



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Palo Alto College honors military veterans during Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Alamo Colleges District – Palo Alto College will host their annual Veterans Day Ceremony to recognize community members who have served or are currently serving in United States military branches on Thursday, Nov. 9, at noon at the College's south side campus. A special focus will be directed to those who served during the Vietnam War, as Palo Alto College has been declared an official Commemorative Partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, which recognizes and honors the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, nine million Americans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the period of the Vietnam War; approximately seven million are living today. To reach these large numbers, the Commemoration has enlisted the assistance of many thousands of Commemorative Partner organizations at the local, state, and national levels to conduct hometown-centric events and activities that thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families in their local communities.

Individuals interested in participating in the ceremony should contact the Palo Alto College Veterans Affairs Office at 210-486-3111 or visit [alamo.edu/pac/veterans-day](http://alamo.edu/pac/veterans-day) to confirm attendance by Friday, Nov. 3. Each veteran will be recognized and receive a special memento during the ceremony. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. In addition, Veteran attendees and their guests will also receive a complimentary ticket to an upcoming showing of *A Piece of My Heart* – a stage performance by Teatro Palo Alto that shares the stories of six women during the Vietnam War.

Palo Alto College enrolls nearly 800 veterans or VA-eligible family members, many of whom utilize their educational benefits from programs provided by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, including Montgomery G.I. Bill Active Duty, Vocational Rehabilitation, Post-911 Veterans Educational Assistance, and more.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence and a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The campus is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at [alamo.edu/pac](http://alamo.edu/pac).

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