

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## **Stockton Establishes Office of Veteran Affairs To Aid In Outreach To Student Veterans and Active Military Students**

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**Galloway Township, NJ**—The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey announced that it is significantly increasing its outreach efforts to student veterans and active military students. The newly established Office of Veteran Affairs, under the auspices of the Office of the Dean of Students in the Division of Student Affairs, is designed to assist student veterans and active service members with their unique academic needs.

“A primary mission of the office is to guide Stockton veterans and active service members to a variety of services that may benefit them and help them to connect with one another,” explained Dr. Joseph J. Marchetti, Vice President for Student Affairs. The College offers assistance with educational benefits through the Office of Financial Aid as well as counseling services in its Wellness Center. A dedicated listserv is planned as well as a Web-based “meeting space” in the College’s *goStockton* portal.

“We are reaching out to our veterans and active service members to start a Stockton Student Club,” said Dr. Thomasa Gonzalez, Dean of Students. “We will have receptions and guest speakers and will incorporate community assistance from local VFW and American Legion posts.”

Stockton has a long history of assisting its student veterans, including a large population of students who returned from the Vietnam War in the early 1970s, noted Jeanne Lewis, Director of Financial Aid. “These students connected socially. Our Vietnam-veteran students found each other in the Financial Aid Office. From those meetings, came a very active student-veterans club.”

Students who are veterans or active service members may contact Patrick Shields, Coordinator of the Office of Veteran Affairs in G-223 or by calling 609-652-4987.

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