

MEDIA ALERT

Medicine and war: a tour of personal stories

Soldiers are not alone on the front lines of war: doctors and nurses are also caught in the drama, tragedy and trauma of conflict.

The Australian War Memorial will next month host a two-day conference that explores the medical perspective on war.

War wounds: medicine and the trauma of conflict will feature stories of war wounds and suffering from soldiers and medics. Speakers will discuss the long-term effects of war service on Australian veterans of conflicts in Korea, Vietnam and Iraq. Other major themes will include illnesses and diseases of war, medicine in a combat zone, and a soldier's view of living with war wounds.

In anticipation of the conference, media are invited on a short tour of the Memorial that highlights some of the personal stories of Australia's medical war history – from the military medals awarded to nurses in the First World War, to the tragic loss of a doctor on a peacekeeping operation, and many more.

The tour will be hosted by a Memorial historian, and a Memorial “character”, dressed as a First World War nurse. It will take 30 minutes only.

What:	Media tour of the Memorial highlighting Australia's medical war history
Where:	Meet in the orientation gallery, at the front desk Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT
When:	10am on Friday, 28 August

Further information, and to RSVP:

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