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## **Rogue Community College to Honor Veterans with New Flagpole**

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—Rogue Community College invites veterans and the community to join RCC staff in a special Veterans and flagpole celebration for the new 81-foot flag pole on the RCC Redwood Campus athletic field on Tuesday, May 26 at noon.

The giant American flag that waved over the RCC campus had to come down in 2013 as the four-decades-old wooden flagpole had been damaged by age and insects.

Bart Van Syoc, the now retired director of facilities of the RCC Redwood Campus, led a fund raising campaign with the RCC Foundation and, thanks to the generosity of the community, nearly \$10,000 was raised to purchase a new, metal flagpole and install it. The new flagpole is dedicated to all veterans for their service and their sacrifice to us and our country.

“Bart single handedly raised the enthusiasm, support, and all of the funds for this project,” said Judy Basker, executive director of the RCC Foundation. “We are very grateful to him and to everyone who donated.”

A special plaque to veterans will be dedicated at the site. The ceremony will include honor guard, bagpipe and bugler from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Defiance (a bald eagle from Wildlife Images), and a guest speaker.

Veterans are encouraged to participate. Please contact Cindy Harboldt at RCC before the event to volunteer to line the path of the honor guards. For details contact Harboldt at 541-956-7133 or [clharboldt@rogucecc.edu](mailto:clharboldt@rogucecc.edu).

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