

# May Gallery Night Pensacola Event Salutes Our Military!

Featuring artist Sam Nettles, Classic Hot Rods, and more Downtown

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**PENSACOLA, Fla. (May 8, 2018)** — On Friday, May 18 from 5pm-9pm followed by an after pARTy starting at 9pm-midnight, Downtown Pensacola will pay homage to our men and women of the armed forces with a Military appreciation themed event. This edition will include one-of-a-kind art, music, food and discounts to active and retired military, with ID, from participating Downtown Pensacola merchants. Gallery Night Pensacola's May event will also feature a classic Hot Rods Show—coming to Pensacola all the way from New Orleans, Louisiana, and the work of artist Sam Nettles.

About featured artist Sam Nettles:

Sam Nettles is a nationally recognized, representational sculptor specializing in portraiture and figurative art. His accolades include the National Sculpture Society's Walter and Michael Lantz Award and Roger T Williams Prize. In addition, he has been featured in both The National Sculpture Review and The Masters of American Sculpture.

He has been commissioned to sculpt noteworthy people such as John Glenn, Pappy Boyington, Ernest Hemingway, Christa McAuliffe and the NASA Challenger Crew. His work is in private and public collections including churches, universities, the Buehler Challenger Center, and the National Museum of Naval Aviation, which has commissioned over 30 separate bronzes. Among his monumental sculptures are a heroic jaguar created for the University of South Alabama, The Hawkshaw Lagoon National Missing Children's Memorial and seven over life size bronzes that make up The Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial. Mr. Nettles shares his knowledge and passion for art by teaching creative, portrait and life sculpture as well as life drawing and artistic anatomy. Currently he is teaching in Pensacola Florida at the First City Art Center and Pensacola State College.

Participating Downtown Pensacola merchants and businesses: Al Fresco, Badlands, Beef O' Brady's, Belle Ame, Blend Lounge, Blue Morning Gallery, Dog House Deli, CoWork @nnex, The Global Grill, Hopjacks, Intermissions, Jackson's Steakhouse, Play, O'Riley's Irish Pub, One Palafox Place, Seville Quarter, Shux Oyster Bar, Jeweler's Trade Shop, The Tin Cow, V Paul's, Wild Greg's, World of Beer, Jordan Valley Restaurant, Legal Graffiti, Cigar Factory Pensacola, The Wine Bar and Nom Sushi Izakaya.

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For more information visit [gallerynightpensacola.org](http://gallerynightpensacola.org).

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#### About Gallery Night Pensacola

The mission of Gallery Night Pensacola is an engaging cultural event that takes the "Art to the Streets" where visitors can connect with the unique Culture of Pensacola.

Through this non-profit organization, individual artists will have the opportunity to showcase their talent, area arts organizations will host public performances and demonstrations, downtown businesses will enhance the downtown experience and other community non-profits will add to the Gallery Night experience.





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