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College of the Desert to Honor Veterans on Nov. 9

PALM DESERT, CA — College of the Desert's (COD) Student Veterans Organization (SVO) will host its ninth annual COD Veterans Day Ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.

The public and media are welcome to attend the free event in the COD amphitheatre – located just beyond the college's main entrance between the Cravens Student Services Center and the Communication building.

The presentation will include the history of Veterans Day and each of the Armed Forces. Service flags of the five branches of service will be on display to honor those who have served in the military.

Participating in the ceremony will be Tony Clerk, the college's Student Veterans Organization Co-Advisor and Director of TRiO Veterans Services. Clerc is an Army veteran and an alumnus of College of the Desert. In 2008, he returned to COD to share what he had learned during his military service, at college and teaching abroad.

College of the Desert has about 400 veterans, military reservists, National Guard and veterans' dependents.

The BIGHORN Golf Charities Veterans Resource Center opened in August 2012 for the college's student veterans to obtain information, study, access computers and a printer, and to meet their fellow veterans and have a feeling of camaraderie.

College of the Desert's Student Veterans Organization is a proud chapter of the national Student Veterans of American Organization. The college's SVO meetings are held in the BIGHORN Golf Club Charities Veterans Resource Center.

DETAILS ON HOW TO COVER IT LIVE

The media is welcome to cover our Veterans Day Ceremony. Please let me know by 4 p.m. Wednesday if you'd like to join us so that I can help you find the key people involved in the event. Feel free to call me on the cell phone at (760) 848-8230.

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About College of the Desert:

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 15,000 students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit <u>www.collegeofthedesert.edu</u>.