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FTCC and Norwich University Form Articulation Agreement

February 21, 2011 – FAYETTEVILLE, NC - Officials from Fayetteville Technical Community College and Norwich University's School of Graduate and Continuing Studies (SGCS) joined together on February 15 at Fayetteville Tech to announce and sign an articulation agreement to benefit Special Operations Forces soldiers at nearby Fort Bragg. The agreement, designed especially for the Special Operations community, will help facilitate soldier enrollment in a bachelor's degree completion program at Norwich University by accepting a block of 60 credit hours towards the Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis (SSDA) program from any completed FTCC associate degree program. The goal is to provide a seamless entry for students from Fayetteville Tech to the Norwich program for completion of the bachelor of science degree. Dr. Bill Clements (dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies) and Ray Walters (dean of College Transfer and General Education programs at Fayetteville Tech) signed the agreement, with officials attending from both colleges as well as the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center.

Norwich University's bachelor's degree program in SSDA is offered online and meets the higher educational needs of active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been assigned to one of the subordinate commands within the United States Special Operations Command. Building on the military education and experience of U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) in the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), the SSDA bridges soldiers' unique military experiences in vital areas such as sociology-anthropology, geography, language, cultural awareness, regional politics, and international conflict with relevant coursework and allows students to complete recognized competencies in general education needed for the bachelor's degree. The program is also available to veterans in the command.

Norwich University is located in Northfield, Vermont. Located near Fort Bragg, Fayetteville Technical Community College educates soldiers in classroom-based and online associate degree programs with campuses located at 2201 Hull Road and at Spring Lake.

"We are pleased to work in partnership with FTCC to provide a coordinated and relevant educational opportunity for Special Operations Forces soldiers," said Dr. Clements. "FTCC has a long tradition of excellent service to the U.S. military and was a natural partner in this endeavor to expand educational opportunities for our soldiers. We look forward to working together well into the future."

"We are excited about this educational partnership with Norwich University which will provide a seamless transition for our Special Operations Forces soldiers who wish to pursue a four-year degree

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after completing Fayetteville Tech. We're grateful for the sacrifices these soldiers make to defend our nation, and it is rewarding for us to be able to give them something in return that will help them achieve their educational goals," said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen.

Founded in 1961, Fayetteville Technical Community College is one of 58 institutions in the North Carolina Community College System. FTCC serves more than 34,000 students annually by providing over 150 occupational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs.

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