

EDD's Gold...

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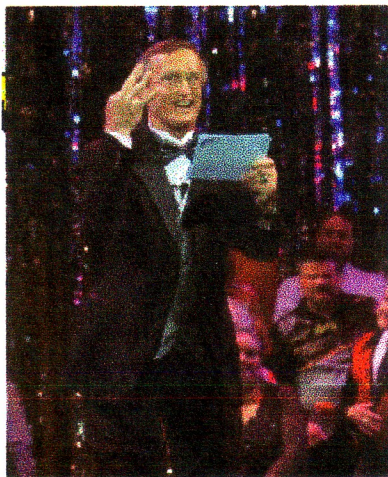
On October 9, 2004, Veteran Employment Services Specialist **Michael McCann**, joined over 130 U.S. military veterans from across the nation in Salt Lake City for the 2004 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. The weeklong event included exhibits of artwork by talented veterans and a gala variety stage show.

The festival culminates a yearlong fine arts talent competition in art, music, drama, and dance. The program is open to all veterans who receive care at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities. The talented veterans invited to the festival are all first, second, and third place winners, selected this year from nearly 3,000 entries in more than 45 categories. We are very pleased to report that Michael is this year's first place medal winner in the national drama competition in the solo (dramatic prose) category.

The festival attracted talented professionals from the stage and movie industries including **Jane Powell**, who served as Mistress of Ceremonies, and **Bo Derek**, who is the National Honorary Chairperson of the VA Rehabilitation Special Events.

Michael, a professional model, was also selected to serve as Master of Ceremonies during the variety show portion of the event.

The management and staff of Los Angeles/South Bay Job Service are very proud of Michael's achievements in this very worthy project. ☺



Michael McCann

"No other job can give you that good feeling."