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Las Positas College Holds Honoring Women Veterans Luncheon

(Livermore, CA) - On March 11, 2020, the Las Positas College (LPC) Veterans First Program will feature keynote speaker Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer L. Nolan, US Army Reserve, special guests US Army Veteran, Xochiti Rodriguez Murillo, Deputy Secretary Minority Veterans Affairs, and US Navy Veteran, Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary Women Veterans Affairs. This event will feature a female student veterans Q&A panel discussion, followed by a scholarship presentation.

"We are proud to honor the special contributions made by women in the military by presenting this event during Women's History Month," said Veterans First Supervisor, Todd Steffan.

Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer L. Nolan enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in April, 1993. She most recently served as the Chief of Strategy for U.S. Southern Command in Miami, FL where she was responsible for the combatant commander's theater strategy in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer L. Nolan's previous assignments include:

Equipment Platoon Leader, 92nd Engineer
Battalion (Heavy); the first female Support
Platoon Leader in the 10th Engineer Battalion
(Mechanized); an NTC Rotation with the 3rd
Infantry Division; Chief Project Officer, JTFBravo, Soto Cano Airbase, Honduras;
Construction Officer and Deputy Director of
Public Works for ARCENT-SA during the initial
phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Riyadh,
Saudi Arabia; Commander, 555th Engineer
Company (TOPO), Fort Hood, TX that deployed
to Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi
Freedom; and Comptroller Instructor and PPBES
Course Director for the US Army Finance School,

Fort Jackson, SC . LTC Nolan then left Active Duty to join the U.S. Army Reserve as an Observer/Controller for the 75th Training Division in Arlington Heights, IL. Transitioned to the Civil Affairs branch, LTC Nolan continued service through assignments as a Project Officer to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa in Djibouti, 490th Civil Affairs Battalion; Executive Officer for the Chief of Staff, US Army Reserve; and Deputy Branch Chief for North/West Africa, U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) in Stuttgart, Germany. She then transitioned to a Functional Area 59 Strategist. LTC Nolan's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Parachutist Badge, Humanitarian Service Medal (for response to the El Salvador Earthquake in January, 2001) and Army Staff Identification Badge.



Xochitl Rodriguez Murillo serves as the Deputy Secretary of Minority Veteran Affairs at the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Murillo is a minority veteran and a U.S. Army reservist who is well-versed in the machinations of the military, having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In November 2004, she deployed with her unit to a naval base in Kuwait, delivering supplies to American forces and oil platforms in the Persian Gulf. As deputy secretary, she plans to advocate for minority and underrepresented veterans by "reaching areas where we have a gap," she said

Lindsey Sin presently serves as the Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs at the California Department of Veterans Affairs. She served in the US Navy from 1997 until 2005 and worked in military intelligence. She completed two flight tours in Rota, Spain during which time she deployed in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, and achieved the rank of Petty Officer First Class. After separating from the Navy, Lindsey returned to Sacramento and worked with veterans at American River College and Sacramento State.



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What

Honoring Women Veterans Luncheon

Where

Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, Building 1600, Room 1620 A/B

When

Wednesday, March 11 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RSVP for the luncheon <u>here</u>.

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 600 veterans, reservists/guard, and active duty military personnel were enrolled at the college. For more information, visit the website at www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans.

About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 9,300 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.