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Terry Campus invites public to book signing with American Navy hero

DOVER- Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus invites the public to a book signing with author Dr. William Carter at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 in the Education and Technology Building's Conference Center. Dr. Carter wrote the book "Why me, Lord?-The Experiences of a U.S. Navy Armed Guard Officer in World War II's Convoy P.Q. 17 on the Murmansk Run."

"Why me, Lord?" is the first-hand account of a young naval officer's 1942 voyage across the North Atlantic from Iceland to North Russia through U-boat infested waters. As commander of a U.S. Navy Armed Guard gun crew aboard the American merchant ship, *S.S. Ironclad*, author William A. Carter took part in the ill-fated convoy, P.Q. 17, which suffered the highest losses of any Russian convoy in World War II. The story of his return trip in 1943 aboard the Liberty Ship, *S.S. Richard Bland*, is equally harrowing, detailing its tragic loss after being torpedoed three times north of the Article Circle by German submarines.

Senator Tom Carper, a retired Navy captain, wrote the foreword of the book.

After graduating from college in 1940, Dr. Carter joined the U.S. Navy, believing that U.S. involvement in the war in Europe was inevitable. Upon completion of officer

training, Dr. Carter left for North Atlantic convoy duty as the commanding officer of a Navy Armed Guard gun crew. For his service during the war, he was awarded a Silver Star for Valor and a high Soviet decoration, the Order of the Great Patriotic War, First Class.

After returning to civilian life, Dr. Carter has enjoyed a distinguished career in business and public service. In 1998, the William A. Carter Partnership Center at the Delaware Tech Owens Campus was named after him in recognition and appreciation for his 30-plus years of commitment to the college, including his work as a founding member and former chairman of the college's board of trustees. Currently, he serves on the Owens Campus Educational Foundation Development Council and lives in Millsboro with Ann, his wife of 65 years.

During the event, attendees may enjoy special presentations by the author and Terry Campus student Nadia Skopintseva of Dover. Ms. Skopintseva, a Russian native, will describe her own family's participation in World War II and the liberating, new life that followed.

"Dr. Carter has been a part of the Delaware Tech family for years and, as one of the last World War II sailors, deserves recognition for his service," Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson said. "He is a true American hero."

Dr. Carter's book will be available for sale at the campus bookstore on April 9 and limited copies will be available at the book signing. Dr. Carter plans to donate a portion of the proceeds from the book sales to the college's Educational Foundation. For more information about this event, call Assistant to the Campus Director Dr. Susan Looney at 302-857-1124.