**The Telling Story**

Please note these upcoming events and opportunities for Veteran participation through the Alley Theatre and the Houston Grand Opera (HGO), who has been working with Veterans from MHCL for production of the Veterans Songbook.

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| Coming soon to the Alley Theatre is a production likely to be of interest to staff and Veterans:  *[The Telling Project](https://www.alleytheatre.org/plays/production-detail/telling-project" \t "_blank)*creates original performances with local veterans and their family members, speaking  directly to civilians about their military experiences. More information is below; they will present six free  performances beginning March 25.  Houston Military Veterans and Family Members Take the Stage [**THE TELLING PROJECT**](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/2DRPoQrhovsoossKUrKrhKZuXP39EVvdETuLtVYsYUrhKZuXP39EVsdETuLtUsCUqejp11K5Jw2ytmWjH0z7o8lm-eY01dAWJQDm16eMgGJYtU02ruuIqenrefZvxObPz1EVLRXBQQTNT8ICzBN4sqehTkhjmKCHtNzBgY-F6lK1FJYSyCrKrKr01SfBoHR2LGEYLBzVmaAzhOafRynhJKP9BQqET8IyP1IHIVu8wHjP_bj9_IU_M04SMMOyqejowuvVoQg0AD-Pz-0DPPVg8Cy0bhG8_qpJcQsCTWQG293L) Directed by Max Rayneard March 25 - April 13 |
| *Telling: Houston* spans the last 50 years of U.S. military history--from Vietnam to Iraq & Afghanistan –  as told by the people who lived it - military veterans and their families from Houston. With less than  1% serving in the armed forces today, Americans have become increasingly separated from those who  serve. **The Telling Project,**  a national performing arts non-profit, works to bridge this gap by  collaborating with communities to produce performances where local veterans and their family  members speak directly to civilians about their military experiences. Since 2008, **The Telling Project**   has produced 35 original performances, put over 180 veterans and family members on stage and  performed in 16 states across the nation. *Telling: Houston* marks the Houston debut of this innovative  program which has been featured in *The New York Times, Associated Press* and on *PBS* and *NPR*.  **The Telling Project** is presented in conjunction with the Alley Theatre's production of [**Grounded**](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/FZsS91MA86Qm7T6677bK6XCQrLnKYMOqenPqdTHTuv7fe6QrLnKYMOqen3qdTHTu79K6zASggrxro0EDlKAWM8NS25lLzL00jpeHt9RwhzI4aHv7u00CTDH6zBSPz_nUsyYUMqerZuVtddYtOb9EVsh76zAtR4kRHFGTsoVkffGhBrwqrsdEFCXCXCM0tzVmaZgHWGfbVo-lyF8QsyzZoBQrrIV5QqET8IyPVIHIVu8wHjP_bj9_IU_M04SMMOyqejowuvVoQg0AD-Pz-0DPPVg8Cy0bhG8_qpJcQsCW5TviYke47YA).  [Tickets are free for the Telling Project. Advance reservation required.](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/FZsS72gwcCQm7T6677bK6XCQrLnKYMOqenPqdTHTuv7fe6QrLnKYMOqen3qdTHTu79K6zASggrxro0EDlKAWM8NS25lLzL00jpeHt9RwhzI4aHv7u00CTDH6zBSPz_nUsyYUMqerZuVtddYtOb9EVsh76zAtR4kRHFGTsoVkffGhBrwqr76QkPtPtPo0eNYH5uElZl7BYIvaNkAqehh-IiWdJSoynhGzsyObe6OKPBUy2JffYJcD-Pz_00jr33a9EVdy1V_Bzh02ivXefU2vffB0yq80J6EzZFCQPhOrek9t) |

The Alley also offers a [$29  ticket](http://www.alleytheatre.org/bluestar) to all  active military, veterans, and their families for all productions including their upcoming production in April of [**Grounded**](https://www.alleytheatre.org/plays/production-detail/grounded).

**Grounded** centers on a woman ace F-16 fighter pilot has been reassigned to a new position, flying a remote-controlled drone from an Air Force trailer in Nevada following the birth of her child. Her 12-hour shifts hunting terrorist targets in the Middle East are followed by 12 hours at home, struggling as a wife and mother in suburban Las Vegas. The mounting pressure to track a high-profile target blurs the boundaries between the desert she lives in and the one she patrols, half a world away.

They are hosting two post-show panels that will include panelists from VA MHCL who can speak to the content of the play and how it relates to real life.

Last, HGO’s Tuesday evening [*Veterans Songbook*](http://hgo.org/veterans_songbook) writing workshops at U.S. VETS have been extended through March 29 – please join or encourage others to come! Tuesdays, 5-6pm at 4640 Main Street with Sharon Ferranti from WITS.