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## **EASTERN WVCTC AWARDED 2014 MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS® DESIGNATION**

Moorefield – Sept. 25, 2013 — Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list for the third year in a row. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the nation’s top 20 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 on campus.

“Inclusion on the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® shows Eastern’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.”

The Military Friendly Schools® media and website, found at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com), include the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. This year’s list features the 1,868 colleges, universities and trade schools that exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. To those who served, these schools offer world-class programs and policies for on-campus student support, academic accreditation, credit transfers, flexibility and other services.

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research, including a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools nationwide that are approved for VA tuition funding. Based on the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media, Ernst & Young LLP independently tested the survey results that comprise the 2014 list. Each year, schools that return 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) that consists of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at <http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/board>.

Distributed in early October, in both print and digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel, the annual Guide to Military Friendly Schools®, will highlight a full story and detailed list of 2014 Military Friendly Schools®.

Victory Media is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that has been serving the military community since 2001. Our data-driven Military Friendly® lists are published in G.I. Jobs, Military Spouse and Vetpreneur media channels; republished in periodicals like USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Fortune and Bloomberg BW; and are frequently cited on national TV by NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Fox News and others.

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Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is

a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of Education That Works to the families, communities and employers of the Potomac Highlands.

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