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## **PBCC Honors Veterans**

(Lake Worth, Fla. - Oct. 30, 2007) Veterans Day events become fewer each year, but Palm Beach Community College continues to honor those who have served our country. This year's celebration of service will be held Thursday, November 8, at 11 a.m. in the Duncan Theatre at PBCC at Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave.

"This annual event gives the College an opportunity to show honor and respect to the veterans who defend our nation and help us have the freedom to offer our community a quality education," said Dr. Helen Franke, chairperson for the College's In Service of America committee that has organized the event.

Keynote speaker, United States Air Force Lt. Col. Andrea Begel, is currently assigned to the Joint Staff in the Pentagon as a policy planner for the Iraq division in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate. Her active duty status allows her a fresh perspective on current events, as well as the importance of our veterans. The events of 9-11 are especially personal to Begel as she was at the Pentagon that day.

"The biggest impact 9-11 has had on me was seeing the resolve of the American people behind us. I expected the military to respond the way we did because that's our mission. I was incredibly moved by the way our population banded together and bravely faced the challenges in front of us."

Begel says the highlight of her career has been the daily experiences with the airmen, Marines, sailors and soldiers she serves with all over the world. "I couldn't find a better team," Begel said.

That team is also being honored through student and employee artwork that will be displayed at the event. Members of the American Legion 11th District will present several scholarships to PBCC students who've served their country. The Veteran Endowed Scholarship Fund was established through the generosity of PBCC-related veterans, their families and the local American Legion.

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