

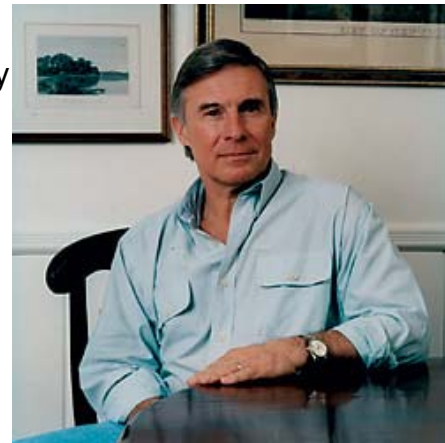
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Medal of Honor recipient to speak at Veterans' Day Celebration

(Lake Worth, Fla. - Oct. 19, 2006) Medal of Honor recipient Paul "Buddy" Bucha will be the keynote speaker at Palm Beach Community College's Veterans' Day celebration.

Themed "In Service of America— Lest We Forget," the celebration will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 9, at the Duncan Theatre at PBCC in Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave. The College will pay tribute to all military personnel as well as emergency service workers, including law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics. This event is open to the public.

Bucha, one of only 60 surviving Vietnam veterans to receive the nation's highest military honor, was awarded the medal for "his extraordinary heroism, inspirational example, outstanding leadership and professional competence" during a March 16-18, 1968 battle in which he led the company he commanded in the Army's 101st Airborne Division "in the decimation of a superior enemy force" in Vietnam near Phuoc Vinh. Despite being wounded, Bucha crawled through heavy enemy fire to single-handedly destroy a machine-gun bunker that had his company pinned down; led the medical evacuation of three helicopter-loads of seriously wounded troops and led a rescue party to recover the dead and wounded members of his company.



Bucha, who earned a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a master's degree in business from Stanford University, is also a successful businessman. He currently is the president and CEO of Terra Mark LLC, which was established to pursue real estate projects in environmentally sensitive areas such as waterfront and mountain terrain. He also is president of Paul W. Bucha and Company, Inc., an international management and marketing consulting firm with emphasis on trade with firms and organizations interested in selling U.S. products and services overseas or exporting products and services to the U.S.

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"The committee here at the College has worked hard to put together a program to truly honor those who have served our nation," said Dr. Helen Franke, who is chairing the In Service of America committee.

Student and employee artwork honoring those who serve will be displayed and the winners of the Art Contest will be announced during 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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