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University of Saint Mary Named to 2011 Military Friendly Schools List by 'G.I. Jobs'

List Shows Veterans Which Schools Best Meet Their Needs

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary has been honored as a 2011 Military Friendly School by “*G.I. Jobs*,” a designation that puts USM among the top 15 percent of U.S. colleges, universities, and trade schools for America’s veteran students.

According to the Pittsburgh-based “*G.I. Jobs*,” a publication of Victory Media, schools on the list share a common priority of recruiting students with military experience. They also offer additional benefits to student veterans such as on-campus veterans program, military spouse programs and more. USM, for its part, is a VA Yellow Ribbon Program participant, and has an on-campus office for veterans services and veterans services coordinator.

The list was compiled through exhaustive research starting last April during which “*G.I. Jobs*” polled more than 7,000 schools nationwide.

“The Military Friendly Schools list is the gold standard in letting veterans know which schools will offer them the greatest opportunity, flexibility and overall experience,” said Derek Blumke, president of Student Veterans of America and a member of the list’s Academic Advisory Board.

Carlton Philpot, USM’s veterans services coordinator and a 24-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, said “Saint Mary is proud, pleased, and honored to be able to say that we value our veterans for what they bring to us and what they have done for this country through their service and sacrifices. We also pride ourselves on being very friendly and open to the family and dependents of veterans.”

USM Academic Vice President Dr. Bryan Le Beau added “we are honored to be considered among the colleges and universities in the nation that are doing the most for America’s veterans as students.”

“Veterans bring maturity, seriousness of purpose, and leadership to the classroom. As a member of the Leavenworth community, home to Fort Leavenworth, we willingly provide support for veterans. Most importantly, we do what we do for veterans because it is the right thing to do, to thank them for the service they have provided all of us, often at considerable personal sacrifice,” said Dr. Le Beau.

A full story and detailed list of Military Friendly Schools will be highlighted in the annual “*Guide to Military Friendly Schools*” and on a poster, both of which will be distributed to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in late September. The newly redesigned website, found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, features interactive tools and search functionality to assist military veterans in choosing schools that best meet their personal educational needs. The site currently shows 2010 Military Friendly Schools but will switch to the 2011 list in late September.

G.I. Jobs www.gijobs.com is published by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business which also publishes *The Guide to Military Friendly Schools*, *Military Spouse* and *Vetpreneur* magazines and annually rates the nation’s “Military Friendly Employers,” “Military Spouse Friendly Employers” and “Best Corporations for Veteran-Owned Businesses.”

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.