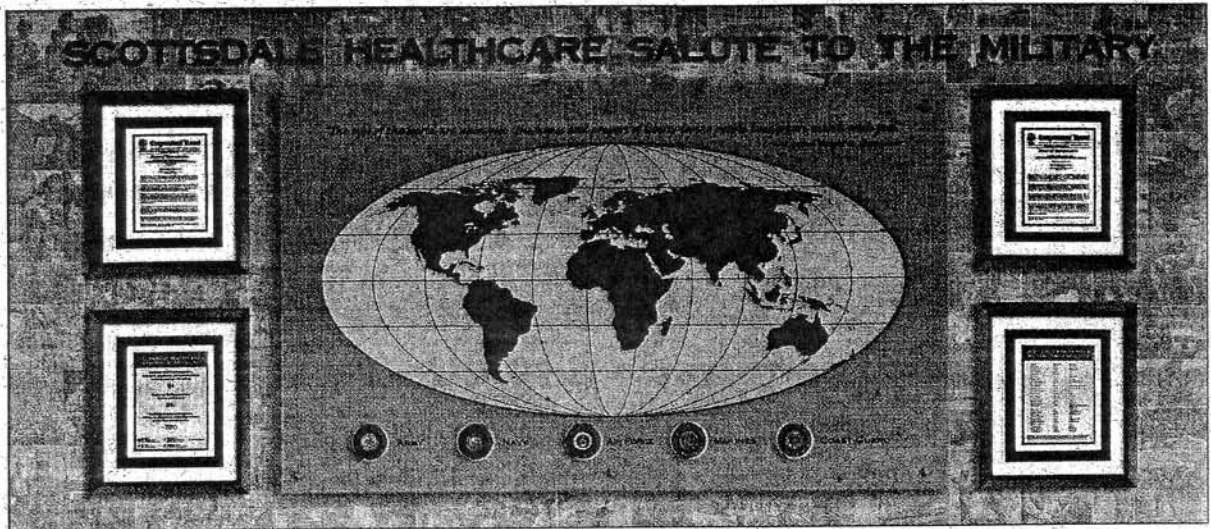


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Hospital display salutes military members, participants in program

Scottsdale Healthcare honors those serving abroad

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They're far from home, but thanks to a new permanent display at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn hospital, local members of the military are not forgotten.

The 4-by-6-foot Salute to the Military display, which will be unveiled at a ceremony Sunday at the hospital's campus, was conceived to be a visual reminder of the sacrifices members of the military and their families are making.

"We wanted to recognize and thank those serving our country for us. This is our way of giving back to our community and our staff, their families and those involved in our military training program," said Wendy Lyons, vice president of community stewardship for Scottsdale Healthcare.

The Plexiglas-covered display, located in the hospital's lobby, was designed by General Dynamics' art directors David Gryp and Ed Green. It features the names of Scottsdale Healthcare employees and their family members and military medical personnel who

Military salute

What: Unveiling of the Salute to the Military display

Where: Lobby of Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn hospital, 7400 E. Osborn Road

When: 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

have gone through the organization's training program and are currently deployed, said Scottsdale Healthcare spokeswoman Alice Sluga.

Markers on the display's map of the world indicate where each honoree is deployed and gives information on their hometowns.

Each month, at least one honoree will be highlighted in detail. This month's special honorees are Dr. Frederick Marciano, a neurosurgeon at Osborn, who is currently deployed at the William Beaumont Medical Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Lt. Col. Robert Dixon, a trauma surgeon with the 56th Medical Group at Luke Air Force Base, who is deployed to Iraq. Dixon has participated in Scottsdale Healthcare's military training program the past three years. The program shows participants how to treat a variety of combat injuries, including burns, blast fractures, traumas and wounds.

Scottsdale Healthcare plans to erect similar displays at the Thompson Peak

and Shea campuses next year, Sluga said.

A number of government dignitaries, including Rep. Harry Mitchell, D-Ariz., are expected to attend Sunday's ceremony.

For Scottsdale Healthcare employee Charlie Brown of Phoenix, the display means a great deal to his family.

"I have two boys over there," Brown said of his sons, Stephen, 25, and Jeffrey, 23, who are serving in Iraq with the Army.

Brown said three generations of his family have served their country. His father, Julius, 91, is an Army veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Brown said he is a Vietnam veteran as well. But he didn't come home to a military tribute.

"When I came back, people spit on me," said Brown, supervisor of Scottsdale Healthcare's Shea's biomedical engineering shop.

"I'm thankful they (Scottsdale Healthcare) are recognizing the military. Some people don't realize the stress that's put on the whole family. I hope it raises awareness," said Brown, who plans to show the display to Stephen, who is expected to return to his Mesa home next month.

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