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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

It’s important to remember that Riverside Junior College was founded during the World War I era. The Military exerted an influence on the college’s curriculum in its earliest years. A Reserve Officers Training Corps class for male students was shared with Riverside Poly High from the beginning. But it wasn’t until the 1927-28 academic year that the college had its own military classes, independent from the high school. Among the classes given were courses in Field Engineering and Tactics, Map Reading and Sketching, along with a short Aeronautics class. Below is an account of that first RJC ROTC group reported by instructor Captain Norman Dewes in the 1928 “Tequesquite” yearbook.

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It is 3 years and 41 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.
The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC’s 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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