



**PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM TO FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION  
CAPTURING THE COLLISION OF WAR AND CIVILIAN LIFE**

***JENNIFER KARADY: IN COUNTRY, SOLDIERS' STORIES  
FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN***

**Palm Springs, Calif. (Dec. 9, 2014)** – Palm Springs Art Museum is pleased to feature an exhibition of artist Jennifer Karady, who has developed a series of photographs that relate the experiences of U.S. veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan while making evident the human cost of their service to our country. The exhibition, *Jennifer Karady: In Country, Soldiers' Stories From Iraq and Afghanistan*, will be on view December 13 through March 29, 2015 at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Springs.

Karady's narrative photographs begin with personal histories gleaned through an extensive interview process with the soldiers and their families. Her images capture the conditions of warfare that fighting an insurgency has created, through dramatic portraits that reveal the psychological moments when war memories and everyday civilian life collide. The text that accompanies each photograph is derived directly from the words of the soldiers themselves.

The surreal juxtapositions literally "bring the war home" by introducing scenes from war in Iraq or Afghanistan into our every day, and otherwise ordinary lives – a sight we are accustomed to viewing as something happening in a far-away, foreign location. Karady's images take us beyond the polarized political views of the war and provide an opportunity for dialogue about the war's impact on the soldiers and the personal costs they bear, often far out of the public eye.

The Photography Collection Council of Palm Springs Art Museum commissioned a photograph to be included in this exhibition, which is the latest in a series of commissions throughout the country. The council partnered with BoxoPROJECTS, an artist's residency in Joshua Tree, to provide Karady with the resources she needed in order to accomplish the commission. Notably, the location is only an hour away from Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, which serves as the U.S. training ground for the wars in the Middle East.

This exhibition is organized by Palm Springs Art Museum and is funded in part by the museum's Photography Collection Council, Yvonne and Steve Maloney, Carol and Jim Egan, along with CAC Silver Sponsors Dale C. Landon and Carole Haes Landon. Exhibition Season sponsors are Dorothy and Harold J. Meyerman and Arlene Schnitzer.

For more information about Palm Springs Art Museum and the exhibition, please visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org) or call (760) 322-4800. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., and closed Monday. In recognition of their service, Palm Springs Art Museum offers free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families.

### **About Palm Springs Art Museum**

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley and includes three locations in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. The flagship building is located in downtown Palm Springs and features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the 433-seat Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents rotating exhibitions and special collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden featuring important sculpture works. Admission to the Palm Desert location is now free to the public, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen. For more information, call 760-322-4800, visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org), and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and InstaGram.

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