## Welcome Mil-Tree

The core work of Mil-Tree is to provide community support by creating bonds of trust and friendship. Mil-tree is currently a partner in a Veterans Initiative In The Arts Grant through the California Arts Council called, Joining Forces: Plant to Paper Project. This is a multifaceted art project that takes place from February through May of 2016 beginning with invasive plant removal, followed by paper-making, 2D and 3D art and writing workshops, culminating in a formal art exhibition and spoken word performance at the end of May at the 29 Palms Art Gallery in 29 Palms, CA. Our other partners are Arts Connection (San Bernardino), Mojave Desert Land Trust, Copper Mountain College, and the 29 Palms Art Gallery.

It is our mission to bring together veterans, active-duty military, and civilians in order to help each other to address the wounds of the soul through communication and art.

Mil-Tree is a non-profit that was founded as a response to the need to welcome home our military veterans into the larger folds of society in a more profound way. Like many communities around the country, The Morongo Basin is a diverse mix of people. It is a community small enough to know local business owners, politicians, school teachers and artists, and large enough to explore many different interests. It is a community full of stand-up citizens that want to make a difference. Mil-Tree speaks to those who want to contribute in a personal way to the well being of its citizens, especially those who have served or are still serving in our military. Based on the principals of Dr. Ed Tick's book War and The Soul, Mil-Tree's goal is to offer a variety of opportunities to aid in the re-entry into civilian life with support, as expressed in our mission statement. Throughout the year we have events including writing, music and visual art workshops, and activities in nature like hiking and rock climbing.



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