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California Community Colleges Deputy Chancellor Erik Skinner to Help Launch Two-Day Veterans Summit III in Newport Beach

- ❖ **Who:** California Community Colleges Deputy Chancellor [Erik Skinner](#) will help welcome attendees to Veterans Summit III, which is aimed at improving services for student veterans in the California Community Colleges.
- ❖ **What:** The two-day Veterans Summit III will provide faculty, counselors and staff valuable information on how to best serve student veterans. Some of the topics include academic counseling, apprenticeship opportunities for veterans, serving female veterans, best practices in Veterans Resource Centers and postsecondary degree attainment through credit for prior learning.
- ❖ **When:** **Thursday, Dec. 5 (10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) through Friday, Dec. 6 (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.)**
 - The keynote address on Dec. 5 will be given at 1 p.m. by Chabot –Las Positas Community College District Chancellor [Dr. Jannett Jackson](#), who is a retired colonel with the California Army National Guard and a veteran of the Persian Gulf and Iraq wars.
 - The keynote address on Dec. 6 will be given at 1 p.m. by [Assemblymember Rocky Chavez](#) (R – Carlsbad), a retired colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps.
- ❖ **Where:** Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa
900 Newport Center Dr.
Newport Beach, CA 92660
Chancellor Harris is available for one-on-one interview to discuss how the system is addressing issues facing veterans. Contact Paige Marlatt Dorr to schedule an interview time.
- ❖ **Why:** Nearly 40 percent of all California veterans receiving GI educational benefits attend a California community college for workforce training, to earn an associate degree or to work toward transferring to a four-year university. However, with the growing numbers of veterans entering the system's 112 campuses and the re-entry challenges many of them face, colleges have recognized the need to expand support services to help veterans successfully integrate into civilian and college life. This summit helps identify the resources available and how to connect these services with those student-veterans in need.
- ❖ **More:** The summit is jointly sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges and the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Veterans Summit III is supported by a generous donation from JP Morgan Chase and the Land of the Free Foundation. For a schedule of events visit <http://www.veteranssummit.org/documents/agenda.pdf>.

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