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Veterans Exhibits on Display at U of U Library

**November 9, 2011** – Beginning on Veteran's Day, the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah will honor Utah's veterans with the exhibition "The Veteran: An Offering of Reverence and Respect."

Spanning floors one through four of the library, the exhibition features collections from the library's Special Collections Department, including photos of the WWII Navajo Code Talkers, the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team comprised only of Japanese-Americans, Hill Air Force Base, Fort Douglas, and the USS Salt Lake City cruiser, among others. The display of books (some authored by Utahans) pertaining to various war experiences and U.S. military bases located in Utah is now its 14<sup>th</sup> year of exhibition.

This year's exhibition has been significantly enlarged. It includes photographs of veterans from library employees' families serving in the Civil War, World War I, Spanish American War, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other military engagements. The Fort Douglas Museum has loaned an extensive display of war articles such as

uniforms, boots, surgical field kits, and gas masks. Also provided by Fort Douglas is the original wheel and bell from the USS Utah, which now rests at the bottom of Pearl Harbor.

This extensive exhibition serves to celebrate and document the lives of Utah's servicemen and women. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Exhibition Dates: November 11 – December 9 Parking: available in visitor lot west of the library



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