

GUEST COLUMN BY ROBERT GARZA, PH.D.

Palo Alto College serves veterans as they pursue education

As we approach Independence Day, our country is reminded of the sacrifices made by our brave service men and women each day and the importance of championing these individuals beyond their military service.

At Palo Alto College, we serve nearly 850 military veterans and eligible family members using their educational benefits. Our Office of Veterans Affairs works closely with students and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to help them obtain financial assistance while they are enrolled, and we've been recognized statewide for our efforts to ensure military veterans are

successful during their educational journeys and transition into the civilian workforce.

Many of our technical programs at Palo Alto College — including Computer Information Systems, Energy Technology, Industrial Technology, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management — align directly with experience gained in the military, allowing veteran students to excel academically, complete their degrees and certificates, and enter the workforce as a skilled, trained and credentialed employee.

On Saturday, July 27, Palo Alto College will host the 3rd Annual Veterans Education Summit

to help military veterans and their families learn more about federal military education programs to pursue higher education, such as the Montgomery G.I. Bill Active Duty Program, Post-9/11 GI Bill program, or the Texas Hazlewood Exemption.

Advisors and faculty will be available to share information about degree and certificate programs, and our special Veterans Resource Fair will host community organizations to discuss other services and entitlements available for veterans and their families.

To learn more about the Veterans Education Summit, visit alamo.edu/pac/veterans-summit or

call 210-503-0033.

Growing up in a military family and working in education for more than 20 years, I've remained dedicated to supporting our military students and their families in their journey to continue their education. Providing access to opportunities for all of our students is why Palo Alto College has been a pillar of south San Antonio for nearly 35 years, and we will continue to support the life-long success of our students and the community we serve in Military City, USA.

Robert Garza, Ph.D., is president of Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District.



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