







*"Table for the Fallen" features a camera that records people sitting down to write a message to a deceased veteran. (Photo by Jarod Golub)*

In honor of Damon Ziegler, the veteran who died after being photographed for the exhibit, Barron has included a section called "Table for the Fallen," where a camera records visitors sitting down to write a message to a deceased veteran in a bound journal.

A coffee-table book of Barron's photographs is for sale at the exhibit. Proceeds go to veterans organizations.

Despite the difficult subject matter, there is still an element of hope in some of the stories told by the veterans.

In his portrait, specialist Ken Weinert discussed keeping a positive outlook by celebrating his "alive day" — when he knew he had survived his tours of duty — along with his birthday. It's a sentiment shared by specialist Dortrie Jones

Jr., who began "living every day to the fullest" after he almost died three times.

Barron's newest subject, Newhall, likewise tries to see the upside to the struggles that each of them face.

"I believe you can beat PTSD," Newhall said during the event. "I believe you can turn PTSD into a very positive influence in your life."