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OMAHA – The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) has been named one of the country's top "Military Friendly Schools" according to G.I. Jobs magazine and Victory Media, making it the sixth consecutive year UNO has been recognized for its efforts to help military and veteran students complete their education.

By making the 2015 list, UNO is included among the top 15 percent of colleges and universities around the country, adding to earlier recognitions from *Military Times*, which ranked UNO as the nation's top public university for veterans, and *U.S. News and World Report*, which ranked UNO's Online Bachelor of General Studies program in the top 10 for veteran students.

"It's a tremendous honor to receive this designation yet again as a validation of the work UNO does to support military and veteran students and their families," said Mike Connolly, director of UNO's Office of Military and Veteran Services. "With a long history of service to this community and such a supportive university culture and leadership team, UNO is by far the best place for a military or veteran student to pursue their education."

UNO's history with supporting veteran students dates back to 1951 when the U.S. Air Force instituted the Bootstrap program, which was designed to help veterans complete their education after returning from active service.

One alumnus who made use of the program is current U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, who graduated from UNO with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in 1971 after serving in Vietnam.

In 2011, UNO opened its first *Office of Military and Veteran Services*, which provides academic and professional guidance on making the transition to the classroom for military students and their families.

UNO also offers a campus location at Offutt Air Force Base, a waived application fee for military students, a flexible deployment policy, and free access to UNO's Health, Physical Education and Recreation building.

The Military Friendly Schools list has been published by G.I. Jobs since 2009 and is compiled through extensive research and data-driven surveys of more than 10,000



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schools nationwide. Complete survey methodology is available at <http://militaryfriendly.com/methodology>.

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Located in one of America's best cities to live, work and learn, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) is Nebraska's premier metropolitan university. With more than 15,000 students enrolled in 200-plus programs of study, UNO is recognized nationally for its online education, graduate education, military friendliness and community engagement efforts. Founded in 1908, UNO has served learners of all backgrounds for more than 100 years and is dedicated to another century of excellence both in the classroom and in the community.

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