

Medal of Honor Recipients to Attend TriWest's Exhibit Preview During Veterans Day Activities

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KANSAS CITY, MO - Four Medal of Honor recipients - including two from the greater Kansas City area - will attend a special preview of TriWest Healthcare Alliance's Visions of Valor exhibit, a collection of dramatic black-and-white photographic portraits of surviving Medal of Honor recipients, as part of Veterans Day activities in Kansas City.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance, serving the health care needs of military families in Missouri and 20 other western states, is bringing to Kansas City its traveling exhibit featuring 28 dramatic black-and-white portraits. A duplicate exhibit is on permanent display in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

"Visions of Valor honors the 3,445 brave men who have received the nation's highest honor for valor under enemy fire, and the exhibit echoes the values of patriotism and dedication to duty that are the military's finest traditions," said TriWest President and CEO David J. McIntyre, Jr.

The special premier of Visions of Valor will begin at with a ceremony at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial's J.C. Nichols Auditorium. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 6 in the museum's research center gallery for museum patrons.

There are only 109 Medal of Honor recipients alive today, including Leavenworth residents Roger Donlon and Charles Hagemeister, who are attending the special preview.

Roger Donlon, Captain, U.S. Army, July 6, 1964, Vietnam; Charles Hagemeister, Specialist Fifth Class (then Specialist Fourth Class), U.S. Army, March 20, 1967, Vietnam; Robert Howard, 1st Lieutenant (then Sergeant First Class), U.S. Army, Dec. 30, 1968, Vietnam; and George Sakato, Private, U.S. Army, Oct. 29, 1944, France, World War II.