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Saddleback College Veterans Memorial Dedication to be Held on April 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Mission Viejo, CA – The Saddleback College Veterans Memorial Dedication will be held on Thursday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the most significant tribute to veterans at any college campus in our nation. Attendees will also have the opportunity to see the Veterans Education Transition Services (VETS) Center, a one-stop center devoted to helping our student veterans succeed.

“This will be a celebration not only for the men and women who proudly serve our country, but for everyone who has worked so hard, for so long on this memorial. It has been a lot of work, but it has all been worth it,” said Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College. “Saddleback College is proud to stand behind our veterans.”

In addition to honoring the service of our veterans and military personnel, the dedication will include a Color Guard, military band, official military recognition of a veteran, and raising of the American flag at the memorial. The flag is the first American flag that was flown over the United States Embassy in Vietnam, a gift from Chapter 785 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, which was obtained from Pete Peterson, the first U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam.

The concept for building the on-campus memorial began on Veterans Day 2004, when a Saddleback College committee met to talk about ways to permanently pay homage to veterans.

WHO: Saddleback College
WHAT: Veterans Memorial Dedication Celebration
WHERE: Saddleback College Quad - 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, California 92692
WHEN: Thursday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m.
WHY: To honor military veterans

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers over 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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