

July 2018 Newsletter

BCC dedicates new Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center

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Bristol Community College dedicated the new Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center, a place for student veterans to socialize, relax, study, receive counseling and get help filling out benefits-related paperwork.



Formerly the college's Office of Veteran's Affairs was located upstairs in the Commonwealth College Center, now it's in an open and brighter space in the Thomas A. Rodgers Jr. Science Building, next door.

"Today, we are underscoring the commitment to help our veterans and create a sustainable and meaningful benefit for our military community for generations to come," said BCC President Laura L. Douglas at the center's opening ceremony.

"We eliminate barriers and change lives by positioning our students for a strong future," Douglas said.

The re-imagined center was named for Marshall, former chairman of the BCC Board of Trustees, a Vietnam veteran and BCC alumnus, for his work in bringing the center to BCC, and his service to his "country, this community, and college," Douglas said.

She went on to say that Marshall "embodies the values that BCC represents through his passion and many years of service."

Marshall, a father of four and grandfather of five, is president of J. Marshall Associates and is a life-long resident of Fall River. He has served on several boards including the Fall River Office of Economic Development, Fall River Board of Assessors, SER-Jobs for Progress, the Prince Henry Society and is currently chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Committee.

He is a former president of the BCC Foundation, recipient of the BCC 2007 Cornerstone Entrepreneur Award and a winner of the 2016 Paragon Award.

"I'm truly humbled," Marshall said. "Everyone in the community should be proud of this new space, BCC has opened a door for students to walk in and feel comfortable."

Marshall said that when he returned home from four years of service in 1969, he started his education at BCC and since then, has been "part of the BCC family."

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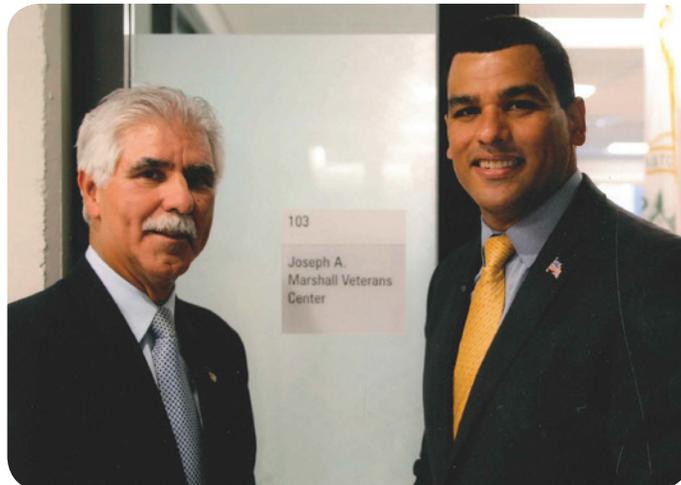
U.S. Rep. Bill Keating said “what better name” could be given to the center. He said it would help veteran students “accomplish more” and to maximize their abilities and give back to their community. “No one provides better for their veterans than the state of Massachusetts,” said U.S. Sen. Michael Rodrigues. “We don’t just talk the talk. We walk the walk.”

Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans’ Services Francisco A. Urena said the state is a “welcoming home” to veterans. The new center, he said, “sets an example of how we welcome back our veterans.”

Rodrigues credited State Rep. Alan Silvia, a BCC alumnus and Vietnam veteran, for securing \$100,000 for the expanded veterans center.

Silvia said many returning veterans look for their education in community colleges and want a school that is “going to understand the needs of a veteran. It’s so important that they interact with other veterans ... as they transition back to civilian life.”

BCC student Britani Houghtaling said she joined the U.S. Army right out of high school. Now, a veteran and a mom of two, she said the center has offered her the support she needs to succeed.



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