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### **Vermont Artists To Turn Firehouse Gallery Into Paper-Making Studio**

Burlington, VT: (February 6, 2009) Burlington City Arts presents *Combat Paper*, the upcoming exhibition at the Firehouse Gallery featuring Vermont artists and paper makers from the Green Door Studio in Burlington, Vermont. *Combat Paper* opens Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> with an Artist Talk at 5pm, and Opening Reception from 6-8pm. The show runs through April 10<sup>th</sup>, and will also feature papermaking workshops selected Saturdays during the exhibition from 1-4pm, and a special performance and reading by the Combat Paper Project on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.

Combat Paper, featuring Vermont artists and Iraq war veterans Drew Cameron, Jon Turner, Eli Wright and members of the Combat Paper Project, converts the gallery into a functioning paper making studio and living installation. These artists recruit veterans who cut, grind and cook their military uniforms into pulp, forming them into sheets of paper. Using this transformative process, the veterans

reclaim their uniforms as art, reconciling their experiences as soldiers in Iraq. For more information about the project, please visit [www.combatpaper.org](http://www.combatpaper.org).

Representing a new generation of interventionist artists, members of the Combat Paper Project seek to engage enlistment-age high school students and community members in weekly papermaking workshops. Serving as a catalyst for insight, discussion, and psychological release, these workshops have been conducted nationally. For more information about the workshops, or to sign up for a session, please contact the Firehouse Gallery at 802.865.7165 or email Firehouse Gallery Manager Amanda Sanfilippo at **[asanfilippo@ci.burlington.vt.us](mailto:asanfilippo@ci.burlington.vt.us)**. All workshops are free and open to the public.

*Combat Paper* is sponsored by an anonymous donor and in part by a grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, and is an important part of Burlington City Arts, which is dedicated to the promotion of excellence, experimentation, and education in all forms of contemporary art. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes and workshops, please call 802.865.7166 or visit [BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM](http://BURLINGTONCITYARTS.COM).

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