

## ACHIEVEMENTS...

- ◆ Served over 1,000 Veterans and Active-Duty Military since beginning in 2010
- ◆ Recognized as one of five dedicated AT Programs within the VA system: Richmond, Tampa, Palo Alto, Minneapolis and San Antonio
- ◆ Offers an Adaptive Sports Clinic
- ◆ Supports monthly AT Education to VA Rehabilitation Clinical Staff throughout the VA System of Care
- ◆ Serves VISNs 1-6 and 9
- ◆ Accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities)
- ◆ Honored with a visit by First Lady Michelle Obama in 2012
- ◆ Developed the first AT Local and National Newsletter

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# Assistive Technology Center of Excellence



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## MISSION...

- ◆ To enhance the ability of Veterans and Active -Duty Service Members with disabilities to fulfill life goals through the coordination and provision of appropriate interdisciplinary AT services.
- ◆ To serve as an expert resource to support the application of AT within the VA health care system.

## WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?...

- ◆ Devices, services, strategies, and practices that help Veterans and active duty personnel become more independent in their daily life roles.



## YOU MAY NEED ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IF YOU?...

- ◆ Have a partial or total inability to control your environment
- ◆ Have trouble with your daily living needs
- ◆ Have trouble speaking
- ◆ Have a learning disability
- ◆ Have limited or no ability to move independently
- ◆ Have trouble with posture or positioning



## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CAN ENABLE A PERSON TO...

- ◆ Care for themselves and their family
- ◆ Work or Volunteer
- ◆ Learn in schools and other educational institutions
- ◆ Access information through computers and reading
- ◆ Enjoy music, sports, travel, and the arts
- ◆ Participate fully in community life
- ◆ Communicate with family and friends



## THE AT PROGRAM SUPPORTS...

- ◆ **ADAPTIVE COMPUTER ACCESS** — Devices designed to allow Veterans who have lost the use of a body part or function to access a computer
- ◆ **ADAPTIVE DRIVING** — Evaluation of Veterans that determines the ability to drive based on their level of function as well as the need for possible adaptive equipment to safely operate their vehicle
- ◆ **ADAPTIVE SPORTS** — Recreational sports and sports equipment that helps Veterans compensate for their physical disability
- ◆ **AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (ACC)** — Devices and technologies used by Veterans with impairments in gestural, spoken, and/or written modes of communication
- ◆ **ELECTRONIC AIDES TO DAILY LIVING** — Devices designed to help with the daily living needs of Veterans who have lost the use of a body part or function
- ◆ **ELECTRONIC COGNITIVE DEVICES** — Devices designed to improve the everyday function of Veterans with cognitive impairments
- ◆ **POWERED MOBILITY & SEATING (EXCLUDES SCOOTERS)** - Devices designed to improve and optimize mobility when Veterans are no longer able to achieve by conventional rehabilitation or medical interventions

## AT CLINICS ARE LOCATED...

- ◆ Outpatient AT Clinic In the Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Center (Bldg 514)
- ◆ Inpatient AT Clinic in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) Service (Main Hospital)
- ◆ The Community Living Center (CLC) AT Clinic inside the CLC OT Clinic
- ◆ KT Driving Rehabilitation (Main Hospital)
- ◆ The Mental Health (MH) AT Clinic inside the MH OT Clinic

## AT TEAM OF EXPERTS INCLUDE...

- ◆ Psychiatrists
- ◆ Occupational Therapists
- ◆ Physical Therapists
- ◆ Speech-Language Pathologists
- ◆ Rehabilitation Engineer & Technician
- ◆ Adaptive Sports Specialist
- ◆ Kinesiotherapists (Driving Specialists)

IF INTERESTED IN AT SERVICES,  
CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN,  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR  
NURSE PRACTITIONER.

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE...

- ◆ Assists Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members in achieving their life goals through the use of AT
- ◆ Provides consultations, evaluations and training on AT devices & software
- ◆ Offers education & caregiver training
- ◆ Educates & trains staff
- ◆ Provides rehabilitation engineering services
- ◆ Offers AT Telehealth services

