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Always Lost on Exhibit through November

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The public is invited to view "Always Lost: A Meditation on War," a war memorial honoring soldiers lost

in the Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) wars and an arts and humanities exhibition. The heart of the exhibit is the Wall of the Dead: individual photographs with names of the more than 6,500 U.S. military war casualties since September 11, 2001.

The exhibit is currently displayed in the Commons at the University of Wisconsin-Barron County in Rice Lake. Always Lost originated as a creative writing/sociology class project at Western Nevada College (WNC), Carson City, in 2008 and evolved into a traveling exhibition. It made its national debut at UW-Marquette in fall 2010 and continues to tour colleges, universities and veterans organizations across the nation.

A formal ceremony featuring the exhibit will be held on the campus around Veteran's Day in November.

Along with the Wall of the Dead the presentation includes the 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of Iraq War combat photographs by David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer (courtesy of The Dallas Morning News) and literary work comprised of prose and poetry by Northern Nevada writers, along with historical and contemporary sayings on the subject of war from ancient philosophers to modern generals (the meditations) that accompany each combat photograph.

Three WNC student-veterans are also profiled through photographs and interviews to represent the thousands of men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The story and poetry of SPC Noah Pierce, who took his own life after serving two tours in Iraq, represent the thousands of veteran suicides.

Among the accolades that Always Lost: A Meditation on War has received is a Certificate of Commendation from U.S. Senator Harry Reid, a Certificate of Senatorial Recognition from U.S. Senator Dean Heller and a Medal of Honor from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Viewing hours for Always Lost are Mondays through Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The exhibit, which will be on display through November, is currently funded and maintained entirely through grants, donations, and volunteerism.

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