Bakersfield College Celebrates Veterans Week

November 6th through 9th

Bakersfield College is pleased to announce that Veteran’s Week will begin on Monday, November 6th and will continue through Thursday, November 9th. This week is dedicated to show honor and appreciation to all current and past members of the Armed Forces who have given their time and service to defending our country’s freedoms. The following events will be held throughout the week:

Sunday, November 5th
- Volunteers and BC Staff will plant small American Flags and yellow ribbons throughout various locations on the BC campus.

Monday, November 6th
- Veterans Community Leader Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Renegade Room. Reservation only.
- Veterans in the Classroom – Professional Development Training – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Levan Center. Faculty and Staff only.
  - This training will focus on how veterans, in particular those with PTSD and TBI, learn in the classroom. This will be taught by J.R. Browning, MSW, combat veteran who is now a counselor at the Bakersfield Vet Center. He also started the Veterans Club here at BC in 2011.

Tuesday, November 7th
- Support our Troops – Care Package Drop Zone at BC (more information to follow)

Wednesday, November 8th
- Women Veterans Summit – Distinguished Speaker Series: Women in Combat, Elizabeth Perez-Halperin – 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome.
- Public unveiling of new Veterans Resource Center – 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of the Assessment Center (more information to follow)

Thursday, November 9th
- Fifth Annual Vet Fest – Campus event to honor and show appreciation to all current and past members of the Armed Forces at Bakersfield College. Join us for free food, music, and gain access to necessary resources vital to student success. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the area in front of the CSS Building, Counseling Center. All are welcome!
  - Vet Fest has grown from a small event to one with over 20 vendors, a keynote speaker and a live band! The keynote speaker is Dr. Denita Oyeka, combat wounded Army female veteran. The Veterans Club president, Cristian Gutierrez, will MC the event. He is a Marine combat veteran, uses a service dog, and is a STEM major.

Come join us this week to remember and express gratitude to the men and women of the Armed Forces. The public is welcome.