



## Recently Completed 1% for Public Art Project at the Veterans' Home in Kearney, NE.

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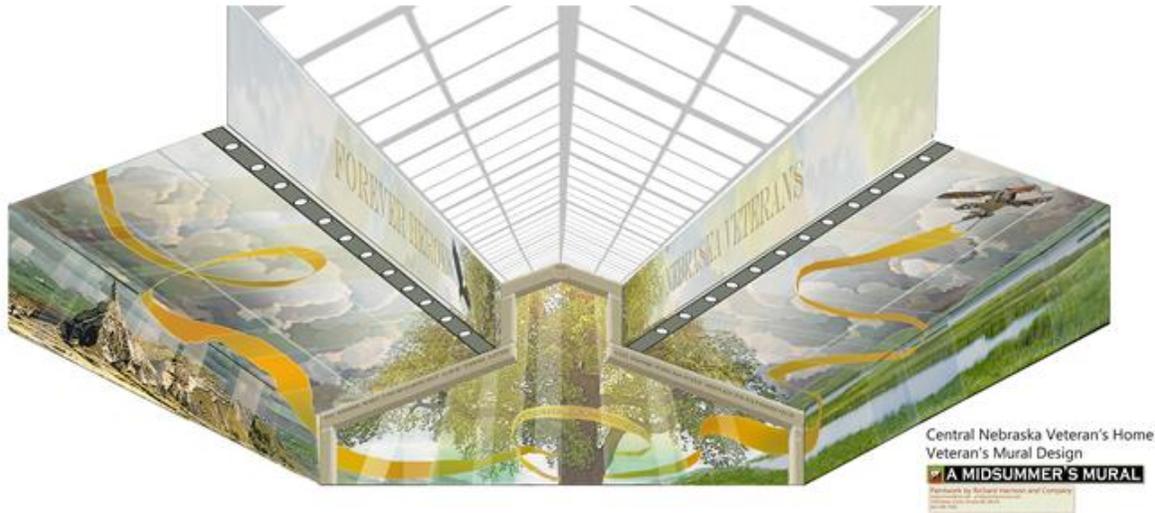


Richard Harrison, A Midsummer's Mural, *Eternal Gratitude*.

(Omaha, Nebraska) –

**Richard Harrison** and his company, **A Midsummer's Mural**, recently completed the 360-degree mural called *Eternal Gratitude* for the Veterans' Home in Kearney, NE.

The mural includes a biplane pulling a yellow ribbon around an oak tree with the text, "To those who bravely gave their lives and those who courageously serves we express our eternal gratitude." The scenes offer views of the Niobrara River near Valentine, Chimney Rock, small-town buildings in central Nebraska and a farm. A missing man formation of P-51 mustangs fly under an ascending eagle. The text at the top of each wall include the text "Nebraska Veterans" and "Forever Heroes."



Harrison has an MFA from North Carolina School for the Arts. In 1999, he started A Midsummer's Mural, which has received many awards, including from the mayor of Omaha and the Governor of Nebraska. His work is in Omaha, Chicago, South Carolina, and Denver.

Artist Statement:

There is wonderful variation in the universe. When you pick up a rock, hold a fallen tree leaf, or converse with a friend, each has individual unique qualities, which make up collective organisms like mountains, trees, or communities. Those bodies make up forests, mountain ranges and regions of divergent elements. This is what I explore through connecting and involving artists and neighborhoods to work on public art collaboratively, and to reflect on the unique, beautiful individuals forming unique, beautiful communities.



Richard Harrison painting *Eternal Gratitude*.

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