## Richard Stockton College to Host Military Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program to Area Servicemembers

Workshops and Seminars Will Help Returning Servicemembers of the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and 108<sup>th</sup> Air Wing and Their Families

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** On **Saturday, September 18, 2010**, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host a Military Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. The event and child care registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Elizabeth B. Alton Auditorium (A-Wing).

Servicemembers of the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and the 108<sup>th</sup> Air Wing and their families are expected to participate in the reintegration program, which is designed to help servicemembers and their families transition from military service to civilian life. Workshops, informational vendors and guest lectures are scheduled throughout the morning and afternoon. Topics that will be covered include managing post-deployment finances, coping, post-deployment family conflicts and the transition to civilian life.

Returning to a civilian lifestyle after active duty service presents physical, emotional and financial obstacles. The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program is a national effort by the Department of Defense e afe a.92(t)-71ififtfi [(f)r [(D)3 [(D)b9(l)3(e af6(a)11(m)o(o)11(f)-72lo12 y)-2h

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**About the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**: The 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, located in Atlantic City, is a New Jersey Air National Guard F-16 fighter unit with both a Federal and State Mission. Their Federal mission is to provide alert aircraft and crews to respond to airborne threats in NORAD's Eastern Area Defense Sector, to train and deploy combat-ready citizen-airmen, aircraft and equipment for worldwide operations in support of US Air Force objectives, and to operate and maintain the Warren Grove Weapons Range. Their state mission to support the citizens of New Jersey includes providing a Quick Reaction Force, emergency management expertise, crash/fire/rescue support, an explosive ordnance disposal team, HAZMAT response team and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training and response.

This past spring, the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing deployed an entire aviation package—to include aircraft, equipment and 280 personnel—to 5 0 Td (—)Tj -0.002 83(aj )-6(e0 Td [(ht))3(s)-2()11()]TJ(g)-11(oy1(ht))3 Tl