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U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly (VA-11) Visits American Public University System To Discuss Online Education for Service Members

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CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., Sep 24, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Representative Gerald "Gerry" E. Connolly, VA-11, met recently with officials from American Public University System (APUS) in their Manassas, Va. offices to learn more about how APUS's online education is meeting the needs of active duty service members and veterans.

Rep. Connolly took the opportunity to walk through the university's online learning experience and better understand the rich learning environment available in today's online platforms. APUS is an online university system that includes [American Military University](#) and [American Public University](#) and is one of the largest providers of education to the U.S. Armed Forces.

Rep. Connolly is supporting recently introduced legislative amendments to the Post 9/11 GI Bill that would allow service members attending online schools to receive the housing allowances the current bill prohibits them from receiving.

According to a study released in May 2009 by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE), students in online learning environments, on average, performed better than those taking the same course through face-to-face instruction.

Rep. Connolly's district includes Fairfax County, Prince William County and Fairfax City. A significant number of active duty and retired military reside in the 11th District.

American Public University System includes American Public University and American Military University and educates more than 50,000 adult learners worldwide. APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility helps working adults pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. A university book grant supplies textbooks at no cost for eligible undergraduate students. For more information, visit www.apus.edu.

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