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MTI to commemorate 9/11

Public invited to remember and honor those serving our country, past and present

(Bradenton, FL—September 1, 2010) Manatee Technical Institute will commemorate Patriots Day with student created ceremonies, a high-profile guest speaker and a military fly-over on Friday, September 10. The public is invited.

The East Campus remembrance is scheduled for 9 a.m. in the Conard Building. The keynote speaker will be NBA referee **Bob Delaney**, a former New Jersey State Trooper and principal undercover operative in Project Alpha, a landmark investigation. Mr. Delaney speaks before law enforcement, emergency services and military groups on leadership, motivation, and patriotism. He recently co-authored the book, *Covert: My Years Infiltrating the Mob*.

The ceremony will include participation from **East Manatee Fire Rescue, Manatee County EMS, Manatee County Sheriff's Office Color Guard, and Florida Highway Patrol**. The event will be capped off by a **U.S. COAST GUARD** military flyover.

The Main Campus ceremony will be held in Leatherman Auditorium. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 8:45 a.m. with Taps and a moment of silence. Students will show a Power Point presentation that includes photos of students and family serving in the military, law enforcement, fire fighting, and as medical responders.

“Our commemoration has evolved from a remembrance of 9/11 events to include remembering and honoring all those who are serving our country, many times in harms way,” said Paddy McCarthy, Major Appliance Repair instructor.

All activities are projects of the MTI Chapter of SkillsUSA. For more information, please contact Paddy McCarthy at the main campus (941-751-7900, ext. 2041) or Priscilla Haflich at the east campus (941-752-8100, ext. 222).

The mission of Manatee Technical Institute is to meet and exceed our community's training and educational expectations. MTI is a 2007 Tampa Bay Business of the Year and has won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past six years.

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