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Durham, NH - The names of three soldiers who lost their lives while serving their country will be added to the War Memorial in the Memorial Union Building at the University of New Hampshire Thursday, May 23, at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.
Located on the third floor of the MUB, the Memorial Room honors all New Hampshire residents from World War I through the present who died in military action.
Sgt John A. Lyons, 26, originally from Peterborough, lost his life Oct. 26, 2011, while serving his country on active duty in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. Lyons was assigned to the 8th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt 1st Class Ryan J. Savard, 29, originally from Jefferson, died Oct. 13, 2012, from small arms fire while on patrol during combat operations in the Khanabad District, Afghanistan. Savard was assigned to headquarters and headquarters company, U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC.

Capt. Shawn G. Hogan, 28, of Salem, died Oct. 17, 2012, at the Land Between the Lakes Recreation Area, Golden Pond, Ky., from injuries sustained in a training exercise. Hogan was serving as the commander of a Special Forces operational detachment headquartered at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The brief ceremony, held in cooperation with the UNH Veteran Student Organization and the UNH Air Force and Army ROTC programs, will begin at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Room on the third floor of the Memorial Union Building and include 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.

In 1953, before construction of the MUB was completed, Gov. Hugh Gregg signed a proclamation declaring the Memorial Union as the state's official war memorial, saying “as many youth of the state as possible should know and revere the courage and the sacrifice of New Hampshire men and women who served their country.”

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