South Central College presents “Always Lost: A Meditation on War,” a national traveling exhibition honoring those who have died in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The exhibit will be on display in the Event Center of South Central College, 1225 Third Street SW in Faribault, until Sept. 23, and will be open to the public Mondays from noon – 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and other times by appointment.

The moving exhibition features 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning Iraq war photographs by David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer, courtesy of the Dallas Morning News and is accompanied by the literary reflections of students, veterans and their families. Included in the exhibition is the personal story and writings of Specialist Noah Pierce, (born and raised in Eveleth), who took his own life after serving two tours in Iraq.

At the heart of the exhibit is the Wall of the Dead, which depicts the faces and names of the more than 6,500 service men and women who have died in those wars since Sept. 11, 2001. The wall continues to grow as it is regularly updated to reflect the increasing number of casualties.

The Always Lost exhibition began as a classroom project at Western Nevada College to create a humanities exhibition that would humanize the consequences of war and honor those who fought in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The program has been funded, in part, by the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The Minnesota statewide tour has been made possible by the Minnesota Humanities Center and funded in part with money from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Some photos contain graphic images of war that may be disturbing to some individuals and may not be suitable for children.

For more information about the exhibit visit www.southcentral.edu/alwayslost.

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