



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Traveling Exhibit Honors Fallen Post-9/11 Veterans

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is bringing a powerful piece of art to the 93<sup>rd</sup> DAV and Auxiliary National Convention at Bally's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino.

Western Nevada College's "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" exhibition has been on a nationwide tour since 2010, and was recently selected as an official Nevada 150 Sesquicentennial exhibit by the NV150 Commission. An arts and humanities piece, Always Lost features individual photographs with the names of the more than 6,500 U.S. military casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

The exhibit includes the 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning Iraq War combat photographs by David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer (courtesy of *The Dallas Morning News*). Several other components illustrate the sacrifices made by the men and women who served. Literary work by students in the college's creative writing classes and members of the community, including veterans and their families, are featured. Additionally, three student veterans from the campus are profiled through photographs and interviews to represent the thousands of men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The story and poetry of Army Spc. Noah Pierce, who took his own life after serving two tours in Iraq, represent the thousands of veterans who returned from war, only to take their own lives after fighting a difficult internal battle.

"DAV is proud to bring this exhibit to Las Vegas, not only for our members to honor their fallen brothers and sisters, but to enable the general public to reflect upon the sacrifices made by the men and women who served," said National Adjutant Marc Burgess. "Physical, mental and emotional wounds can make the road to recovery difficult and DAV understands how important it is for our nation to honor and remember the sacrifices our heroes made in defense of our great nation."

**WHAT:** "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" exhibition available to the media and public.

**WHO:** DAV has partnered with Western Nevada College and the Nevada Department of Veterans Services to bring this exhibit to Las Vegas. This program has been funded, in part, by the Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 7, 2014 until Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

**WHERE:** Bally's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, 3645 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89109

### About DAV:

DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a non-profit organization with 1.2 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U. S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

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