

Two Stockton Student Veterans to Play Football at Philadelphia Soul Event

Army-Navy Arena Football Part of June 22 Military Appreciation Night

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Galloway Township, NJ – Two student veterans from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will be the first to represent the college in football at the Philadelphia Soul and The Judge Group's Military Appreciation Night featuring an Inaugural Veterans Arena Football Game at the Wells Fargo Center, **Saturday**, **June 22, 2013.**

"For the first time, two of our students will be playing full contact football," said Tom O'Donnell, assistant dean of students at Stockton. "We are so extremely proud of them."

Army Combat veterans Kevin Fletcher, a 2009 Oakcrest High School graduate, and Louis Iasparri, who attended North Arlington High School, will be playing for the Army Veterans team in the Army vs. Navy arena football game. The veterans game is set to start at approximately 9 p.m., following the Philadelphia Soul game vs. the Iowa Barnstormers starting at 6:05 p.m.

Fletcher was stationed with the 4 Brigade 10th Mountain Division in Ft. Polk, LA after completing boot camp at Ft. Bennington, GA. By 2010, the Specialist was facing the enemy in Afghanistan.

lasparri enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard after high school. lasparri completed boot camp at Ft. Bennington, GA and was recently promoted to *-more-*

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Specialist with the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry's unit located in Jersey City, NJ. lasparri is anticipating a deployment to Afghanistan in 2014.

Fletcher and Iasparri played football in high school. Both veterans are currently undergraduate students at Stockton, O'Donnell said.

The Army-Navy game will be the main event for veterans during the Philadelphia Soul's Military Appreciation Night. Other events will include the launch of The Judge Group's newest division, Judge Veterans in Professional (VIP) Careers, with a Speed Career Networking Event to help military service members, wounded warriors, veterans and military spouses to transition into the workforce, starting at 1 p.m.

Tickets to the game are available by calling 888-789-SOUL or clicking <u>www.comcasttix.com</u>. All active-duty military and veterans can type the promo code "MILITARY" for \$5 off the price of the ticket, or show their military ID at the box office on game day.

To learn more about the Philadelphia Soul or Military Appreciation Night, please visit <u>www.philadelphiasoul.com</u>.





Left: Former Army Specialist Kevin Fletcher on deployment in Afghanistan Right: Army Specialist Louis Iasparri

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