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## **El Camino College to Celebrate Veterans Day**

El Camino College has planned several events to honor veterans on campus and throughout the South Bay in commemoration of Veterans Day 2016.

Coordinated by the ECC Veterans Services Program, along with the Veterans Club, and sponsored by the Auxiliary Services Board, Student Development Office, and the Student Equity Office, the celebration will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 9 with a visit from the “Wall of Remembrance” near the ECC Library Lawn. This traveling memorial contains more than 10,550 names of those who have fallen to acts of terrorism.

Sponsored by the Placentia-based Rear Area Support Foundation, the wall was first displayed 10 years after Sept. 11, 2001 with a timeline from 1983 to August 2011 on one side. The other side listed the names of those lost on 9/11, in addition to U.S. military fallen from Afghanistan and Iraq. The wall now includes a timeline that runs through the recent events in San Bernardino. Visitors are invited to come to El Camino College to view this powerful memorial. The “Wall of Remembrance” will be available for viewing for two days, starting at 8 a.m. Nov. 9 and ending at 5 p.m. Nov. 10; it is free and open to the public.

Veterans Day activities continue at 1 p.m. Nov. 10 near the Library Lawn with an opening ceremony, followed by a panel discussion featuring veteran representatives from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Veterans will share their experiences and be available to answer questions.

“El Camino College is proud to honor our veterans and thank them for all they have done in their service to our country,” said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney. “The college’s extensive veteran services are designed to help our student veterans navigate the higher education process and achieve their goals. For those who have served our country, it is now our turn to serve and honor them.”

The El Camino College campus will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. However, the celebration extends through Nov. 12 when the El Camino College football team honors student veterans during halftime of their last conference game of the season against Long Beach City College. The game begins at 6 p.m. in Murdock Stadium. Free admission is offered to veterans and active military with ID.

El Camino College is approved as an institution of higher learning for veterans and veterans' dependents entitled to educational assistance. The Veterans Services Program aids veterans and eligible dependents in planning educational programs and maintaining compliance with Veterans Affairs regulations.

A variety of resources are available to veterans on the ECC campus, including a Veterans Resource Center, which offers access to computers, computer assistance, a study area, workshops, and referrals to a variety of resources, both at the college and in the community.

Staff members, including a new full-time veterans counselor, are available at the El Camino College Veterans Resource Center to help student veterans with paperwork regarding their educational benefits, as well as assist them in meeting their educational goals. Financial aid is available to qualified students.

For more information about veteran programs at El Camino College, go to [www.elcamino.edu](http://www.elcamino.edu) or call toll free 1-866-ELCAMINO.

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