



## **Colonel Kenneth R. Stow Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament to Benefit Student Veterans**

Tournament Set for May 2 at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - The Colonel Kenneth R. Stow Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament invites area golfers to tee off in support of Stockton College's student veterans.

The tournament, sponsored by the Office of Veteran Affairs and Stockton's Student Veterans Organization, will be held at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club on the Bay Course in Galloway on **Friday, May 2, 2014** with a shotgun start at noon. All proceeds directly benefit scholarships for Stockton student veterans.

Colonel Kenneth R. Stow was instrumental in founding the administrative component of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey during its early years and supported the college with his time and talents. Colonel Stow served more than three decades in the U.S. Air Force. His wife, Dr. Jo Frances Stow, honors his memory each year through the Colonel Kenneth R. Stow Veterans Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to returning U.S. military veterans attending Stockton.

Thomas O'Donnell, assistant dean of students, said, "I am very proud to be a part of a college that is known for our Veteran Affairs initiatives. The money we raise for our brave men and women who serve this great nation allows them to continue their educational dreams and become outstanding leaders in our communities. Stockton leads the way by doing the right thing for our heroes."

Stockton's Office of Veteran Affairs provides comprehensive support for veterans and active service members to meet their unique academic needs. There are over 400 student veterans enrolled at Stockton College, and together they have an average GPA of 3.1.

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Stockton was first named a military-friendly school in 2011 by G.I. Jobs Magazine, which ranked Stockton in the top 12 percent of military-friendly schools in the nation. Today Stockton is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation as a Best for Vets College by the *Military Times*. Gov. Chris Christie designated Stockton as the first state college to offer the first pilot program for VETeach, which provides a path for veterans to become educators.

To register for the tournament, visit [www.stockton.edu/veteranaffairs](http://www.stockton.edu/veteranaffairs) or call Martha McGinnis at 609-652-4315.

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