

STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Stockton College's Veterans Day Ceremony to Include Dedication of Veterans Park

Presentation of Colors by Galloway Twp. Police, Taps, and Remarks by Provost Harvey Kesselman All Part of the Program

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Office of Veteran Affairs at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will honor the men and women who have served our country on **Thursday, November 11, 2010**. A complete ceremony of events will begin at 11:30 a.m. by the circle in front of the College's Arts and Sciences Building.

During a welcome ceremony, the Galloway Township Police Department's Color Guard will deliver a presentation of colors, and Tech Sergeant Susan Faucett of the 177th Fighter Wing will sing the national anthem. Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Stockton's provost and executive vice president, will offer opening remarks, and Becky Patterson, president of the Student Veterans Organization, will introduce the SVO's Executive Board.

The Color Guard will lead faculty, staff, students and all guests to the G-Wing Patio for a special ceremony.

Veterans Park, home to the College's war memorials, will be formally dedicated by Tom O'Donnell, assistant dean of students. The park is located next to the G-Wing patio. Amongst an arrangement of mums and flags are two monuments to honor veterans of the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Veterans Lounge, created earlier this year, overlooks Veterans Park.

Stockton's a capella group, Stockapella, will sing the national anthem and Colonel Kerry Gentry of the 177th Maintenance Group will share a few words. A memorial wreath will be laid beside the monuments in Veterans Park, and members of the SVO will read letters and poems written by veterans. The dedication of the park will conclude with taps.

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After the ceremony, a reception will be held in the upper G-Wing Lounge and a video presentation will be shown.

In preparation for Veterans Day, the Office of Veteran Affairs is distributing "I Served" pins to veteran students, faculty, staff and alumni and is asking all veterans to wear their pins during the week of Veterans Day.

Stockton's Office of Veteran Affairs was established in 2009. In the past year, the Office has hosted a military reintegration program for returning service members; opened a Veterans Lounge; held a well-attended three-day training session for those who work with veterans; and has served as a resource for student-veterans during a time when veteran-related enrollment has skyrocketed.

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