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### **GCC NAMED MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL**

Deptford Twp – Gloucester County College was recently honored as one of the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide to make *G.I. Jobs* magazine's 2010 list of Military Friendly Schools.

*G.I. Jobs*, a veteran-owned business headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, polled more than 7,000 schools across the country compiling the list after extensive research that started last May. The military friendly list offers veterans guidance on which schools are doing the most to embrace them as students. GCC was one of the 15 affable schools from New Jersey. The common bond is a shared priority of recruiting students with military experience.

“To know that our community college is ranked top in the country when it comes to providing veterans with the resources and benefits necessary to advance their education and realize future goals is a tremendous honor,” said Gloucester County Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney.

“At Gloucester County College, we feel it is an honor and a duty to serve our veterans. Gloucester County College is a school that supports our veterans. Our veterans deserve the benefits they have earned and in Gloucester County we make this a priority,” said Freeholder Giuseppe (Joe) Chila, liaison to the Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs.

According to *G.I. Jobs*, “there are currently an estimated 8 million military troops and veterans eligible for the GI Bill. Most seek formal education either while in the service or shortly after separation.” The new federal Post-9/11 GI Bill signed into effect in August covers almost all education costs.

“Gloucester County College currently has 170 veterans registered for classes, 100 of which have enrolled since the new bill went into effect,” said College President Russell A. Davis. “We provide a tuition waiver so there is no out-of-pocket cost to veterans. Since the signing of the Post 9/11 Bill, the College has implemented a new mentoring program on campus to assist our veterans. Our brave veterans have served their country with honor. At Gloucester County College, it’s our privilege to serve them.”

For more information on veterans services at GCC, call Veteran’s Affairs Coordinator Kathleen Leader at (856) 415-2219.

For information on the Gloucester County VA Health Clinic, Veterans Memorial Cemetery or other veterans benefits and services, call the Gloucester County Office of Veterans Affairs at (856) 401-7660.

Gloucester County College is located on a 250-acre campus on Tanyard Road, Deptford, just off Exit 56 of Route 55.