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### Fort Leavenworth Honors University of Saint Mary Professor for Work on Buffalo Soldier Monument

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—University of Saint Mary Assistant Professor of Business Carlton Philpot received one of the most prestigious honors the U.S. Army can bestow on a civilian during a ceremony at Fort Leavenworth on Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

Philpot, a retired U.S. Navy commander, received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for his instrumental work in establishing the Buffalo Soldiers Monument at Fort Leavenworth in 1992. Philpot also played a key role in the development of the “Circle of Firsts,” a tribute to African American soldiers also housed at Fort Leavenworth. Retired Cavalry Trooper James G. Madison was also honored at the ceremony for his efforts in expanding the fort’s outreach to the community.

Tuesday’s award was the latest in a season of honors for Philpot. In late June, the Greater Kansas City/Leavenworth Area Chapter of the National 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association—the Buffalo Soldiers—held a weekend event in his honor that included written accolades from former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. And the City of Leavenworth proclaimed June 20 to be “Cmdr. Carlton Philpot Day.”

In remarks at Tuesday’s ceremony, Col. Dominic E. Pompelia, chief of staff of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, praised Philpot, saying his “dedication to this community and to the memory of the Buffalo Soldiers made this monument possible.”

Pompelia added that he knew both honorees would say their achievements depended on the work of many others. “But leadership matters. And our community and our Army have benefited from their leadership.”

Philpot expressed gratitude for the honor, but added that work remained to be done on the monument.

“I hope that the hand of providence will guide us again as we finish this task,” he said.

Philpot also made sure to thank his family, noting that at the monument’s 1992 dedication ceremony he “forgot to thank my wife and family for all those missed meals.”

The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal was established in 1959 and is reserved for civilians who make substantial contributions to the Army community. It can be awarded by the Secretary of the Army or a Major Army Command commander. Philpot’s award was approved by Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell, commanding general of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth.

In addition to teaching business at USM, Philpot recently became the university’s veterans and military student services coordinator as part of a new military outreach program. Philpot helps veterans and active duty students with academic course planning, military scholarships, financial aid, Chapter 31 benefits, and other program applications and payments.

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