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**PCC to host information session July 1
to explain new GI Bill's education benefits**

PUEBLO – An information session to explain how military veterans can benefit from the new Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, in the Fortino Ballroom at Pueblo Community College. On hand to explain the bill and its benefits will be Tom Riegle of the Veterans Administration.

This new bill is aimed at veterans who have served on active duty for 90 or more days since Sept. 10, 2001. It will offer them the most comprehensive education benefits package since the original GI Bill became law in 1944. The "Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008" will become effective Aug. 1, 2009.

Veterans who served after Sept. 11, 2001, could receive full tuition and fees, a new monthly living stipend, and a \$1,000-a-year books and supplies stipend. The bill also gives Reserve and Guard members who have been activated for more than 90 days since 9/11 access to the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits, paid on a pro-rated basis, depending on length of qualifying active duty service. Soldiers with six years of service will be permitted to transfer unused Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to their dependents.

Also available to provide information and answer questions at the information session will be representatives from the Pueblo Workforce Center and PCC's admissions, financial aid, cashier and veteran's resources offices.

The seminar is free and open to the community, but RSVPs are requested by calling 549-3116. The Fortino Ballroom is in PCC's College Center, located at the corner of Orman Ave. and Harrison St.

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