Porterville College held a dedication ceremony for its new Veterans Resource Center on Nov. 7. The ceremony included a tribute to all veterans. The center was made possible by donations from community members and organizations.

Porterville College honored 28 cadets at the Fire Fighter I Academy Class #31 graduation, held in the PC gymnasium on Nov. 13. Congratulations the Fire Fighter I Academy Class #31: Felix Arreguin, Amanda Barbosa, Johnnie Barrones, Lawrence Burgett, Reginnel Calo, Carlos Cervantes, Jesus De-La-Cruz, Tyler Doyle, Courtland Duckworth, Zane Duvall, Darrel Garcia, Gonzalo Garcia, Jordan Gentry, Brandon Gresham, Gerardo Hernandez, Trevor Jones, Joshua Mendez, Elias Olivares, Andrew Paredes, Jose Ramos, Humberto Ruiz, Mikal Sanchez, Scott Scheline, Angel Silva, Donald Smith, Zagar Snodgrass, Raul Tapia and Cliff Wiggins. For more information on the Fire Academy graduation see page 4.

Campus Calendar

January
17- Saturday classes begin for spring semester.
19- Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday - campus closed.
20- Regular spring instruction begins.

February
13- Lincoln Day holiday- campus closed
16- Washington Day holiday - campus closed

March
7- Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner. For more information see page 8.

Fireline Safety Awareness for Baked Vendors
March 14, 21, 28 & April 11 & 25, 2015
Fee: $70.00
The Fire Technology Department of Porterville College in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and CAL FIRE is pleased to offer the course “Fireline Safety Awareness for Baked Vendors”.

This one-day training is required annually for operators of privately-owned equipment contracted to respond to active wildland fires with the State of California (CAL FIRE) and/or the United States Forest Service.

$350.00 is required to cover the fee/registration. Please bring a $50.00 check for the total fee. All checks must be made payable to Porterville College. Non-refundable. No walk ins will be accepted. Class size is limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We anticipate that classes will fill quickly, so don’t delay. Please register as soon as you can.

To register, call the Porterville College Business Office of call 559-781-2482.
Organizing and maintaining the Fire Award for their dedication to Darrel Garcia were given the Volunteer Award. Brandon Gresham and Donald Smith.

Cliff Wiggins and Brandon Gresham were also the recipients of the Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship at the graduation ceremony on Nov. 13. These awards were given in memory of Porterville Fire Department Captain Jim Gentry who established the Porterville Fire College Fire Academy in 1983, and led the Academy until passing away suddenly on Veterans Day in 1991. Jim was also well known throughout the community as an artist who donated his talents to such projects as painting backdrops for the Barn Theatre, as well as teaching art classes at Porterville College.

The Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship was started by the Gentry family, but is now totally supported by the recycling of cans and bottles by individual members of the Porterville Fire Department, their families and friends and students attending fire technology classes at the Porterville Fire Department Training Facility.

Recognition/Award - Class Battalion Chief - Amanda Barbosa
Class Battalion Chief - Cliff Wiggins
Company Captain - Jose Ramos
Company Captain - Reggimel Calo
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Class Leadership – Reggimel Calo
Top Student Award - Lawrence Burgett
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PC Fire Academy Graduation
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Cadets Amanda Barbosa and Cliff Wiggins were recognized for serving as the class “Battalion Chiefs”. On top of completing all other training and study required of Fire Academy Cadets, the class Battalion Chiefs assumes the additional responsibility of maintaining class decorum, lining the class up for inspection each day, assigning equipment set-up tasks, leading the class in all classroom and field training activities and assisting the instructional staff as needed. Wiggins is a veteran who is currently a Reserve for the City of Porterville Fire Department. Barbosa is a Reserve Firefighter for the City of Dinuba.

Recognition was also given to six cadets for serving as “Company Captains” under Barbosa and Wiggins. They are Jose Ramos, Reggimel Calo, Carlos Cervantes, Mikal Sanchez, Donald Smith and Scott Scheline.

Each year, by secret ballot, the Cadets select a class member who they felt went “above and beyond the call of duty” in assisting others with hand-on skills practice, classroom study or in other ways during the difficult and rigorous 15 week Academy. Reggimel Calo was overwhelming selected for the “Class Leadership” award by his fellow cadets.

Per State Fire Marshal rules, all cadets in our SFM Accredited Fire Academy must score at least 80% on each written examination and there is much competition among Cadets to have the highest overall score at the end of the Academy. Receiving the “Top Score” award this year was Lawrence Burgett with an overall score of 99.43.

Cliff Wiggins was given the class “Allegiance Award” for presenting the colors and leading the flag salute each day, as he also did during the graduation ceremony. Brandon Gresham and Darrel Garcia were given the “Volunteer Award” for their dedication to organizing and maintaining the Fire Academy trailers and equipment. Zakary Snodgrass was given the “Can do, Sir, Award” for his willingness and dedication to assist the staff and cadets during the course of the Fire Academy.

Graduation took place during Veterans Day week, and two cadets were recognized for their military service. They are Cliff Wiggins and Donald Smith.

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SPRING 2015 FREE PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

WORKSHOPS ARE BROUGHT TO THE PUBLIC BY THE PORTERVILLE JOB, ENTREPRENEUR, & CAREER (JEC) CENTER, EOPS, AND CALWORKS

JANUARY
JAN. 27 - PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE [CTE CAREER READINESS], 3:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM CT 1304
JAN. 28 - BUDGETING BASICS SERIES (PRESENTED BY BANK OF THE SIERRA), 9:00 - 10:00 AM, ROOM FA 101
JAN. 29 - MONEY SMART SERIES (PRESENTED BY FINANCE AND THRIFT), 5:30 - 6:30 PM, ROOM SM 102

FEBRUARY
FEB. 16 - LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES, 2:30 - 3:00 PM, ROOM CT 1304
FEB. 17 - BETTER FOOD FOR BETTER LIVING SERIES (PRESENTED BY CALFRESH), 9:30 - 6:30 PM, ROOM SM 102
FEB. 18 - GOAL SETTING 101, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, ROOM FA 101
FEB. 18 - RESUME BUILDER, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

MARCH
MARCH 4 - HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, ROOM FA 101
MARCH 4 - THE ETHICS OF RIGHT AND WRONG, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM TI 13
MARCH 9 - GOAL SETTING 101, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, ROOM LRC 513
MARCH 11 - BETTER FOOD FOR BETTER LIVING SERIES [PRESENTED BY CALFRESH], 10:00 - 11:00 AM, FA 101
MARCH 11 - LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, FA 101
MARCH 16 - HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM AC 105
MARCH 14 - COMMUNICATION IN RELATIONSHIPS, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM SM 102
MARCH 24 - COMMUNICATION IN RELATIONSHIPS, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, ROOM SM 102
MARCH 28 - THE ETHICS OF RIGHT AND WRONG, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM CT 1304

APRIL
APRIL 8 - RESUME BUILDER, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A
APRIL 16 - RESUME BUILDER, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A
APRIL 20 - RESUME BUILDER, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A
APRIL 29 - RESUME BUILDER, 8:00 - 9:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

MAY
MAY 4 - RESUME BUILDER, 7:30 - 8:30 AM, COMPUTER COMMONS A
MAY 4 - PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE [CTE CAREER READINESS], 6:00 - 7:00 PM, ROOM SM 102

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March 7, 2015
River Island Country Club
Porterville, Calif.

5:30 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Tickets are $50 each,
$275 table of six,
$350 table of eight

Evening will feature inductions into both the PC Athletic Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Call (559) 791-2319 for more information