

UW-Oshkosh project highlights stories of five veterans

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A multimedia project highlighting the stories of five veterans who are students or alumni of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh School of Nursing will be unveiled Friday as part of the campus's Veterans Day activities.

"War: Through Their Eyes, Vol 2., Warriors and Nurses" is a series of stories produced by journalism instructor Grace Lim, along with students from the UW-Oshkosh journalism and music departments, and art director Shawn McAfee of the university's Learning Technologies Department.

A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday followed by a presentation led by UW-Oshkosh journalism students at Reeve Memorial Union, 748 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh. A Warriors and Nurses photo exhibit in the Steinhilber Gallery includes war-time and personal photos of the veterans who participated in the "War: Through Their Eyes" project. Also at the gallery is a photo tribute to Wisconsin men and women who have died from wounds suffered in a war zone, while in uniform, since Sept. 11, 2001.

Friday's event is free. It will also include a short dedication to Craig Birkholz, one of the veterans featured in the first "War: Through Their Eyes" project in 2009. Birkholz served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, earned his criminal justice degree at UW-Oshkosh and became a Fond du Lac police officer. He was shot and killed in the line of duty in 2011. The "Warriors and Nurses" book was dedicated, in part, to Birkholz's memory.

Copies of "War: Through Their Eyes, Vol 2., Warriors and Nurses" will be sold at University Books & More at UW-Oshkosh for \$14. Proceeds will be donated to the Student Multimedia Projects Fund.

Podcasts from "War: Through Their Eyes" will be available for download following Friday's event at www.uwosh.edu/war.