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Allegheny County, CCAC, Courts Partner to Offer Veterans Symposium

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny County, the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), and the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania have partnered together to offer a Veterans Symposium on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14, 2014 at CCAC's Allegheny Campus Foerster Student Service Center. The one-day event will offer sessions on a variety of topics, includes a morning keynote address, a lunchtime panel discussion on Finding Success After Service, and will have the participation of over 30 organization resource tables including companies seeking veteran employees.

“One of the County’s greatest assets is our veterans. Their service spans decades and their interests vary just as much as their service does,” said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. “This Veterans Symposium is intended to provide a broad spectrum of information to our veterans, regardless of their age or interests. Thanks to this partnership with CCAC and Courts, we have a wealth of information and resources to share with those men and women who served our country.”

The Veterans Symposium will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. A formal opening ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m. Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Bart Womack, and author, will address the group about “Flag Day, Veterans and Trust.” Break out sessions on employment, entrepreneurship, benefits, mental health, education and legal issues will be held in the morning and afternoon, and resource tables from area veterans organizations or employers will be set up during those same time periods. The highlight of the day will be a luncheon panel discussion on “Finding Success After Service” with veteran entrepreneurs Richard Behana of Private Lender Nexus and Michael Cherock of AE Works. Lunch will be provided free of charge to participants.

“With one of the highest veteran student populations in the region, the Community College of Allegheny County is continually striving to assist our nations’ veterans both in and outside the classroom,” said CCAC President Quintin B. Bullock. “Veterans often face unique challenges when transitioning from military to civilian life. CCAC is honored to partner with the Allegheny County Executive, veterans organizations, healthcare providers and other institutions to host this important symposium designed to help veterans get the valuable information they need to prepare and address their career, academic, financial, physical and social needs.”

The event is open to the public and free of charge. Although not required, pre-registration is encouraged by calling 412-350-6109, or by visiting www.alleghenycounty.us/veterans/events.aspx#symposium and registering online. Additional information including the draft program and a full list of participating organizations can also be found on the website.

Judge John A. Zottola, Supervising Judge of the Allegheny County Veterans Court was integral in the planning of the symposium and bringing together many veterans organizations in the sessions being offered: “This symposium is another example of collaboration among entities to ensure that our veterans receive the opportunities and services of which they are truly deserving.”

Limited parking is available in the CCAC parking lot located on Ridge Avenue across from West Park near the intersection of Ridge and Brighton Avenues; limited parking is also available on nearby streets. Additionally, several Port Authority bus lines as well as the subway serve the Allegheny Campus including the 14 Ohio Valley (serves Allegheny Station), 18 Manchester (serves the campus), 13 Bellevue (serves West North & Brighton), 15 Charles (serves West North & Brighton) and the 16 Brighton (serves West North & Brighton). For information on Saturday morning schedules for either bus or subway service, visit www.portauthority.org.

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