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A Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Now on Display at St. James Mercy Hospital

April 30, 2014...Hornell, NY... A display of granite plaques dedicated to the memory of local service men and women killed in action is on loan to St. James Mercy Hospital, located in the emergency room hallway.

The display was sponsored by Patriot Plaques, a company that specializes in creating granite wall art of military heroes, and coordinated by local resident Scott Teller. The plaques were produced at Area 52, Teller's shop in Hornell.

"My partner, Bill Samm, and I created this program through Patriot Plaques in 2013 to pay tribute to local community heroes," said Teller. "I'm just a plain old patriot who wants to preserve the memories of local kids that make the ultimate sacrifice for our country. A photograph can fade, but this technology will last virtually forever." Teller and Samm also create and present a plaque free of charge to the parents of the fallen heroes.

The St. James Mercy display is a tribute to service men and women who died in the Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam conflicts, including Cpl. Larry Hatter; Lnc. Cpl. Zachary Smith; Sgt. Devin Snyder; Cpl. Jason Dunham; Lnc. Cpl. Michael G. Plank; Spc. Ryan P. Jayne; and Cpl. Joseph W. Barillo.

"As Memorial Day approaches, we are honored to share this distinguished display with our patients and visitors at the hospital," said Sylvia Bryant, VP Mission Integration and Community Outreach. The tribute will be on display through the spring. A similar display is located at Arkport Cycles in Hornell.

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