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Mid-South Community College Earns Fourth Military Friendly Award from Victory Media

Mid-South Community College has been named a 2014 Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. With the selection announced on Sept. 10, MSCC is now a four-time recipient of the honor.

The coveted 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 20 percent of the country's colleges, universities, trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® shows Mid-South Community College's

commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Vice President at Victory Media and a nine-year Navy veteran. "The need for education is growing, and our mission is to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

Victory Media is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business founded in 2001. Its Military Friendly® lists are published in G.I. Jobs, Military Spouse, Vetrepreneur media channels; republished in periodicals like USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Bloomberg BW, and are frequently cited on national television.

MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter said the College makes every effort to assist U.S. veterans in their efforts to pursue higher education. He said the recognition from Victory Media is humbling and rewarding.

"Mid-South Community College is proud to have an ongoing national reputation as a military-friendly institution," Dr. Fenter said. "We consider it a privilege to help our veterans pursue their career dreams and welcome every opportunity to meet the needs of students from all branches of the armed services."

"Our continuing 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 address those challenges."

"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® media and website, found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,868 institutions on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

These schools have world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility, and other services to those who served.

"Mid-South Community College offers individualized attention, and we also provide very strong student support services, including free academic coaching," said Jeremy Reece, MSCC Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services. "Our general education program is very successful, with our students transferring credits to more than 170 top colleges and universities across the United States."

"We also offer cutting-edge programs like aviation maintenance technology, advanced manufacturing and machining, professional pilot training, welding, diesel maintenance, and a wide range of medical programs to give servicemen and women some solid career options."

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools ® was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools

nationwide approved for VA tuition funding. The survey results that comprise the 2014 list were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media.

Each year schools taking 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. A full list of board members can be found at http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/board.

A full story and detailed list of 2014 Military Friendly Schools® will be highlighted in the annual 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, or email admissions@midsouthcc.edu.