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Veterans Day Observance Recognizes Families' Sacrifices

(Oct. 20, 2005 – Lake Worth) At a time when many Americans have family members fighting overseas, staff and faculty at Palm Beach Community College will have an opportunity to publicly recognize their own family members who have served the United States. On Nov. 10 "In Service to America" will honor those who've served. The ceremony will recognize PBCC students who've served as well as the children and other family members of PBCC staff who are currently in Iraq and Afghanistan. The public is invited to attend at 1 p.m. in the District Board of Trustees conference room in the Continuing Education building, Room 129, at PBCC at Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave.

Jeanette Horn, chair of the PBCC Foundation Board, will recognize those who have contributed to the flag fund to meet state requirements to place flags in each classroom. The flag donated by retired PBCC staffer Barbara Bartels of Boynton Beach in honor of her late husband Grant Bartels, a World War II veteran who died in 2002, will be framed in its tri-fold shape and hung in the District Board of Trustees conference room. The Bartels met at PBCC (he was chief of security) and were married almost 30 years; the donated flag from the U.S. government draped his coffin.

The American Legion 11th District will also be on hand to present four 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; donations continue to be accepted to pay tuition costs for students who have served in the armed forces. The PBCC Criminal Justice Academy will provide the honor guard, the PBCC Troubadours will perform, and the service will close with a bagpipe tribute to veterans.

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