Lisa Tang Delivers Groceries, More For Rosie’s Place

Quincy College is honor- ing its veterans for the up- coming Memorial Day. College faculty, staff and students were encouraged to submit the names of their loved ones who are eligible for educa- tion; therefore, veterans may use their federal education ben- efits at Quincy College. They assist veterans in navi- gating their education ben- efits with the U.S. Depart- ment of Veteran Affairs, and develop a personalized plan for the students educational needs.

Volunteer Lisa Tang, a Quincy resident, helps serve lunch in the Rosie’s Place dining room. Tang feels her work at Rosie’s Place is a gift for her rather than a sacrifice she makes for others. “I am very thankful for this oppor- tunity. To me, giving is tak- ing,” she says. Tang appreciates the opportunity to receive recognition individually like Tang. “Volunteers who are going to be our one and only, we can count on, who stay dedicated,” she says. Tang feels it is part of the fabric of Rosie’s Place, her life in ways she did not anticipate. Reaching out to oth- ers was not something that naturally came to Tang when she arrived in the United States 30 years ago. She had earned some language in her home city of Hong Kong, but was determined to im- prove. She found working in Chinese restaurants was an effective way to increase her language proficiency.

Quincy College is a member of the Service Members Opportunity Colleges Con- ference (SOC), and reviews both military and college transcripts, as well as CLEP and DANTES exam scores, for transfer credit accord- ing to American Council of Education (ACE) recom- mendations. Veterans, veteran depen- dents, and active duty ser- vice members are able to use their federal education benefits at Quincy College.

Programs include:
• Post 9/11 GI Bill
• Vocational Rehabilitation
• Montgomery GI Bill
• Tuition Assistance

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service

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South of Long Binh, South Vietnam. Levesque was 30 years old and a wife and two stepchildren. Levesque had served in Norfolk, Va., Newport, R.I., and returned from a three-year assignment in Bermuda before going to Vietnam in July 1968. Dur- ing his service with the Navy, he had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal with two bronze stars, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze star, and the Vietnamese Combat Medal.

Schofield was a graduate of Quincy High School and was a captain of the school’s soccer team. He attended Quincy Junior College for two years prior to joining Army and was a member of St. John the Baptist Parish, where he was active in the CYO. Schofield had been a weapons instructor at Fort Benning, Ga. He left for Vietnam on Aug. 14, 1968, three days before the birth of his daughter.

Schofield was killed on Sept. 16, 1968, at the age of 21. He was serving as a plato- on leader and his unit was escorting a convoy on a road security mission when they came under heavy enemy fire. The lead vehicle was disabled, trapping Scho- field’s armored personnel carrier. Schofield was killed while carrying a contraband to safety; he was posthum- ously awarded the Silver Star for his actions.

The initial burst of ene- mny fire killed or wounded several members of his plato- on. Hearing a plea from one of the wounded, Lt. Schofield, with complete disregard for his personal safety, bravely the devastat- ing enemy fire as he treated the casualties caring for his comrades to the rear. Lt. Schofield was fa- tally wounded by an enemy small- arms weapon and was not able to readmit. “His valorous ac- tions were responsible for saving several lives and the

at her ability to be so self- sufficient. She cooks for herself and frequently arranges her furniture, yet her movees assuredly around the apartment. ‘I’m always changing my rooms around, too,” says Tang. While her background is not the same as the women she visits, they find they share many personal similarities and differences.

Another guest is an older woman who recently lost her leg. According to Tang, “She’s an elegant, very reserved woman. Getting her to open up is a gradual process. She’s like a turtle. I think if we knew the combination, there are riches inside.”

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