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To the Indiana State University Community:

Indiana State University proudly welcomes veterans, active-duty service members, members of the National Guard and Reserve, and military spouses and dependents. Military-affiliated students are an asset to our University. Their leadership, discipline, experience, and commitment to service strengthen our classrooms and the Sycamore community. On behalf of Indiana State University, I formally affirm our support for these students and our responsibility to help them succeed from application through graduation and into their next career.

This commitment is embedded in Take Root and Rise, Indiana State's 2025-2030 strategic plan. Its Culture of Care calls us to see, support, and empower every Sycamore.

Indiana State demonstrates this commitment through the following resources and practices:

- **Dedicated support and community.** The Veterans Resource Center in the Hulman Memorial Student Union gives students one central place to obtain benefits information, connect with campus resources, study, use computers, and gather between classes. The Student Veterans of America chapter provides peer connection, advocacy, and leadership opportunities.
- **Benefits and financial guidance.** Registrar staff help students process VA forms and certify enrollment each semester for Post-9/11 and Montgomery GI Bill benefits, Yellow Ribbon, Veteran Readiness and Employment, dependents' benefits, National Guard programs, and Armed Forces Tuition Assistance. Students have a direct point of contact through veterans@indstate.edu and the online Veteran Benefit Request Form.
- **Credit, access, and affordability.** Indiana State evaluates prior military education and service through the DD 214, Joint Services Transcript, American Council on Education recommendations, CLEP, and DSST. Military-affiliated students who live outside Indiana receive the Indiana resident tuition rate upon admission. These practices respect knowledge already earned and can reduce both cost and time to degree.
- **Academic, personal, career, and family support.** Military-affiliated students have access to priority registration, academic advising, tailored career services, financial assistance, counseling and mental health care, disability services, and childcare support through an authorized Military Fee Assistance provider. When a military service obligation interrupts enrollment, Indiana State works with the affected service member to identify solutions that do not create debt from returned Tuition Assistance.

In 2025, Military Times named Indiana State the top university in Indiana for veterans and military-connected students. We regard that recognition as evidence of progress and a responsibility to keep improving.

To our military-affiliated Sycamores: our gratitude carries an obligation to serve you well. We respect the education and experience you bring, will help you navigate and use the benefits you have earned, and will stand with you as you pursue your educational and professional goals.

Sincerely,



Mike Godard
President
Indiana State University