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University of Saint Mary Launches New Outreach Program for Veterans and Active Duty Students

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—In an effort to better serve the men and women who serve our country, the University of Saint Mary is launching a new effort to aid the school's veteran and active-duty military students, their families, and those interested in attending the university through military education benefits.

The web-based portion of the initiative, www.stmary.edu/veterans, is designed to serve as a centralized location for information on government education benefits and other resources, university admissions policies, and credit transfer procedures. The outreach program and veterans web pages fall under the auspices of Carlton Philpot, an assistant professor in USM's business department and a disabled veteran, who has been appointed as the university's veterans and military student services coordinator.

Philpot, who served 24 years in the U.S. Navy and attended college through the G.I. Bill, said he looked forward to helping military students achieve their college dream.

"The University wants to better serve those who have served and are serving this great country as well as their families," Philpot said.

Philpot will be the main point of contact for assistance with:

- Academic course planning
- Military scholarships
- Financial aid
- Chapter 31 and other program applications and payments
- Family and personal needs
- Veterans and military support groups

As part of USM's outreach effort, the university is also launching dedicated pages for the university's Army ROTC efforts: www.stmary.edu/rotc. Interested students can learn more about the financial benefits and other advantages of the ROTC program and other military college scholarships, and existing cadets can use the online resources and links and keep tabs on battalion news and information.

Contact Carlton Philpot at (913) 682-5151, ext. 6424 or via email at PhilpotC@stmary.edu for more information.

The University of Saint Mary is a designated Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC), one of more than 1,500 colleges and universities providing voluntary post-secondary education to members of the military. As an SOC institution, the university recognizes the unique nature of

the military commitment and seeks to ease the transfer of relevant course credits, offers flexible scheduling, and provides credit for learning stemming from appropriate military training and experience.

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