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VA, Veterans' Panel to Discuss 'Life and Limb' Military, Veteran-related medicine, Civil War through Today

LINCOLN, Neb., May 6, 2014 – A panel of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care experts will discuss changes in medicine related to war injuries for a program called “Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War,” May 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Love Library, 13th and R Streets, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb.

The round-table discussion will feature the following:

- Christie Emler, M.D., Associate Chief of Medicine, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care-System (VA NWIHCS) Lincoln Clinic
- Todd Fleischer, PhD., Chief of Psychology, VA NWIHCS
- Adam Jacobsen, CPO, Prosthetics, VA NWIHCS
- Terry Gillespie, Vietnam Veteran, and member of the Lincoln VA Veterans Advisory Council
- David Ossian, Marine Corps League

The panel is being held in conjunction with a traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine entitled “Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War. The display is in the Love Library through May 24. It exhibits the brutality of the Civil War and the resilience of those who survived with serious disabilities.

The panelists will discuss and answer questions regarding medical care for service members today and since the Civil War, and similarities and connections between the two eras.

The event and the exhibit are free and open to the public.

The program is funded in part by Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Charles and Linda Wilson Humanities in Medicine Lectureship at UNL and University of Nebraska Medical Center, the UNL's Center for Digital Research in the Humanities, History Department, and the University Libraries

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The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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