

## LAS VEGAS BABY!

By: W. T. Pittman

We are sending someone to *Las Vegas*! We might send you, that is, if you have your raffle ticket.

This year we are going to have a raffle that will have as the grand prize, a full-paid trip to *Las Vegas*. That's right. We are covering your air fare and room cost (minus room service and mini-bar expenses) for a three day trip to *Vegas*.

Our tickets will be given to you when you attend any SVO event. Regardless of the reason for the meeting, business, volunteering or playing poker, or attending our meetings, you will receive a ticket. Here are the odds you will be working with:

There are around roughly 350 veterans on campus, but we usually get about 10-20 people that show up on average to these events. So now your odds are more like 1 in 20. The trip's there, if you want it, so come to a meeting a have a chance to win *VEGAS!!*

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## GI Bill Changes

By: Ryan Arrigo

There have been several changes to the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill which will start with the 2011 Fall Semester. These changes to the G.I. Bill, mainly affect when and how students get paid. For example, students of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill were receiving break pay. As of August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, **break pay has been eliminated**. Another change that has occurred is how the amount of BAH that students receive is calculated. Now, **BAH is prorated based on the amount of units the student certifies**. For example, to receive the full amount of BAH that they are entitled to, the student must certify at least 12 units. These are only a couple of changes made to the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill. For more information, contact the Las Positas College Veterans First Office in building 1000.

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## 9/11 Remembrance

By: Justin Berkenstock

As we approach the month of September we near the **10-year anniversary of the 9/11** attacks on our soil. Since this significant event over 6,000 servicemen and women have been killed and over 45,000 wounded in support of OEF/OIF. As this year marks a milestone in this era, we are planning **a day of observance to honor the memory of those victims of the attacks as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedoms**. The planning for this event has begun and will be held in the amphitheater near the 4000 building on campus. Your participation in this event will be greatly appreciated.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>SVO Meeting</b>	<b>Sept 7 @ 4PM @ VRC</b>
<b>Poker</b>	<b>Sept 9 @ 6pm</b>
<b>GoKart</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>
<b>Range Day</b>	<b>Sept 24</b>

## Veterans Day

By: Ramona Peterson

We will be celebrating Veteran's Day on November 10, which is also the U. S. Marines Corps birthday. There will be a non-working HU1 Huey on display and some other great things planned for Veterans.

For Veteran's Day we will be displaying military memorabilia all throughout campus. **We can only do this with your help**. We need items from ALL branches. We are looking for: **uniforms, letters, patches, artifacts from deployments, pictures** or anything else you think would give a civilian a glimpse into military life.

This is your time to show our school that the person next to them in class isn't just another student, but someone who fought for their freedom. Let's show this campus and these students what it means to have military pride, what camaraderie truly is about, and who you are!

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