First, it was a Troy University bumper sticker that caught First Sergeant Scott L. Denson’s attention. Then, it was the University’s unfailing commitment to the military. “After learning more about the GoArmyEd/eArmyU program, I knew I wanted to find a school that was going to accept most of my current credits … and give me the most credit for my military experience,” he said. “I noticed TROY was on a military installation. That was a big factor for me. I knew that they would be there for the soldier.”

“In today’s Army, you can’t get by just being a ‘super trooper,’ you have to have the education to back it up. My degree stands as an acknowledgement of my hard work. It also shows I can start and finish something,” Denson said. The 18-year Army Veteran, having already completed three years of college, was seeking to complete his Bachelor of Applied Science in Resources and Technology Management.

“I’ve had a great experience with TROY” he said. “The courses have been great and the instructors try to work with the soldiers.” That was especially important when he was deployed to Iraq. “I came to Iraq with a goal of how many courses I wanted to complete while down range and I met my goal,” he continued. “But I couldn’t have done it without my instructors. They all worked with me. I made the right choice in TROY.”

Denson’s story isn’t unique. In fact, it’s a typical example of TROY’s commitment to students, particularly through TROY’s eCampus and University College, which operates 60-plus sites outside of Alabama, where the Division I-A University is located.

“eCampus is the newest delivery system for a long tradition of providing educational opportunities to our military,” said Dr Deb Gearhart, Troy University eCampus Director. “Serving our military is how Troy University started its outreach.” This rich tradition began in 1955 when the University established its first remote location at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

In 2004, the Department of Veterans Affairs called on TROY to engineer a program that would meet the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996, which requires acquisitions employees to hold a bachelor’s degree. Referred to as The Acquisition College Degree Program, employees can be reimbursed for tuition through the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Today, the University’s eCampus operates in 13 time zones, 16 states and 14 foreign locations and is internationally recognized as a leading regionally accredited learning institution with programs that serve military personnel across the globe. TROY’s firmly established presence enables students to begin and continue college educations regardless of geographical boundaries. Last year alone, Army students took more than 30,000 courses.

Assigned to the 440th Signal Battalion Darmstadt, Germany, Chief Warrant Officer Perry Nibbelunk knows firsthand how flexible, solid resources helped him pursue his Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. “I can continue my coursework even if I am deployed to a forward location,” he said. “I am new to online college courses. But what I have experienced with TROY has been very interesting and positive.”

GoArmyEd/eArmyU isn’t the only partnership the University enjoys with the military. TROY is a “Charter Member Institution” of the new Air Force Air University Associate to Bachelor’s Cooperative Program which allows graduates of the Community College of the Air Force to matriculate their associate degree program into a TROY bachelor’s degree program.

The Navy College Program Distance Learning partnership is another way TROY serves the military. In the Navy College Program, TROY has provided more than 3,000 sailors with access to higher education. This coalition coordinates higher-education providers and the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership to provide rating-related degrees via distance learning.

TROY offers more than 45 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, continuing education and academic courses. In the initial year of eCampus, more than 70,000 courses were taken by students utilizing TROY’s technologically advanced delivery of traditional courses. All TROY degree programs are regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.