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**Montgomery College to Host Free Performance and Workshop
on Combat Veterans Returning Home**
“Into the Fire” at Rockville Campus, Nov. 16

Montgomery College will host a free performance of “Into the Fire,” a powerful theatrical documentary play about men and women soldiers returning home from serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Vietnam, on Monday, November 16, 2009, starting at 10 a.m. The play takes a close look at the combat veterans’ experiences with stress, trauma, disabilities and other challenges as they work to integrate back into families, the workforce, and the community. Sponsored by Montgomery College’s Combat2College program, “Into the Fire” will be performed at the College’s Theatre Arts Arena on the Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, Md.

Actor/playwrights Anthony Curry and Carrie Gibson created “Into the Fire” based on interviews with returning veterans. They incorporated the many specific disabilities they encountered into the program: post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, hearing loss, loss of limbs, chronic pain, and mobility challenges. Humor and music lighten the performance, allowing audiences to digest and process the powerful stories.

Following the November 16 performance, Curry and Gibson will facilitate an interactive discussion with the audience to encourage reflection on the effects of war on our communities.

The two performers formed Had to Be Productions in 1997, and have since toured the country with the unique theatrical documentary plays and workshops they created. They have performed at government agencies, corporations, educational institutions, and conferences.

Montgomery College’s Combat2College (C2C) program is a comprehensive program to welcome home veterans and provide support services, and academic and social opportunities for veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, in addition to all veterans, and active and reserve service members. C2C’s mission is to create a welcoming environment that assists veterans in transitioning and adapting the skills developed from military and combat experience to facilitate a successful college experience.

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