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Each year in the month of November, the [Maricopa Community Colleges](#) honor active duty military and veteran members of our communities with events at many of our ten colleges.

At Veteran Services Centers at each college, and the [East Valley Veterans Education Center](#), active duty and veteran students can find academic and college success advising, career re-entry planning, and peer support.

Currently, [Chandler-Gilbert](#), [South Mountain](#), [Scottsdale](#), [Glendale](#), [Rio Salado](#) and [Mesa Community Colleges](#) are designated Arizona Veteran Supportive Campuses.



The following events are free and open to the public.

Chandler-Gilbert Community College

- Date: Thurs., Nov. 3, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Location: Agave Hall Community Room and Courtyard, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, 2626 E Pecos Rd, Chandler

The public is welcome to the [8th Annual Veterans Resource Expo](#), showcasing college and community resources, career, and educational opportunities for veterans.

Guest speaker Sgt. Gerry Jones, USMC, renowned architect and co-founder of the Town of Carefree, will share his story of service as a Marine in World War II and Korea.

GateWay Community College

- Date: Mon., Nov. 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Copper Room/IE1302, GateWay Community College, 108 N. 40th St., Phoenix

[GateWay to the Arts](#), in honor of Veterans Day and in cooperation with the GateWay Veterans Center and the United States Navy, presents “The Flying Fleet”.

Join our military and color guard guests of honor as we screen this classic silent film from 1929. This event is free and open to the public.

Park in west lot off of 38th Street across from the Copper Room, located in the Integration Education building, or ride the Light Rail to the GateWay Community College stop.

Glendale Community College

- Date: Thurs., Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Location: Central Mall, Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., Glendale

Glendale Community College honors veterans and commemorates Pearl Harbor on Nov. 10. with displays, special guest speakers, dedications, and refreshments.

Estrella Mountain Community College

- Date: Fri., Nov. 11, beginning at 8 a.m.
- Location: Estrella Mountain Community College, 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale, AZ 85392

Veterans Day ceremonies at [Estrella Mountain Community College](#) (EMCC), in collaboration with the EMCC student Veterans Club, begin Fri., Nov. 11 with a family fun event and fitness challenge 5K run at 8 a.m., followed by ceremonies and a pancake breakfast prepared by EMCC culinary students.

The festivities will include performances by EMCC dance students, patriotic displays from area veteran groups, and a formal ceremony that includes speakers from Luke Air Force Base.

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the development of The West Valley Center for Military & Veteran Success, a Veteran Success Project initiative.

Breakfast is \$5 per person, free for veterans and their families with military identification. Breakfast is also included as part of the registration cost for Fitness Fun Run participants.

Run registration is \$25 for military, veterans, and those that pre-register online through October 26.

Event day registration is \$35. Register by October 26 to be guaranteed a free event performance t-shirt and bag full of giveaways. Visit [here](#) for more information and to register.

Paradise Valley Community College

Location: 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix

Flag Raising Ceremony

- Date: Mon., Nov. 7, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- Location: Outside A building

Opening remarks from PVCC Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Veronica Garcia, followed by the National Anthem performed by PVCC administrative assistant Aliceann Lunceford, the raising of the American flag by the USMC recruiting office Honor Guard, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the PVCC Veterans Club.

Annual Veterans Appreciation BBQ

- Date: Wed., Nov. 9, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Location: KSC Courtyard

\$5 donation, free for veterans and families with military identification. Proceeds benefit the Veterans Club support activities. The menu features hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and water.

Phoenix College

- Date: Wed., Nov. 9, 2016, 7:30 a.m. to noon
- Location: Phoenix College, 1202 W Thomas Rd, Phoenix

Flag Raising Ceremony and Reception

- Time: 7:30 a.m.
- Location: Hannelly Center

Members of the Marine Corps Honor Guard will perform an early morning flag raising followed by a coffee and doughnut reception inside of the college's Hannelly Center. Free and open to the public.

Veteran Summit

- Time: 11:00 a.m.
- Location: Hacienda Room

Veteran students from across the Maricopa Community Colleges District are invited to attend PC's annual Veteran Summit.

Each year, the college invites local experts to provide veteran students with the tools they need to transition from the military



to college to the workforce. Free and open to MCCC students.

Veteran Appreciation Fair

- Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Location: Sophomore Square

The community is invited to help us say “thanks” to our veterans. The Veteran Appreciation Fair will include fun, games, and food, as well as several employers on-site who are interested in hiring veterans. Free and open to the public.

Mesa Community College

- Date: Thurs., Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Location: Center Courtyard, Southern & Dobson campus, 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa

Mesa Community College honors all the men and women who have served our country.

On Thurs., Nov. 10, local organizations will share information on educational, recreational, and volunteer opportunities in the community 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local band Struck Match will perform and take requests from veterans from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Michael Somsan, a veteran and blind ironman, will tell his inspirational story and speak with attendees about his experiences and athletic accomplishments from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. A Marine Corps birthday cake cutting will take place at 12:15 p.m.

Scottsdale Community College

- Date: Thurs. Nov. 10, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: Two Waters Circle, Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E. Chaparral Road, Scottsdale.

Scottsdale Community College invites veterans, students and the community to a recognition ceremony for current and former military members as part of its Veterans Day celebration, Thurs., Nov. 10, 2016. Veterans will be saluted with honor, respect, and gratitude. Light refreshments will be served.



South Mountain Community College

- Date: Thurs., Nov. 10, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Location: South Mountain Community Library, South Mountain Community College, 7050 S 24th St., Phoenix

South Mountain Community College hosts a Veterans Storytelling Event featuring South Mountain's post-9/11 Veterans telling their personal stories in their own words.

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