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GCC launches Keep Your Guard Up training Feb. 17

GCC will launch its Keep Your Guard Up training program for Guam Army National Guard soldiers returning from deployment in Afghanistan on **Monday, February 17th**, at 8:00 A.M. in the GCC **Multipurpose Auditorium**. Over 200 unemployed or under-employed soldiers will begin their training that morning.

While the soldiers were still in country, GCC's Office of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD), in collaboration with the Calvo administration and Guam's business community, formulated a 90-day industry certification program for these unemployed or underemployed soldiers in eight areas: automotive general service technician; A+ computer networking; electrical; emergency medical technician; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), supervision and management, heavy equipment/truck driving, and welding.

"GCC is committed to assisting these soldiers who have so honorably served their country with training that can lead to sustainable employment opportunities and a better quality of life for them and their families," said Dr. Mary Okada, GCC president.

GCC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services please contact 735-5597.

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