

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **TexasWideOpenForVeterans.com Encourages Veterans to Live, Work and Play in the Lone Star State**

AUSTIN—Active members of the military and veterans who are considering where to begin their civilian lives can now access a new resource that reveals the many advantages and opportunities awaiting veterans choosing to make the Lone Star State their permanent home. [TexasWideOpenForVeterans.com](http://TexasWideOpenForVeterans.com) is a newly launched website for veterans and their families with a one-stop opportunity to explore the many reasons for veterans to put down roots in the Lone Star State.

“We are pleased that veterans across the country will have this resource that will provide them a one-stop opportunity to discover the array of advantages that Texas offers the heroes who have given so much to our nation,” said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar. “The services we offer veterans along with job growth and quality of life make Texas a state second to none as a post-service destination.”

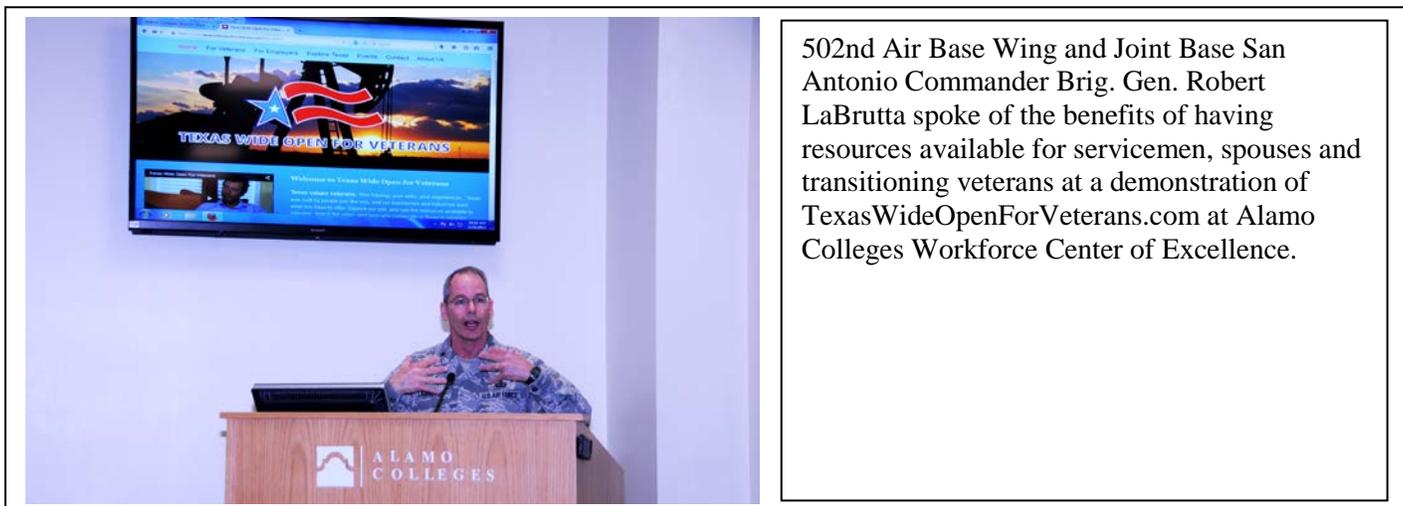


Pictured from left to right: Texas Veterans Commission Chairman Retired Army Maj. Eliseo Cantu, Texas Workforce Commissioner Hope Andrade, and Texas Veterans Commission, Executive Director Thomas Palladino attend the TexasWideOpenForVeterans.com website demonstration at Alamo Colleges Workforce Center of Excellence on Wednesday, Jan. 14.



Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade discusses the advantages and opportunities available for veterans on the TexasWideOpenForVeterans.com website at a demonstration in San Antonio, TX.

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502nd Air Base Wing and Joint Base San Antonio Commander Brig. Gen. Robert LaBrutta spoke of the benefits of having resources available for servicemen, spouses and transitioning veterans at a demonstration of TexasWideOpenForVeterans.com at Alamo Colleges Workforce Center of Excellence.

The new website is a joint project developed by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the [Texas Veterans Commission](#) (TVC) and [Texas.gov](#) to help veterans access the resources they need to help them decide if they want to put down roots and transition to civilian life in Texas.

“Our state has so much to offer,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “With the highest job growth in the country, there are many opportunities for these veterans to find work in a variety of industries in Texas. We believe Texas is the best place to live, work and raise a family and we want to make sure our men and women in uniform know that we’d love for them to make Texas their home.”

The new site was demonstrated today at an event in San Antonio at the Alamo Colleges Workforce Center of Excellence. State, military and community leaders came together to explore the site which provides information about how to connect with jobs and employers in Texas, training and education opportunities for veterans, and connections to a vast array of information about the opportunities for veterans to live, work and play in Texas.

“The transition to civilian life can be unnerving for many veterans,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “This tool will guide veterans to the many resources that are available to them in Texas and the benefits they can expect to find if they choose to make that transition smooth one here in the Lone Star State.”

TexasWideOpenForVeterans.com will also provide resources for employers who would like to connect with veterans for their hiring needs. The site is a tool for Texas employers who are looking to hire from this unique pool of talented, experienced job seekers. Among the many benefits of hiring veterans, the [Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#) allows employers to receive up to a \$9,600 tax credit on federal business income or payroll tax benefits when they hire a qualifying veteran.

“After serving our country, service members deserve the best prospects in employment and education as they transition into civilian life, and they will find that in Texas,” said Texas Veterans Commission Chair Eliseo ‘Al’ Cantu, Jr. “The commitment the state of Texas has made to our veterans is proven time and again through career, educational and entrepreneur opportunities as well as the programs and services available.”

This initiative builds upon other veteran-focused TWC programs, such as the [Veteran and Industry Partnership \(VIP\)](#), which focuses on creating jobs for veterans and supplying a skilled and ready workforce for some of the state’s most high-demand industries: petrochemical, advanced manufacturing and information technology.

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