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Kern County Library Assisting in Online Exhibit of *War Ink*

The Kern County Library is a part of an innovative project, *War Ink*, which aims to create an online exhibit of Iraq and Afghanistan veteran memorial tattoo art. *War Ink* represents a platform to explore the unfiltered record of war that veterans have documented on their body, amplify veteran voices, and allow communities to listen. As a collaboration between libraries across the state, StoryCorps, Cal Humanities, and Pacific Library Partnership, *War Ink* will consist of a multimedia exhibit of 30 veterans from throughout California. Each veteran's story surrounding their tattoos will be recorded by national renowned StoryCorps' Military Voices Initiative, and their tattoos photographed by Shaun Roberts, whose work has been featured in *GQ* and *Wired.com*. The *War Ink* exhibit will be created by Jason Deitch, a former combat medic and sociologist, and Chris Brown, Contra Costa County Library's Project Director.

The Kern County Library is looking for a local representative for the *War Ink* project. This initiative is an opportunity for Kern County veterans to show how their tattoo art serves as reminders of experiences they and the people they served with had in Iraq and Afghanistan. The exhibit will be viewable online, at the Kern County Library website, on November 11, 2014 for Veteran's Day. Local veterans interested in the project are encouraged to fill out an application form at www.kerncountylibrary.org. The recruitment period ends June 30, 2014.