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Palo Alto College earns Military Friendly School® designation

Palo Alto College is among the top colleges named by *G.I. Jobs*, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, as a Military Friendly School® for 2012. The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.

Palo Alto has more than 850 veterans or VA-eligible family members using their educational benefits at the college, along with an office and staff dedicated to providing services to its military community.

The designation among 1,518 institutions on this year's list validates the services offered by the schools, including the student veterans' clubs, military credit and staff assistance offered at Palo Alto College. To select this year's list of schools, *G.I. Jobs* for the first time incorporated a survey of student veterans, providing peer reviews from current students.

Michael Dakduk, Executive Director for the Student Veterans of America, said: "The Military Friendly Schools list is the go-to resource for prospective student veterans searching for schools that provide the right overall experience. Nothing is more compelling than actual feedback from current student veterans."

"We knew San Antonio would be a town attracting veterans, so we have ramped up the staffing, space and programs for veterans," said Palo Alto President Dr. Ana M. "Cha" Guzmán. "This designation provides the stamp of approval on the importance we place on service to our veterans, who have done so much to serve our country."

Information is available at www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com. Palo Alto's Veterans Affairs Office can be accessed at alamo.edu/pac/veteransaffairs.

Palo Alto College, one of the Alamo Colleges, is a fully accredited community college located on the Southside of San Antonio with a record 9,100 students enrolled in Fall 2011. It awards associate degrees and short-term certificates and offers non-credit continuing education classes. The campus is located at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy. 16 or online at alamo.edu/pac.

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