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## Always Lost photo exhibit coming to UWMC on Memorial Day

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Seng Jeng Thao.*

An extensive display of photographs marking the sacrifices of U.S. military members in Iraq and Afghanistan since September 11, 2001 will be on exhibition in the Ahrnsbrak Room at the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County beginning Memorial Day, May 27, and running through June 14.

“We’re happy to be able to host this truly moving display and there could be no more appropriate time to open this exhibition than on Memorial Day,” said UWMC Campus Dean Keith Montgomery. “We’ve been trying to reach out to veterans in the community over the past several years through different activities designed to recognize their contributions,” he added. “This is a natural extension of that effort.”



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*The heart of **Always Lost** is the **Wall of the Dead**; individual photographs with names of the more than 6,500 U.S. military war casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.*

The **Always Lost** project team regularly adds photos to the **Wall of the Dead** to keep it current. **Always Lost** also includes the 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning Iraq War combat photographs by David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer, which were made available by *The Dallas Morning News*.

“Having fought in Afghanistan, some of these faces on the wall are all too familiar,” said UWMC student and former U.S. Army Sgt. Seng Jeng Thao. “I believe it is important to remember these fallen soldiers in any possible way. These are the faces of sons, daughters, moms, dads and my brothers in arms that have given the ultimate sacrifice.”

First installed at Western Nevada College in Carson City in the spring 2009, the original exhibition generated an overwhelming response. By word-of-mouth, the story of **Always Lost** began to spread, and inquiries came from across the country. The Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts awarded WNC a grant to support the project and reformat it as a traveling exhibition. **Always Lost** made its national debut at the University of Wisconsin-Marquette in the fall of 2010 and it continues to tour colleges, universities and veterans organizations throughout the United States.

The Ahrnsbrak Room is located near the Garfield Avenue entrance to UWMC’s main building, which is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

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