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October 26, 2011

DURHAM, N.H. - Four more names will be added to the War Memorial plaques in the Memorial Union Building at the University of New Hampshire Friday, Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m. The event is being held in cooperation with the UNH Veteran Student Organization and the UNH Air Force and Army ROTC programs.

Pfc. Andrew D. Stevens, 20, of Stratham, died March 11, 2003, in a Black Hawk helicopter crash during an Operation Iraqi Freedom training exercise in Fort Drum, N.Y. Stevens was assigned to Company C, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

Clinton E. Springer II, 21, died in Kabul, Afghanistan Sept. 24, 2010. A 2007 graduate of Contoocook Valley Regional High School in Peterborough, Springer was a private first class with the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

Pfc. Buddy McLain, 24, died Nov. 29, 2010, in Nangarhar province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when an insurgent attacked his unit with small-arms fire. McLain, who lived in Berlin as a child, was a cavalry scout with the U.S. Army 2nd Squadron, 61st Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

U.S. Army combat medic Spc. Nicholas P. Bernier died June 25, 2011, from wounds he received in Kherwar, Afghanistan on June 22 in a battle with enemy forces. Bernier, a 2007 graduate of Exeter High School, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

The brief ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Memorial Union Building and includes remarks by Maj. Joshua Stringer, Commander of the UNH Army ROTC, and Rev. Larry Brickner-Wood, chaplain and executive director of the United Campus Ministry. The public and the campus community are invited to attend.

The Memorial Union Building is the official War Memorial of the State of New Hampshire, dedicated in 1953 by Gov. Hugh Gregg.

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