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VETERANS DAY FLAG CELEBRATION

Culinary Arts instructor and United States Air force veteran Phil Carey, left, reads a declaration and facts about a special flag that flew in Iraq before it is raised Nov. 11 during a special Veterans Day ceremony on the Ankeny Campus. Army specialist veteran Jason Killam, center, and Marine corporal Mark Rech also participated in the event. DMACC Adjunct Math Instructor Captain Chris McClure, of the 103rd ESC, serving in Iraq, sent home the flag that was flown over the 103rd Sustainment Command Expeditionary Headquarters at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. He requested that the flag be flown on Veterans Day to honor all those who have served and are serving in the war. This flag and an accompanying certificate will be placed in a display cabinet and kept at DMACC to enable the College to fly the flag every year on Veterans Day.

Killam, a Liberal Arts students, left, and Rech, a Culinary Arts student, raise the flag outside Building 7 near the DMACC Ankeny Campus Lake.

SUPPORT THE IOWA TROOPS CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY

DMACC President Rob Denson talks about a partnership among DMACC, Walmart and Mediacom to send a few of the comforts of home to Iowa soldiers who are serving overseas this holiday season. Through the effort, called Support Our Troops, DMACC, Walmart and Mediacom are inviting people to donate small household, personal and entertainment items that will be shipped to Iowans who are serving in the national and air guard overseas. Salute Our Troops boxes are stationed at the entrances of 11 Central Iowa Walmart stores and on each DMACC campus. Besides allowing the collection boxes in their stores, Walmart also has donated $8,000 to offset the expense of shipping the gift packages abroad.

Colonel Greg Hapgood, the Iowa National Guard's Public Affairs Director said some of the requested donation items include: disposable razors, hand-held can openers, hand sanitizers, candy, mouthwash, magazines, flashlights, peanut butter, batteries, pens and pencils and dozens of other small “comforts of home.” For a complete list, go to www.dmacc.edu/troops. Once the collection boxes are full, DMACC’s Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society students will sort, box and mail individual gift packages to Iowa soldiers who are serving overseas. The goal is to ship the items in time for Christmas. Four hundred thirty-six students who have served in the military are taking classes at DMACC and several dozen more who are in active military serving abroad are taking DMACC online courses.
SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

The finals of the DMACC annual informative speech contest were recently held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The winners include: Gordon Head of West Des Moines, first place; David Gatto of Des Moines, second place; Nic Hutchinson of Pleasant Hill, third place, Morgan Pearson of Pleasant Hill, fourth place and Ronnie Hibbard of Waukee, fifth place. All of the finalists received a certificate and a gift certificate from the DMACC Foundation for use in the DMACC bookstore.

JOB OPENINGS

Library Specialist, Circulation Lead, Ankeny Campus
Application Deadline: Nov. 23, 2010

Information Specialist, Ankeny Campus
Application Deadline, Dec. 2, 2010

Business Technology Lab Coordinator, Carroll Campus
Application Deadline, Dec. 7, 2010

Nurse Aide Instructor (Temporary—One Semester Position), Carroll Campus
Application Deadline, Dec. 7, 2010

If interested in the above positions, please visit this DMACC website: http://jobs.dmacc.edu
CELEBRATING STORIES OF HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE

Three homeless individuals, Karla Olson (second from left), Marlene Camacho-Groves (third from left) and John Hall receive congratulations from DMACC Employment Training Specialist Pamela Gaddy (left), Reemployment Initiative Coordinator Kay Maher-Sharp (fourth from left) and DMACC Vice President of Community and Workforce Partnerships, Dr. Mary Chapman (right) for receiving the 2010 Inspiration and Achievement Award at the recent Opening Doors ceremony. DMACC provided training and work support, along with the other sponsors, which included Bankers Trust, Primary Health and Polk County Housing Trust Fund. All three of the recipients were once homeless and addicted to drugs or alcohol, eventually became “clean and sober” and turned their lives around.

DMACC PIONEERS CONNECTION

Holiday food baskets are filled and on their way to needy students. At the November meeting, a total of $165 in donations was collected to buy some additional necessary foods for the holiday food baskets. The baskets were assembled on Wed., Nov. 17.

Thanks to Linda Fernandez for gathering her crew and handling everything efficiently as usual. Thanks also to everyone who contributed, helped pack and deliver to the campuses. Deliveries were made to Urban, Carroll, Boone and Newton campuses. The holiday baskets for Ankeny will be assembled and delivered in December.

Call Linda Fernandez at (515) 965.3372 to volunteer to help with the next round of holiday baskets—from 8 to 11 a.m., Thur., Dec. 2 in the Board Room, Bldg. #22 on the Ankeny Campus.

Scholarship Application Review

Calling all Pioneers to review the scholarship applications in Bldg. #8, Room 10 on Thur., Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Contact Breck Danner at (515) 965-7331 if you are able to help out.

December Holiday Party for all DMACC staff

The Pioneers December Holiday Party will be held on Tues., Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bistro, Bldg. #7. The Pioneers are going to provide a light lunch of assorted sandwiches, chips and hot soup along with tea, lemonade and coffee. The Pioneers will be bringing their favorite holiday treats to share. The Pioneers have some great cooks in this group so prepare to enjoy the treats. Hope the weather and time permits you all to attend.

Pioneer Call Line

My apologies for not answering your calls into the Pioneer Office as often as I would like but time only permits for taking reservations for meetings and taking care of following up on other calls sometimes can take longer than expected.

Have a Wonderful Holiday with your family and friends.

Pioneer President, Dee Johnson