



Adrienne Sommers

Veteran: Army 2001-2004

Writer/Visual Artist/Mental Health Advocate

About the Art: Adrienne writes many different genres and formats such as children's books, poetry, songwriting, and novels. Her visual art and projects can be found on her website: www.adriennesommersfineart.com.

About the Artist: Adrienne Sommers is an Army Veteran and Graduate of West Point, Class of 2001. She holds two Masters degrees from the College of William and Mary and Norwich University. She served as a Signal Corps Officer in South Korea and Hawaii. She has had various professional career paths, to include a career in the Federal Government after serving in the US Army. She grew up in two main places, to include Oahu, Hawaii, and in Kingsport, Tennessee, both of which influenced her outlook on many different topics in life, and gave her an appreciation of different cultures around the world, which she continues to cherish to this day.

Artist's Experience: "I am pursuing my dreams of being a full-time artist and writer. I advocate for the cause of Mental Health Awareness through organizing art shows in Denver, Colorado. I am active in the Denver, Colorado art scene to include the Veterans Affairs Hospital and other veteran affiliated organizations. During 2019 I participated in the 2019 SongwritingWith: Soldiers at the Heart J Center for Experiential Learning/Sylvan Dale Ranch, Loveland, Colorado. I co-wrote a song about my Father with award winning songwriter Ashley Cleveland, titled *Unpacking Boxes*. My Father was a country music songwriter and aspiring producer and influences my art to this day through my memories of him."

