



## Local Veterans to Turn Their Uniforms into Art Through Combat Paper NJ Project at Stockton

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Combat Paper NJ will give student veterans at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and veterans from the community the chance to transform their uniforms into handmade paper that shares their unique military experiences.

The Combat Paper NJ project is a healing arts initiative that helps veterans share their stories using the fabric that holds their blood, sweat and tears. A four-day workshop led by two Combat Paper instructors who are also veterans will be offered on college's main Galloway campus **Tuesday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Nov. 15, 2013**. The papermaking workshop is open to combat veterans.

Combat Paper Workshop Schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 12: Veterans will shred their uniforms and begin making paper.

Location: Stockton College Library, E-116

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Writing workshop with Warrior Writers instructor

Location: Stockton College Library, E-116

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Image preparation and paper pulling

Location: Stockton College Library, E-116

Time: 9 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15: Printing

Location: Stockton College Library, E-116

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Stockton@Peace lecture series will feature David Keefe, coordinator of the Combat Paper NJ Program and adjunct art and painting instructor at Montclair State University, as its November keynote speaker.

The Stockton@Peace lecture, titled “Transforming Conflict, Building Global Peace, and Healing Minds Using Creative Arts,” will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 19**, 4:30-6 p.m., in F-Wing room F-111. The free lecture is open to the public and is sponsored by the Stockton Center for Community Engagement and the U.S. Institute of Peace.

The lecture, which is part of International Education Week, also features a panel of faculty experts who will discuss the relationship between art and trauma-healing in different international contexts. The panel includes Dr. Christina M. Morus, assistant professor of Communication and Genocide Studies; Dr. Christine Gayda-Chelder, assistant professor of Psychology; Kristin Ryan Morell, LCSW, an adjunct instructor in the Social Work program; and Dr. Jessica Bonnan-White, assistant professor of Criminal Justice.

“Our keynote speaker, David Keefe, will discuss the Combat Paper NJ project and introduce an exhibition of Stockton student veteran artwork. Stockton faculty will explore how art encourages psychological processing, peacebuilding and conflict transformation,” said Dr. Jessica Bonnan-White, founder of the Stockton@Peace lecture series.

The Combat Paper projects exhibited by student veterans and community members will be on display in the F-Wing Atrium on the evening of the lecture.

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