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## **TMCC Earns Military Friendly® Bronze Award**

**Reno, Nev.** – Truckee Meadows Community College was named in November as a 2017 Military Friendly® School. The designation was awarded by Victory Media, publisher of “G.I. Jobs®,” and “Military Spouse.” On Dec. 2, TMCC was awarded with an additional honor — the Bronze award — for being a community college with outstanding programs and support for veterans and their families.

Each year, the list of Military Friendly® Schools is provided to service members and their families in order to help them select the best college, university, or trade school to receive the education and training needed to pursue a civilian career.

Ratings methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Victory Media with feedback from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the college’s survey scores with the assessment of the institution’s ability to meet baselines in factors such as student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, and persistence — degree advancement or transfer.

### **Veterans Highlights**

One of the events in November highlighting veterans was the third-ever TMCC Veterans Job and Resource Fair. About 80 veterans attended this fall’s Nov. 4 event, chatting with the employers, handing out résumés and meeting representatives of the veteran-centered resource agencies.

“There was a wide range of businesses, local and international,” said Kelly Persich, U.S. Marine Corps veteran student. “I’m in the logistics program, earning my associate degree in December and will start the Bachelor of Applied Science in January. I interviewed with Valeo, an international auto parts manufacturer.”

Also, on Nov. 2 two student veterans, Jesse Bates and Gunnar Annis sat on a four-person panel as part of a Campus Community Conversations monthly lunch and discussion event sponsored by the TMCC Equity and Inclusion Office. Zack Totans, TMCC veterans coordinator moderated, and Paul Stockton, Navy veteran and Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (V.I.T.A.L.) staff member also participated.

Bates completed his tour with the U.S. Marine Corps in 2012 and is a business major at TMCC. “Most veterans don’t come back with post-traumatic stress — the vast majority are simply trying to work on their education,” he said. “We try to portray ourselves as proactive and giving back to the community.” He added that there has been a vast improvement of services for veterans since 2012. Stockton agreed. “This is the best Veterans Resource Center in the country,” he said.

For more information about TMCC resources for veterans, please [contact Totans](#) at 775-337-5612.

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## **About TMCC**

Truckee Meadows Community College is a comprehensive community college located in Reno, Nev., and is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education. With five college sites and more than 20 community locations, TMCC serves more than 16,000 students each year in state-supported programs and another 9,600 students in non-credit workforce development classes. For more information, please go to [www.tmcc.edu](http://www.tmcc.edu).

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