



## University of Maryland University College

*Office of the President*

October 25, 2006

Mr. Richard F. Blewitt  
Founder & CEO  
The Blewitt Foundation  
23081 Tail Race Road  
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Dear Rich,

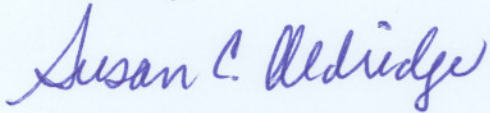
University of Maryland University College (UMUC) is pleased to support the Blewitt Foundation's efforts to provide special comfort, enjoyment and enrichment opportunities for U.S. military families, especially those who have suffered the loss or serious injury of a family member. Since its inception in 1947, UMUC has enjoyed a very special relationship with the U.S. armed forces. We were the first, and continue to be the principal, provider of voluntary higher education services to U.S. military personnel and their families stationed overseas. UMUC serves over 50,000 military students at over 100 military installations in 20 countries. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Blewitt Foundation to provide a different type of service to our military families.

As a higher education institution UMUC will assist the Blewitt Foundation in two ways. First, we will work with the Foundation to seek funding to expand the current award criteria for The Marge and Frank Blewitt Endowed Military Scholarship Fund in order to accommodate widows, widowers, or spouses of deceased or injured service members who wish to pursue a UMUC degree program. Second, we will draw upon our rich resources of faculty and staff to provide educational opportunities in formats convenient for the participants; for example, as-needed online modules, individual sessions or small group seminars. These opportunities could include such areas as career planning management; personal finances; the management of stress; academic counseling; and other topics as requested by the Foundation. Details of this arrangement, including specific scheduling and payment processes, will be finalized collaboratively with the Foundation.

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UMUC is delighted to join the Blewitt Foundation to honor America's military families, especially the families of those who have paid a high – or, indeed, the ultimate – price in defense of our nation.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Aldridge, Ph.D.  
President