Combat Artist

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**ARTIST STATEMENT**

The integral bond that unites the American citizen with the selfless men and women of the Armed Forces will be strengthened through my juxtaposition of uncommonly complementary crafts. "Combat Artist", featuring high-quality ceramic mugs, unique packaging, pristine painted panels, and kindred graphics will bridge a gap that enhances relationships between these two worlds through a shared love of country and shared culture. The resultant works create fantastic windows into my military life communicating messages full of humor, patriotism, and love. I aspire to masterfully unite ceramic techniques with proven principles of design distributed across all mediums within my work, culminating in newfound military appreciation. I am driven to excellence by the connections people make with functional products from the receipt of the item, to unpackaging, to deepened affections as that object is imprinted with memories throughout its use. Dings, scratches, and stains are all welcome as they are signs of continued use thus elevating the art to its fullest potential. The mug is one of the most functionally intimate objects an artist can create, and clay is the perfect medium to shape that relationship in infinite ways. The feel of a ceramic mug in your hand and the comfort gained from the beverage it delivers, speaks to the strong subliminal bonds that develop when form and function are perfected. The shape of the mug along with the purposeful use of glazes enhance the experiences both tactically and visually, and my goal is to maximize both with each mug. I have a deep appreciation for graphic design and its ability to convey a message and connect many genres of people. The strategic use of graphics implemented throughout each series express comical yet universally relatable ideas and hopefully a lighter side of the perceived rigid soldier. Superior quality craft, cleverly conceived graphics, and universal humor are essential to my art and serve as core attributes for the culmination of my unifying goal. My show “Combat Artist” is the manifestation of two worlds colliding in a whimsical crash of artistic expression!

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

Delvin Goode was born in 1978 in Riverside, California. His father was a United States Air Force member which provided Goode valuable experiences in both America and Europe as a child. His father and siblings are also talented artists. This familial nurturing provided Goode with a unique sense of artistic independence manifesting itself throughout his life. During his undergrad studies at Florida State University (1996-2000), Goode explored multiple mediums, but being enrolled in a ceramic course dramatically shifted his passion in arts. The concept of function, and the idea of patrons using versus viewing his art has been a major motivation in his work ever since. In 2015 Goode started a master’s degree program in fine arts at Fort Hays State University and began a focused exploration of ceramics. Goode learned from his family that you must maintain a good sense of humor and that was reinforced once he became a U.S. Army Soldier in 2002. This comical trait spans across his body of work with clever uses of graphic design often manifested by satirical replications of common popular logos or military imagery. As he continues to master multiple mediums, Goode will undoubtedly combine elements of both worlds to strengthen bonds and blaze new trails in the world.
1. Chalkboard Mugs
Wheel Thrown, Nara Porcelain, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 5”x5.5”

2. Trantrum Mugs
Wheel Thrown, White Earthenware, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 4”x5.5”

3. Spilz Mugs
Wheel Thrown, Nara Porcelain, steel wire handle, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 4”x5”

4. Moody Mugs
Wheel Thrown, Nara Porcelain, inset magnets, stainless steel interchangeable plates, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 3.5”x4.5”

5. Crayole Mugs
Wheel Thrown, Nara Porcelain, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 3.5”x5.5”

6. Tall Rotor Mugs
Wheel Thrown, Nara Porcelain, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 5”x5”

7. Tuskegee Airmen Mugs
Wheel Thrown, Nara Porcelain or White Earthenware or Red Earthenware, Speedball or Amaco Velvet Underglaze, custom acrylic stamp, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 5”x5.5”

8. Gas Pun Mugs
Wheel Thrown, White Earthenware or Nara Porcelain, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 4.5”x5”

9. We Dom Peoples Mugs
Wheel Thrown, White Earthenware or Red Earthenware or Nara Porcelain, etched American flag, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 5”x5.5”

10. Faith Mugs
Wheel Thrown, White Earthenware, Speedball Underglaze, airbrush with custom stencils, avg. dimensions 5”x6”

*Paintings
Plywood panel, spray paint, custom stencils, 32”x48”

*Boxes
Laser cut/etched 1/8” birch plywood, stain, spray paint, custom stencils, avg. dimensions 5”x6”
Chalkboard Mugs

1. Just Be Dope!
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6. Tail Rotor Mugs
7. Tuskegee Airmen Mugs
8. Gas Pun Mugs
9. We Dem Peoples Mugs
10. Faith Mugs
To Linda Ganstrom,

Thank you for being the guiding light in this incredible artistic journey of mine. I remember how uncertain and scared I was that afternoon I called to see if it was possible to attain a master degree in ceramics while not being present at the university. You immediately calmed my nerves by encouraging me to apply, and thus the next chapter of my art career began. I remember the day I told you I was going to leave the program until I retired from the Army because things were getting hectic. You refused to let me walk away and graciously presented me with a new plan for success. Thank you for being a blessing to myself and countless others. You are truly an integral force in the world of art!

Your Forever Student and Friend,

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