

VA, Mesa college team up to help veterans of recent wars

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The Phoenix Veterans Administration and Mesa Community [College](#) plan to hold "Veteranpalooza -- Bridge to Your Future" 3-7 p.m. Thursday at MCC's main campus, Southern Avenue and Dobson Road, Mesa. The free event is geared toward easing the transition to civilian life for veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

PURPOSE

In a release, the VA said that thousands of [veterans](#) returning to the Valley after combat duty can face confusion as they transition to civilian life. The Veteranpalooza will give veterans and their families a chance to learn about benefits and resources available through the VA and MCC. There also will be family and children's activities, including planetarium showings, giveaways and campus tours.

WHO'S INVITED

The event is geared toward veterans who have recently returned from service in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

BACKGROUND

The Phoenix VA says it serves more than 16,000 veterans of conflicts that have occurred since 2001.

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