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### **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to Mark Unveiling of Rio Hondo Veterans Memorial**

**WHAT:** Rio Hondo College will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of its long-awaited Veterans Memorial, designed by a campus task force in response to a request from members of the College's Veterans Club.

The memorial features an 8-foot long, 3-foot high concrete monument topped with a brass plaque and bearing discs for each of the five branches of the U.S. military; a bench where students and guests may reflect on the contributions of the nation's veterans; and three flags – U.S., California and Rio Hondo College.

During the ceremony, the flags will be raised by the El Monte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10218, led by Cmdr. Michael Felix.

The College will also issue 150 specially minted Challenge Coins, available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the ceremony for anyone wishing a keepsake. Challenge Coins, part of military tradition, typically depict symbols and mottos for each unit.

**WHO:** The event will be attended by College leaders, members of the Board of Trustees and veterans groups from the college and surrounding community.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 20

**WHERE:** Rio Hondo College mid-quad area, 3600 Workman Mill Road in Whittier

**PHOTO:** The Rio Hondo memorial coin was designed by Dr. Ygnacio "Nash" Flores, Dean of Public Safety Academic Programs, and Don Mason, Associate Dean. One side features the school logo and dedication date; the other bears an inscription of the memorial site and the three flag poles erected for the memorial.

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