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RAMAPO COLLEGE TO HOST VETERANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey will host a Veterans Recognition Program in the Trustees Pavilion on campus on Wednesday, May 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ramapo College will honor those who have either attended or graduated from the College, members of the faculty, staff or administration who served in the military or Volunteer Services to America in both war and peace.

The keynote speaker for the event is Mark Mancuso, Esq., special counsel to the general counsel of the Department of Defense. A lawyer and combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he advises, manages and implements special projects for the Office of the General Counsel at the intersection of national security policy, law and international affairs. An expert on global business and national security issues, Mancuso also provides frequent on-air national security commentary for leading national and international news agencies including CBS News, CNN, CNN International, MSNBC, NPR and Fox News. His commentary has also appeared in leading publications such as the *Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today* and *The Weekly Standard*.

The program also will feature “Vietnam Memories: Stories Left at the Wall” read by veterans in the audience and the presentation of colors by the Air Force ROTC, with participation from Matt Jefferson, a Ramapo College student. In addition, comments will be given by representatives of Americorps and the Peace Corps. Several veterans will offer remarks and there will be a photo essay of veterans’ experiences while on active duty. A Hum Vee will be on display to mark the current conflict in Iraq.

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Members of the College community who are currently serving in the military or other volunteer service to America will also be recognized. For more information, contact Dorothy Gillman, associate director of financial aid and veterans administrator, 201.684.7548, or dgillman@ramapo.edu.

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