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### **Mid-South Community College Earns Third Military Friendly Award from Victory Media**

Mid-South Community College has been named a 2013 Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. With the selection announced on Sept. 17, MSCC is now a three-time recipient of the honor.

The coveted 2013 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and to ensure their success in higher education.



“Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools® shows Mid-South Community College’s commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students,” said Sean Collins, Director for “G.I. Jobs” magazine and Vice President at Victory Media, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business founded in 2001.

“As interest in education grows we’re thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools.”

MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter said the College goes to great lengths to help those who have served their country and that the recognition from Victory Media is icing on the cake.

“Mid-South Community College is proud to have a national reputation as a military friendly institution,” Dr. Fenter said. “We welcome the opportunity to meet the needs of students from all branches of the armed services, and we consider it a privilege to help our veterans pursue higher education.”

“Our ongoing commitment to veterans is such that we don’t ever want ‘military friendly’ to be mere words. Our goal is to provide the best service for them because they have given their best for us. The military lifestyle includes a variety of complex challenges, and we do everything we can to make access to higher learning as simple as possible.”

“MSCC has a well-established tradition of providing quality educational programs and student support to military service members,” added Dr. Barbara Baxter, MSCC Executive Vice President. “Our faculty and staff are honored to work with dedicated military men and women who are enthusiastically pursuing higher education at our institution.”

The Military Friendly Schools® recognition program is now in its fourth year. The 2013 list was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. Ernst and Young LLP independently verified the survey tabulation process, methodology, and weightings for the 2013 list.

The 1,739 colleges, universities, and trade schools earning the most recent recognition demonstrate leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

“Mid-South Community College offers individualized attention, and we also provide very strong student support services, including free academic coaching,” said Jeremy Reece, MSCC Director of Enrollment Services. “Our general education program is very successful with our students transferring credits to more than 140 top colleges and universities across the United States.”

“We also offer cutting-edge programs like aviation maintenance technology, advanced manufacturing and machining, welding, diesel maintenance, and a wide range of medical programs on our campus to give servicemen and women some solid career options. We are also planning to offer fixed-wing and helicopter pilot training in the near future.”

Each year, schools participating in the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria, and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country. The complete survey methodology is available at <http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/methodology-press-kit>, and a full list of board members can be accessed at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/board](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/board).

A full story and detailed list of 2013 Military Friendly Schools ® will be highlighted in the annual G.I. Jobs Guide to Military Friendly Schools ®, distributed in print and digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October.

For information about MSCC's educational and career opportunities for military men and women, please call the Admissions Office at (870) 733-6728, visit the campus at 2000 West Broadway, West Memphis, see the website at [www.midsouthcc.edu](http://www.midsouthcc.edu), or email [admissions@midsouthcc.edu](mailto:admissions@midsouthcc.edu).