



The social scene has been full of incredible fundraisers and moments of awareness this season.

In honor of Veteran's Day 2018, artist [Susan J. Barron](#) hosted a series of private receptions for her new exhibition, *Depicting the Invisible: A Portrait Series of Veterans Suffering from PTSD*, which runs through November 26 at **HG Contemporary** gallery in New York City's Chelsea neighborhood.

Notable guests in attendance included actors Jack Mulcahy, Deborah Kuhn, ABC's FBI star Anthoula Katsimatides, Consuela Vanderbilt Costin, NYC International Film Festival Founders Roberto Rizzo and Caroline Johnson, Michele Peacock, and philanthropist Jean Shafiroff, in addition to HG Contemporary Gallery Owner Philippe Hoerle-Guggenheim and gallery director Della Tobias.

The celebrations culminated in a book signing and dinner for the featured veterans, who traveled from around the country to attend the opening. Among the veterans present were Specialist Craig McNabb, Staff Sergeant Joshua Sandor, Specialist Dortrie (Bird) A. Jones Jr., Sergeant Russell Carter, Sergeant Mike Burke, and Specialist Ken Weinert.

The show featured a collection of 6ft x 6ft mixed-media portraits on canvas, combining photographic imagery, paint, text, and collage. Each portrait is layered with the subjects' stories in their own words.

The exhibition toasts **Freedom Fighters Outdoors** and **Services for the Underserved**. The two organizations support veterans in their struggles with PTSD and mental health and have graciously voiced their enthusiasm for this exhibition.

Barron has shared her inspiration for the series: "When I learned the fact that 22 veterans commit suicide every day in this country, and the role that PTSD plays, I felt appalled and sad. I wanted to find a way to shine a light on this issue and to make a human connection with this situation so people don't just hear a statistic. I wanted to give all the veterans a voice, a platform to tell their stories—that was my mission for the show."