in-Residence

*Gettysburg National Military Park leads the National Park Service with Veteran's Artist in Residence opportunities*

WASHINGTON DC, MARYLAND, USA, July 4, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The non-profit [National Parks Arts Foundation](http://NationalParksArtsFoundation.org) (NPAF), Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation, are pleased to announce San Antonio, Texas native and U.S. Veteran Ernan Cesar Rivera as Artist in Residence for July and August. The Park invites veterans and others whose interest is in fine art and the importance of U.S. Military Veterans as Artists in the National Parks. Mr. Rivera will reflect on his work and residency during an Artist Showcase Presentation at the David Wills House in downtown Gettysburg on Friday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m.. The event is free, and open to the public.

Mr. Rivera developed a passion for design at an early age, earning his first competitive arts awards during high school. They would be the first of many. He has been receiving design and arts awards, honors, and fellowships for the past ten years - most notably his publication on the TED Talks Blog, and his awards from top competitions like AIGA, DSVF, and Creative Summit. In the fall of 2016, he accepted a tenure-track position as professor of design at Sam Houston State University.

He is most interested in using his time at Gettysburg to study the history of Latinos who served in the Union Army during Civil War, and his talk will address his efforts to assemble a book that presents his research. He will speak as well about the technical and design issues that one encounters in planning, assembling, and binding books.

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Programs like Gettysburg National Military Park's artist-in-residence series, in which acclaimed artists find inspiration from the beauty and history of our national parks, and agree to share their ideas with park patrons, represent some of the highest aspirations of the National Park Service. “Gettysburg National Military Park has offered inspiration to artists for more than 150 years,” said Christopher Gwinn, Gettysburg National Military Park's chief of interpretation. “The Artist-in-



Invitation to Gettysburg Artist Event  
Aug. 4th, 5 pm At the historic David Wills House

Residence program continues the tradition begun by artists like Matthew Brady, Alfred Waud, and Gutzon Borglum, while simultaneously engaging our visitors and telling this story in new and compelling ways."

Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves, protects and interprets for this and future generations the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War, the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and their commemorations.

This year is the FIRST YEAR we have introduced program themes to the Artist in Residence programs, in order to diversify the interconnection of the arts with broader demographic inclusion, including U.S. Military veterans. These programmatic themes will alternate through 2017 & 2018 :

U.S. Military Veterans Artists in Residence: Gettysburg's Artists in Residence brings U.S. Veterans to Gettysburg NMP for a unique and historical perspective of those who serve our country.

Arts Revolver: The months of these AiRs are open to any and all artistic media including cross-overs or hybrids with any of the other programmatic themes represented in the other months of Gettysburg Artist Residencies. This is for all artists in all artistic media.

ALEMBIC ARTS (New Media) – this includes many varied and mixed arts media: virtual reality, film, photography, augmented reality, computer imaging, and any and all combinations of these in themselves, or in combination with classic art media.

LiterAudiArts: NPAF's most fascinating theme focuses on many and all aspects of speech: words, sounds, song, and music. A few examples of this are POETRY, screenplays, spoken word, environmental recordings, sound art, wall of sound experimentation.

The National Parks Arts Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the promotion of the National Parks of the U.S. by creating dynamic opportunities for artworks that are based in our natural and historic heritage. This project is supported by the Gettysburg Foundation and other generous benefactors. NPAF National Park projects are supported entirely by donation and generous partnerships.

All NPAF programs are made possible through the philanthropic support of donors ranging from corporate sponsors and small businesses, to art patrons and citizens- lovers of the parks. NPAF is always seeking new partners and donors for its wide-ranging philanthropic programs.

For more information on how [you can support](#) the Gettysburg National Military Park Artist in Residence and other NPAF arts programs nationwide contact :

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