

# QUINCY COLLEGE

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## **Quincy College continues Memorial Day tradition of honoring Southeastern Massachusetts Veterans**

*Open-to-Public Events to be held in Plymouth on April 26h and in Quincy of May 3rd*

**SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE (140 Characters): Quincy College to honor #southshore #Veterans & Veteran #Students w/ Memorial Day Commemoration Events on 4.26 & 5.3 in #Plymouth & #Quincy**

**Quincy, MA (4/20/17):** To honor and recognize the veteran community ahead of Memorial Day, Quincy College's Military and Veteran Services Department will host Memorial Day Commemoration events for veterans, their families, and the military service community on the South Shore.

The events will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at the Plymouth Campus (36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA) and on Wednesday, May 3rd at the Quincy Campus Lower Level Conference Room (1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA). Both events will start at Noon.

The public is encouraged but not required to RSVP for the Quincy College Memorial Day Commemoration Events on either the Quincy or Plymouth campuses. To RSVP or for more information, visit: <https://qcmemorialday2017.splashthat.com>.

The Memorial Day Commemoration Events on both campuses will include the presentation of ceremonial colors, a singing of the National Anthem, the laying of a memorial wreath, guest speakers, student speakers, as well as a flag folding at the conclusion of the event.

Plymouth VFW Post 1822 will present the ceremonial colors in Plymouth and Norfolk County Sheriff's Office will present the ceremonial colors in Quincy. A POW table ceremony will be conducted in Quincy by Former Marine and Quincy College student, Peter Eleey. DC1 Timothy Morgan and QM1 Thomas Sanborn, Navy personnel from Plymouth Naval Recruiting Office will perform the Flag Folding Ceremony at the Quincy College at Plymouth Campus. GTSM1 Drue Earwood and AO1 Randy Barroso from the Quincy Navy Recruiting Office will perform the Flag Folding Ceremony in Quincy.

Jesse G. Brown, Co-Founder and President of Heidrea for Heroes will be speaking at the Plymouth Memorial Day event. Mr. Brown is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served from 1995-1999 as a Field Radio Operator. His stations included Okinawa, Japan; Camp Pendleton in the 1st Marine Division, and the USS Anchorage as part of Operation Southern Watch. Jesse enlisted in the service directly out of high school, ended his military career as Sergeant, and following his transition back to civilian life he began a career in the wireless industry. He co-founded Heidrea Communications LLC where he is currently the Director of Operations.

Dan O'Neill, Founder, CEO, and President of Advanced Data Risk Management will be speaking at the Quincy Memorial Day event. Mr. O'Neill has over 20 years of security consulting experience dedicated to managing risk and protecting the lives of others during emergency situations. In 2001, he founded and served as the Chairman, President and CEO of Applied Risk Management (ARM) where he led security engagements for clients throughout the world including Europe, South America, Asia and the Middle East. Notable clients included Logan Airport, Harvard University, MIT, the Empire State Building, U.S. Embassies around the world, Level 4 biosafety laboratories capable of housing the Ebola virus and worldwide military bases. He successfully sold ARM in 2011, and subsequently started a new company called Advanced Data Risk Management (ADRM). Mr. O'Neill is a Former Captain in the United States Army, an Honor Graduate - US Army Ranger School and a Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award Recipient.

Quincy College veteran students will also be speaking at the Quincy College Memorial Day events. On the Plymouth Campus, Allan Bonham Brooks, Marine Corps veteran and General Studies major will be speaking. On the Quincy Campus, Michael Falcione, Air Force veteran and Business major will be speaking.

In addition to the Commemoration events, decorating the walls at both Quincy College campuses are banners throughout its campus buildings in honor of deceased veterans and fallen soldiers who have dedicated their lives in service to our country. College faculty, staff and students were encouraged to submit the names of their loved ones who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Christopher Breton, Military/Veterans Specialist for Quincy College veteran students and their dependents elaborates on the importance of this event for Quincy College and the veteran community, both within the institution and outside the institution: "Quincy College continues to honor our veterans each and every year; holding commemorative events in both Quincy and Plymouth to pay homage to those Armed Forces Members who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country as well as deceased veterans. As a community, the College comes together to remember, reflect, and thank those who have served our country. Each year, we add more banners to our walls in memory of a United States Armed Forces Member. It is in these gestures that we demonstrate respect for our current veteran students and the local area veterans. We are grateful to the many individuals who participate in this moving event, including Plymouth VFW Post 1822, Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, our Guest Speakers, and Quincy College staff, students, and faculty."

Quincy College Office of Military and Veteran Services serves those who have served and continue to serve today, providing personalized assistance to all veterans, veteran dependents, and active duty military acquiring the various educational programs that they

may be qualified for. Quincy College assists veteran students in getting benefits outside of the classroom such as VA disability services, welcome home bonus, health and welfare services, as well as guiding students throughout the entire process.

"Our veteran students bring so much to the diverse student population here at Quincy College. It is an honor to recognize veterans both in the community and here at the college," Karen Connick, Academic Services Specialist, Quincy College at Plymouth, and Army Reserve Officer.

Through the Quincy College Veterans Discount Program, Veterans may enroll in either Liberal Arts or Professional Programs classes at a discounted rate. Veterans are eligible for this reduced rate regardless of the number of courses they take in a semester. The veteran discount program is not funded by the state or federal government; therefore, veterans who are eligible for education benefits through the VA may also receive the Quincy College discounted rate.

Quincy College offers a wide range of support for its large military and veteran student body. Having been recognized as a Military Friendly School for the sixth year by *GI Jobs Magazine*, Quincy College prides itself on the personalized assistance it provides to veterans and veteran dependents. For more information about the Military and Veterans Services available at Quincy College, please visit the [program's website](#).

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## ABOUT QUINCY COLLEGE

*Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 25 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area, South Shore, Cape and the Islands, as well as 121 countries around the world.*

*For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)*