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Triton College Veterans Resource Center opens to support student veterans

River Grove, Ill. – Marcie Eshelman of La Grange found it difficult to begin anew after coming out of the service seven years ago. She didn’t know how to transition from the Air Force to civilian life. Upon leaving the service, she received paperwork to help her veteran, Eshelman.

Triton College is proud to be a military-friendly school that enrolls about 250 student veterans each year. The institution offers military educational benefits, including the G.I. Bill, grants for student veterans and their families and military credit.

But Triton College wanted to provide its student veterans with more to help in their transition to civilian life and to the classroom. The college wanted to create a safe haven on campus that student veterans could utilize and call their own.

On Sept. 30, the college opened the doors to its new on-campus Veterans Resource Center (VRC) that was met with praise by Triton College administrators, staff and faculty and student and non-student veterans as well as veterans in the community who came out to celebrate this monumental occasion.

The Triton College Veterans Resource Center (VRC) serves student veterans and their families in fostering a welcoming environment that provides access to academic, career and community resources. It provides a space for them to meet and connect, especially since Triton has a student-ran Veterans Club on campus.

“Thank you to Triton College for allowing us to start here to bring all (service) branches together to create a community on campus,” said Ronny Classen, president of the student Veterans Club. “This will be as great as I know it can be in serving as a helpful resource to veterans on campus.”
“This marks a new chapter of our work here at Triton College,” said Triton College Interim President Mary-Rita Moore. “As a military-friendly institution, we are here to support our student veterans’ education as well as their professional and personal goals and our new Veterans Resource Center continues our mission toward all student success.”

The Veterans Resource Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, located in Room J-236 of the Fine Arts Building.

Students can learn about their military educational benefits at Triton College by talking with our financial aid specialists at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3130, or by visiting triton.edu/veterans.

For more information about the Veterans Resource Center, contact Toni Johnson at tonijohnson@triton.edu.

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