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RAHALL SPONSORS VETERANS ART EXHIBIT

Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, recently sponsored an art exhibit that included paintings and sculptures done by veterans of the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Veterans Art Show was sponsored in Washington D.C. by Members of Congress and the STARS & STRIPES newspaper.

"The importance of this collection lies not only in its artistic impact," Congressman Rahall said, "but in the artist's sensitive handling of a very difficult period in American history."

"None of works were done by professional combat artists,"
Rahall stressed. "They are ordinary servicemen who served their country well," Congressman Rahall stated.

Congressman Rahall is pictured, viewing a wood carving of a P.O.W., with Dr. Dan McCurry of STARS & STRIPES.

The exhibit included a number of works by Vietnam veterans from the State of West Virginia.

"Combat veterans see many things which they try to forget.

Other vets draw on these experiences to create art works which
powerfully capture our memories and imagination," Rahall observed. "This exhibit brings to all of us the horrors of war,"

Congressman Rahall said.