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## **CORRECTION**

### **Veteran's Day Flag Raising on Thursday, November 10**

#### **College Honors Veterans**

*Continued recognition of the school's commitment to student veterans.*

##### **Veterans Day Activities**

**On Thursday, November 10, at 11:11 am**, a ceremony/flag raising will take place on the campus of South Seattle Community College to recognize Veterans Day. Throughout the day, the campus screens will feature a slideshow of South veterans and their family members who served. No classes are held November 11, but campus offices remain open and staffed.

Nearly 200 student veterans reflect and add to the rich diversity of South's student body. They come from all over the world, represent every branch of the military and, while they share some strong common bonds as veterans, all are following their individual paths to academic and career success.

##### **South a "Military Friendly School"**

For the second year in a row, South Seattle Community College has been designated by *G.I. Jobs* magazine as a "Military Friendly School" for 2011 - 2012 based on its role in accepting America's veterans as students.

*G.I. Jobs* polled more than 7,000 schools across the country to compile its "2012 Guide to Military Friendly Schools." Criteria for making the list included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students, and academic accreditations. The recognition honors the country's college and universities for their work in welcoming military veterans and enhancing their student experience.

The honor ranks South in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to embrace those who have served their country.

South was noted a good choice because of the college's experienced staff and personal commitment to ensure that each and every veteran that comes to South has all the means necessary to complete his or her academic goals.

See the entire list here: <http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/list-2012.aspx/>

### **Veterans Club Established**

South's Veterans Club welcomes anyone interested in supporting and learning more about veterans' issues. According to club president Ryan Shannon, a 29-year old former Army Ranger who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, nearly half the club's members are non-veterans, including family and dependents. Shannon is featured in public service announcements supporting the Washington Lottery's Hometown Heroes Raffle that benefits the Veterans Innovation Project (VIP).

### **Georgetown Program for Vets**

The Veterans in Construction Electrical (VICE) program, part of the Helmets to Hardhats initiative, is an accelerated apprenticeship program for transitioning veterans. It is a partnership between South's Georgetown Campus, the Puget Sound Electrical JATC (PSEJATC), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 46. To date, over 90 percent of veterans who completed their initial training have found employment in the electrical industry.

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