

PERSONAL PROFILE:

A native of many generations of Florida, Jackson Walker was born in Panama City, FL in 1946. He spent his childhood and teens in the south Florida town of Stuart. He graduated high school there in 1965. Shortly thereafter he entered the US Army, eventually serving two combat tours in Vietnam before returning home to Florida in 1968.

He is self-taught in his artistic abilities. During his lifetime, he has worked in art-related jobs such as advertising, illustration, graphic design and related fields, while continually pursuing his primary interest in painting in oils. In 1989, He and his wife left Stuart and arrived in Orlando where he has resided and devoted his time fully to painting. Since that time, Jackson Walker has elevated his career to a level of acceptance with collectors, institutions and individuals who have found his works, especially his unique portrayals of Florida and its history.

Currently, he is occupied with his work with the Museum of Florida Art, pursuing interests in Florida history and creating new works of art.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT:

In my belief, after an artist attains the fundamentals of his craft, he must determine a sense of purpose for his labors. I was influenced by the idea to *paint what you know*. With that to guide me, my primary direction has been to create works that portray Florida and all the adventures, beauty and drama that is evident in this place. Florida, its history and its vast natural views provide endless opportunities that I am compelled to explore.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

1995: Awarded the Florida commendation Medal by the Florida National Guard for the documentation of military history in Florida.

2004: *Legendary Florida* collection purchased by the Museum of Florida Art.

2004-: Artist in Residence to the Museum of Florida Art serving as advisor and advocate for the *Legendary Florida* collection and participating educational outreach programs and lectures.

2007- Presentation of "Return to Big Cypress" loaned to *The Florida House* in Washington, DC.

2007- Presentation and Lecture of *Legendary Florida* to the Florida Caucus at *The Capitol Hill Club* in Washington DC.

2007: Selected as Featured Artist for the '07 DeLand Festival of the Arts.

INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS:

Dade Battlefield Visitors Center Museum Bushnell, Florida.

Florida National Guard Heritage Art Series (nine pieces). Various sites statewide.

Seminole Wars Historical Foundation Headquarters Dade City, Florida.

US Army National Guard Bureau Washington, DC: For the States of Georgia and West Virginia.

The Museum of Florida Art.

City of Orlando, Office of the Mayor.

LEGENDARY FLORIDA:

The centerpiece of Jackson Walker's Career is the creation of the *Legendary Florida* Collection. This long-term project is a collection of oil paintings that tell stories of individuals and instances that have been significant in the long history of Florida. The collection spans the time from the early Spanish era in the 1500s into the twentieth century; with many stops in between.

The collection was purchased in its entirety in 2005 by the then DeLand Museum of Art (now the Museum of Florida Art). And at present, is on view to the public in the rotunda of the old historic Volusia County Courthouse in downtown DeLand.

This purchase has evolved into a true partnership with the creation of an extensive educational program and outreach visitations for the schools of Volusia County. The association with this Museum assures the continuation of the *Legendary Florida* collection. An additional agreement will allow Jackson Walker to create and include future works for the collection yearly.

The Museum of Florida Art has initiated a resident artist program with Jackson Walker which allows him to assist in the promotion, marketing and planning future directions for the collection.

OTHER EXHIBITS AND EVENTS:

Florida National Guard Heritage Collection:

State Capitol 22nd Floor Gallery (exhibit)

State Capitol Rotunda (exhibit)

State Capitol Rotunda (unveiling)

State Capitol Cabinet Meeting Room (exhibit)

The Martin County Historical Center Stuart, Florida (exhibit)

The Elliott Museum Stuart, Florida (lecture & exhibit)

The DeLand Museum of Art DeLand, Florida (exhibit)

Orlando City Hall, Office of the Mayor (exhibit)

Dade Battlefield Historic Site Bushnell, Florida (unveiling)

BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA:

Hugh Lauter Levin & Associates, Publishing:

"THE ARMY" The Army Historical Foundation

"US ARMY- A Complete History" The Army Historical Foundation

Cowels Enthusiasts Media Publications:

Wild West Magazine

Military History Magazine

A&E Television Network; "HOW THE WEST WAS LOST"

The History Channel; "TALES OF THE GUN"

PBS Television / Eagle Productions; "THE RIVER RUNS NORTH"

PBS Television (Palm Beach / Ft lauderdale); interview

PBS Radio (Treasure Coast); interview

PBS Radio (Daytona, Volusia County); interview