

THURSDAY

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Neighbors

Michael McCann, an Army veteran from Redondo Beach, recently performed at the 2004 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Salt Lake City.

The festival culminates a year-long 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.

McCann, 59, is one of more than 130 U.S. military veterans from across the nation invited to the festival for a week of workshops and rehearsals, ending with a gala

variety stage show.

After winning first place in the national drama competition, in the solo (dramatic prose) category, he went on to participate in the festival's stage performance as part of the chorus in four all-cast production numbers.

McCann has participated in community theater for three decades and has produced training videos for several large companies.

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