

Las Positas College For Immediate Release

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Las Positas College Marks 16th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks with Guest Speaker FDNY Lieutenant Joe Torrillo *Survivor of Twin Towers Collapse to Speak at College on Wednesday, September 6 at 11a.m. and 7p.m.*

(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College (LPC) is honored to observe the 16th anniversary of the September 11th attacks with two presentations that are free and open to the public. Both events are hosted by the LPC Veterans First Program and will take place on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, on the main stage of the Barbara Francisco Mertes Center for the Arts, Building 4000, on the LPC campus at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Parking on campus is \$2.

Both presentations are identical and are scheduled at 11a.m. and 7 p.m. and will begin with Elaine Johnson singing the national anthem as the local Army honor guard presents colors, followed by keynote speaker retired FDNY Lieutenant Joe Torrillo.

Torrillo was deployed to the rescue operation on September 11, 2001 after 19 al-Qaeda militants hijacked four airliners against United States targets, including the World Trade Center in New York. He was among the more than 400 police officers and firefighters involved in the recovery when the south tower fell at 9:59 a.m., burying him alive with a fractured skull, broken ribs, a broken arm, crushed spine, and heavy internal bleeding. Shortly after being found alive in the rubble, Torrillo was placed on a long spine board on the deck of a boat on the Hudson River for transport to a hospital. As emergency personnel were preparing him for the trip, the north tower fell and he was buried alive again.

Torrillo will describe his experiences, providing Tri-Valley residents and students with the rare opportunity to connect with a first responder who lived through the most deadly international terrorist attack in history.

The LPC Veterans First Program provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 500 veterans or active duty military personnel were enrolled at the college. Veteran support services include a full-time program coordinator, priority registration, scholarships, a book loan program, a study/drop-in veterans resource center, work-study program and an active student veteran's organization. For more information, please visit the website at www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans.

About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.

Las Positas College is a learning-centered institution focused on excellence and student success. It is fully committed to supporting Tri-Valley residents in their quest for education and advancement. Las Positas College faculty and staff are distinguished by their energy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the students they serve and the future of the Tri-Valley region.

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