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## Hero honored in exhibit

Olympia Medal of Honor recipient Bruce Crandall will be among the war heroes celebrated in a portrait collection unveiled today at the University of Washington in Seattle.

The "Visions of Valor" portrait exhibit features 24 area men who are among the 111 living recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. It runs through April 24 and is open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Crandall will attend the opening reception, at 2 p.m. today in the Allen library.

Crandall, a Vietnam war pilot, braved heavy enemy fire to fly rescue missions during the Battle of Ia Drang Valley in 1966. His heroism was featured in the book and movie "We Were Soldiers Once and Young." Bruce used only a hand-held flashlight to guide his helicopter through jungle canopy but was able to rescue 12 soldiers from the 1st Cavalry division.

Crandall also will be recognized by the state Legislature at 11 a.m. April 16, before the unveiling of a Medal of Honor Monument.