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Julius W. Becton, Jr. Joins APUS Board of Trustees

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Online University System Honored to Have the Decorated Army General and Educator in its Ranks

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., Nov. 28 /PRNewswire/ -- Lieutenant General Julius W. Becton, Jr., USA Retired, has been appointed to the board of trustees of American Public University System (APUS) (http://www.apus.edu) and brings with him a legacy of public service and dedication to education. As a member of the APUS board of trustees, Becton will help oversee academics at the online university system.

"General Becton is truly a distinguished member of the education community," said Wallace E. Boston, Jr., president and chief executive officer of APUS. "His military service, coupled with his strong educational experience, gives him a unique perspective to shape the academic program for students continuing their education."

APUS is comprised of American Military University (http://www.amuonline.com) and American Public University (http://www.apu.apus.edu) and provides distance learning to 27,000 civilian and military adult learners worldwide.

"I am happy to be a part of an institution that works with service members to continue their education," said Becton. "I look forward to working with APUS and am committed to offering students a rigorous yet affordable academic experience."

Becton served in the Army for nearly 40 years and retired at the rank of Lieutenant General. He is a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and was assigned to various posts domestically and internationally. He was nominated by President Reagan and confirmed by the Senate as the third director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from 1985-1988. Becton returned to his alma mater and served as president of Prairie View A&M University from 1989-1994 and was CEO of the District of Columbia Public Schools from 1996-1998.

Becton serves on several boards and is currently a Director of Network for Instructional TV, Inc.; a

trustee for the George C. Marshall Foundation; a member of the council of trustees for AUSA; a member of the advisory council for the 1st Cavalry Division Association; and a former member of the advisory board for eArmy University On-Line.

A native of Bryn Mawr, Pa., Becton holds a BS in mathematics from Prairie View A&M University, an MA in economics from the University of Maryland, and is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College; the Armed Forces Staff College; and the National War College. He also holds honorary doctoral degrees from Huston-Tillotson College, Muhlenberg College, Prairie View A&M University, and The Citadel.

About American Public University System

American Public University System is comprised of American Military University (AMU) and American Public University (APU) and offers 57 degrees in its online undergraduate and graduate programs. Courses are taught by professors who are experienced in the real-world subjects they teach. APUS's curriculum, affordability and flexibility helps working adults pursue degrees in professional studies, management, and liberal arts. A university book grant supplies textbooks at no charge to undergraduates if they are seeking academic credit and maintain satisfactory academic standing. APUS also offers specialized programs in homeland security, national security and public safety. Eligible students may apply for Federal Student Aid. American Public University System is a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Public Education, Inc. (Nasdaq: APEI - News).

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