30,000 men and women leave the military and return to California each year. That number is expected to increase dramatically as the military downsizes. Many veterans accessing the GI Bill consider attending a community college as the best option to begin their college career. What do we need to know to support their success in and outside of the classroom? Recently featured on NPR’s “All Things Considered,” Sierra College in Rocklin, CA was profiled for their comprehensive approach in meeting veteran students’ needs. Catherine Morris, Sierra College veteran’s counselor and Jarrett Blake, a Sierra College student and Iraq War veteran, will highlight both the unique set of experiences and challenges facing returning combat veterans as they transition to our community colleges and the vital role we can play in fostering their success. COM veteran students will also share their first-hand experiences at the workshop.

Faculty and staff from all areas are encouraged to attend to learn more about this unique and growing student population.