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CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE TO OFFER NEW BENEFIT TO CT VETERANS

NEW BRITAIN, CT – January 6, 2010 – Beginning January 1, 2010, Charter Oak State College is offering a 50% course fee waiver for Connecticut veterans enrolled at the college.

Ed Klonoski, President, Charter Oak State College said, “It gives me great pleasure to announce this benefit that pays tribute to veterans in Connecticut, and assists them in completing their bachelor’s degrees.”

The college has been rated by Military Advanced Education Magazine as one of America’s “Top Military-Friendly Colleges.” The college accepts credits from a variety of sources including military training and occupations. Charter Oak also offers in-state tuition and fees to all spouses of active duty military members and activated members of the National Guard and Reserve Components.

Linda Schwartz, commissioner of Connecticut’s Department of Veterans’ Affairs, said “The 50% waiver of course fees offered by Charter Oak is especially attractive for veterans who do not have the time for classroom courses and want to maximize their benefits under the Post GI Bill. Charter Oak State College has a wonderful reputation for quality courses and flexibility in time commitments which fits into the fast paced lives of veterans looking for advancement and opportunity. The reduction of course fees in combination with existing benefits earned by veterans illustrates this College’s commitment to honoring the service of our men and women in uniform.”

Veterans eligible for the course fee waiver benefit will be compliant with the following Connecticut Veterans Waiver requirements:

- 90 consecutive days active duty (active duty for training not applicable)
- Honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces
- Copy of Member-4 of DD-214 (with required dates of service)
- Matriculated student status (officially accepted and current with academic services fees). Registration fees and other applicable fees must be paid each registration period. Eligibility ceases upon withdrawal, dismissal and/or graduation.

If a veteran elects to receive benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill, those benefits will be applied first, and the course fee waiver will pay the balance.

Charter Oak offers degree completion opportunities in over 50 fields of study. Students can complete bachelor’s degrees in 19 concentrations using Charter Oak State College online courses exclusively. Other concentrations can be completed by combining
Charter Oak’s online courses and other sources of credit, such as credit transferred from regionally accredited institutions or testing.

Charter Oak is partners with the Coast Guard Institute (CGI), Army National Guard (ARNG) and the Navy College Distance Learning Program (NCPDLP).

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Charter Oak State College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. A public college in the Connecticut state system of higher education, Charter Oak provides degree completion and online learning opportunities for adults busy fulfilling commitments to career and family.

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