



## Northwood University Awarded Military Friendly School Title from G.I. Jobs

*Northwood University is honored to be listed among the top 20 percent of Military Friendly Schools*

G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has awarded Northwood University the designation of Military Friendly School. The 2012 Military Friendly Schools 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.

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students. Student veteran survey feedback can be viewed at [www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/2012](http://www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/2012) list. Michael Dakduk, Executive Director for the Student Veterans of America agrees. "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."

Service members and veterans can also meet individual student veterans from the various schools virtually on the site to learn more about personal school decisions and the transition from the military to an academic environment.

The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. These schools are making the grade by offering scholarships and discounts, veterans' clubs, full-time staff, military credit and other services to those who served. The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools<sup>®</sup> was compiled through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at <http://militaryfriendlyschoools.com/Article/advisory-board/>.

"A full story and detailed list of Military Friendly Schools<sup>®</sup> will be highlighted in the annual Guide to Military Friendly Schools and on a poster, both of which will be distributed to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October. The newly redesigned website, found at [www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com](http://www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com), features the list, interactive tools and search functionality to assist military veterans with their school decisions.

"The Texas Northwood University Campus is proud to say that currently we have enrolled 39 total veteran students on campus, 22 of which are in our ADP program and each one exemplifies the Northwood Mission Statement which is to develop the future leaders of a global, free enterprise society", stated Dr. Kevin Fegan, Northwood TX Campus Provost.

"Having Northwood University recognized as a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs is an honor and a privilege. The focus on integrity, achievement, responsibility and freedom are more important now than ever before in the history of America. Military veterans are able to recognize the connection between values held in their service to our country and those held by Northwood University" said Brian Rolfes, Fort Worth Program Center Manager.

The Northwood program center located on NAS Fort Worth JRB has 97 students who currently serve or have served our country. Ssgt. USMC, Sam 'Skip' Aldriedge, is one of 41 students taking advantage of Post 9/11 benefits. Ssgt. Aldriedge said "The Ault Degree Program is extremely accommodating for the non-traditional student. This program is comprised with the most professional educators and understanding professors you will ever find. Especially for those sudden changes that military life has made us accustomed to. If you are looking for a top notch University that is extremely military friendly and can approach the enrollment process in a seamless manner, Northwood University is the school of choice. Go Knights!!!"

### **ABOUT G.I. Jobs**

G.I. Jobs ([www.gijobs.com](http://www.gijobs.com)) is published by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business which also publishes The Guide to Military Friendly Schools, Military Spouse and Vetrepreneur magazines and annually rates the nation's "Military Friendly Employers," "Military Spouse Friendly Employers" and "Best Corporations for Veteran-Owned Businesses.

### **ABOUT NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY**

Northwood University is committed to the most personal attention to prepare students for success in their careers and in their communities; it promotes critical thinking skills, personal effectiveness, and the importance of ethics, individual freedom and responsibility.

Private, nonprofit, and accredited, Northwood University specializes in managerial and entrepreneurial education at three full-service, residential campuses located in southern Florida, mid-Michigan and northern Texas. Adult Degree Programs are available in eight states with many course delivery options including an online option. The DeVos Graduate School offers day and evening programs in Michigan, Texas, Florida and Switzerland. The Alden B. Dow Center for Creativity and Enterprise in Midland, Michigan, specializes in creative thinking and innovation development. International education is offered through study abroad and in Program Centers in Switzerland, China, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. Northwood University also operates the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Maine.

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