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Saddleback College VETS Program Presents
Veterans Resource Fair

Mission Viejo, CA – Saddleback College VETS Program will be hosting a Veterans Resource Fair on November 17th from 11:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. The event, developed to help Veterans connect with resources to achieve their educational and life goals after service, will take place on the Saddleback College Upper Campus Quad.

The Veterans Resource Fair will present an “all-in-one” opportunity for student Veterans to learn about the VETS program on campus including the VETS Center, the Veterans Club, Career and Life Development, EOPS, Special Programs and Services, CalWORKS, and the Transfer Center. Also presenting at the fair will be community organizations Laguna Hills VA OPC, AMVETS-Post 18, American Legion-Post 862, Veterans of Foreign Wars-Post 6024, Troops to Teachers, Military Personnel Law Center, OC Community Resources Veterans service Office, DAV, Center for Veterans Enterprise, and Insight Doctors.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “It’s an honor to bring such unique resources to our students and their families after their service in the military. As these students have served their country, it is our responsibility as an institution of higher learning to present them with all the information and assistance we can offer regarding their return to civilian life and academia. This fair will present not only educational options and opportunities to these men and women, but also valuable social, financial and community based resources as well.”

“The VETS Program and the upcoming Veterans Resource Fair” says student, VETS team member and Army Veteran, Ann Reeder, “are truly unique to Saddleback College and prove to be a tremendous asset in increasing awareness of services designed to
improve family reunification, transitions, and successful reintegration for our military and veteran community.”

Terence C Nelson, M.Ed. M.S. Assistant Dean of Counseling Services and Special Programs and VETS Director commented “The Veterans Resource Fair is one small way that Saddleback College and our VETS Program can show our appreciation to US military Veterans in our community for their sacrifices. The first step in a successful transition back to civilian and college life is acquiring the knowledge of what is available for you. Our aim is to bridge existing support services on our campus and in the community with those who dearly need them. The nation’s community colleges must play a role in supporting the transition and reintegration process of our returning Veterans.”

With a vision to become the model Veterans program in post secondary education, the Saddleback College VETS Program was developed to provide current or prospective Saddleback College students who are United States military Veterans, active military, and their families with access to educational opportunities and the necessary support services to reach academic success, their career goals, and transition back into civilian life. Student Veterans are aided by specialty Veterans Counselors, a Veterans Outreach Department, a student “Roadmap to Success” awareness events such as the Veterans Resource Fair and Orange County community ties.

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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