

DON STIVERS EXHIBIT – 1 & 2 April 2022
~ ABOUT THE ARTIST ~



Don Stivers was an American artist known for his portrayal of historical and military subjects. His interest in art started during childhood as he copied newspaper comics in his hometown of Superior, Wisconsin. His formal art training began at the California College of Arts and Crafts after serving two years as a Navy corpsman in WWII.

He has created works of art spanning everything from illustrating book jackets to the opening of the American West, and is also well known for his prolific production of paintings whose theme is the American Civil War. He is most known for his depiction of Buffalo Soldiers,

Stivers started his professional career in the commercial art field and spent 15 years at it on the West Coast until moving his family to the East Coast. It was a decision that was to prove monumental in his career.

He immediately began illustrating covers for *Readers Digest* and *Field & Stream*, and the book covers for the James Herriot *All Creatures Great and Small* series. He did the portraits of Charles De Gaulle, John Connally and Admiral Elmo Zumwalt for the covers of *Time* magazine. He also began doing portraits of Federal judges – work that he continued for many years.

Following a natural inclination towards American History as a subject for fine art, in 1984 Stivers began painting Civil War subjects. With the help of professional historians and driven by his own desire to know the most intricate visual details of the subjects he portrays, he created some of the most remarkable military art of this century.

His works are on display in the U.S. Cavalry Museum, the Fort Bliss Museum, the Army War College, the Headquarters of the 1st Cavalry Division, and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library in Chicago, IL.

His Buffalo Soldier prints are in countless private collections including those of Gen. Russel L. Honoré, LTG Stephen Twitty, and the late Secretary of State, Colin Powell.

Stivers and his wife, Beverly, relocated from Connecticut to Loudoun County, Virginia in 1990. He joined, and enjoyed being a member of, the Loudoun Sketch Club where he and his fellow artists would set up their easels and capture the beauty of the local Virginia countryside.

His daughter Tracy lives in Loudoun County.

For more information on Don Stivers, or if you are interested in purchasing any of his artwork, please visit www.donstivers.com

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