



State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

DAILY JOB LISTINGS



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Job Title: **Child Protection Specialist**
Agency: Children & Family Services
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Vermilion County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **5**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **1636500**

Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action

SUBMIT BIDS TO:
Patty Gideonsen
5415 N University Ave
Suite 103
Peoria, IL 61614
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Job Title: **Administrative Assistant I - Opt A1**
Agency: **Agriculture**
Closing Date/Time: **Fri. 01/27/17 5:00 PM Central Time**
Salary: **\$4,159.00 - \$6,218.00 monthly**
Job Type: **Full-Time**
Location: **Sangamon County, Illinois**
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC028**
Bid ID#: **IDOA 1702**

Under general direction, serves as a staff assistant performing a variety of specialized functions relating to the operational requirements of the Bureau. Signs and approves travel vouchers; schedules meetings and appointments; conducts special studies; and attend meetings and seminars. Assist the Bureau Chief by conferring with management personnel, with reorganization and reassignment of workloads and work assignments relating to existing operations within the Bureau. Develop new positions or alternative work assignments to accomplish desired objectives. Recommendations may include revision of existing policies and procedures development of new positions, or alternative work assignments. Composes complex letters, reports, plans, memorandums, etc. ensuring accuracy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:
Contact Bureau of Human Resources - 217/785-5099

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Agency: **Agriculture**
Closing Date/Time: **Fri. 01/27/17 5:00 PM Central Time**
Salary: **\$4,159.00 - \$6,218.00 monthly**
Job Type: **Full-Time**
Location: **Sangamon County, Illinois**
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC028**
Bid ID#: **IDOA 1703**

Under general direction, serves as a staff assistant performing a variety of specialized functions relating to the operational requirements of the Division. Assists management personnel with organization and assignment of workloads; serves on interview panels as required; serves as Division timekeeper; maintains Bureau of Environmental Programs Petty Cash fund; assists with the division of duties associated with the receipt of various payments and fees for the Bureau of Environmental Programs, and conducts various special duties for the Division; serves as personnel liaison for the Division; and attends meetings and seminars. Develop new positions, or alternative work assignments. Establishes desired guidelines in conjunction with the Department Personnel Office and monitors the progress of such requests.

Division of Natural Resources
John R. Block Building, State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL

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Job Title: **Administrative Assistant I - Opt D1**
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 01/24/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,020.00 - \$6,096.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **CF028**
Bid ID#: **1720002-205117**

Under general direction, performs a variety of important staff and administrative functions directly for the Deputy Director/CFO; serves as liaison in working with various Departmental divisions; develops data and gathers materials; maintains appointment schedule; confers with management staff; oversees the compilation of the monthly activity reports and maintenance of appropriate records and files; assists Deputy Director in pulling together and developing the annual management plan

Contact:
Shirley Treseler
406 E. Monroe, Station 440
Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-524-4391
Fax: 217-785-1765
Email: Shirley.Treseler@illinois.gov

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Job Title: **Administrative Assistant II - Opt A1**
Agency: **Agriculture**
Closing Date/Time: **Fri. 01/27/17 5:00 PM Central Time**
Salary: **\$4,612.00 - \$6,990.00 monthly**
Job Type: **Full-Time**
Location: **Sangamon County, Illinois**
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC028**
Bid ID#: **IDOA 1704**

Under general direction, administers the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program; receives and gathers information for, and replies to FOIA request; maintains files for FOIA requests. Manages the Rulemaking Program; coordinates and assists Department policy makers in the development of policy to implement statutory authority, court decisions, federal programs and rulemaking requirements; testifies before hearings of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) and attends meetings with JCAR staff

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Job Title: **Chaplain II**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 01/31/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,821.00 - \$7,304.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Christian County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC063**
Bid ID#: **IDOC29-56-17-2549**

Under administrative direction of the Assistant Warden of Program (Senior Public Service Administrator), functions as facility-head Chaplain; coordinates a full-scale inter-faith religious program at the Correctional Center; provides, arranges, and coordinates adequate religious services

AGENCY CONTACT: Amanda Wilson, HR Rep
Taylorville Correctional Center
PO Box 1000
Taylorville, IL 62568
(217) 824-4004 ext. 5205
(217) 824-4042 fax

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Job Title: **Administrative Assistant II - Opt P2**
Agency: Pollution Control Board
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 01/25/17 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,716.00 - \$6,506.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC028**
Bid ID#: **PCB AA 1701**

This position functions as the Clerk of the Board for the Illinois Pollution Control Board, and as the Official Transfer Agent Officer to the Appellate and Supreme Court Systems of the State of Illinois. the Clerk Serves as Administrative Assistant to the Board, performs research and assists Board Members and legal staff, acts as custodian of Board case files and assures compliance with State Records Act retention requirements, supervises implementation of the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) electronic system for docketing and filing case documents. This position handles the preparation of public and legal notices of hearings and Board meetings

Agency Contact:
Kathy Griffin, Chief Fiscal Officer
1021 N. Grand Ave., East
P.O. Box 19274
Springfield, IL 62794-9274

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Job Title: **Agricultural Marketing Representative**
Agency: **Agriculture**
Closing Date/Time: **Fri. 01/27/17 5:00 PM Central Time**
Salary: **\$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly**
Job Type: **Full-Time**
Location: **Sangamon County, Illinois**
Number of Vacancies: **2**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **IDOA 1706**

Under general direction, coordinates and implements programs to enhance and expand international and domestic marketing and promotional programs. Organizes and manages international and domestic trade shows, trade missions and other events including those supported and mandated by the state to promote and serve the Illinois food and agribusiness industries.

Bureau of Marketing, Promotion and Grants
John R. Block Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL

Additional Information:
Contact Bureau of Human Resources - 217/785-5099.

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Job Title: **Carpenter**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 02/01/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$31.55 - \$33.29 hourly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Christian County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **PR000**
Bid ID#: **IDOC29-56-17-2554**

Under direct supervision of the Stationary Engineer – Chief at Taylorville Correctional Center, performs journeyman level work in carpentry and construction work.

AGENCY CONTACT: Amanda Wilson, HR Rep
Taylorville Correctional Center
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Job Title: **Carpenter**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 02/01/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$31.70 / Hour
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Livingston County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **PR000**
Bid ID#: **IDOC 29-85-17-0802**

Under direct supervision of the Stationary Engineer-Assistant Chief, performs carpentry work at the journeyman level in the construction, maintenance and repair of doors and cabinets, bookcases, shelving, windows and doors; constructs small buildings and installs suspended ceilings, ceramic and floor tile.

Additional information may also be obtained from the Agency Contact listed above or by contacting CMS, Division of Examining and Counseling at Work4Illinois@Illinois.gov or (217) 782-7100, (217) 785-3979 (TDD/TTY), (800) 526-0844 (TTY Only).

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Job Title: **Building/Grounds Laborer**
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 02/02/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,240.00 - \$4,592.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC042**
Bid ID#: **1700003-004474**

Under immediate supervision of the Executive I, performs duties involved in the day to day operation of the region; arranges all conference rooms for various meetings and events; moves equipment and furniture within field offices in the region; deliveries supplies and equipment

AGENCY CONTACT:

Kara Bandelow
406 E. Monroe Sta 373 Springfield, IL 62701
Email: Kara.Bandelow@illinois.gov
Fax: 217-524-3970
Phone: 217-557-1757

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Job Title: **Social Worker Intern**
Agency: Human Services
Closing Date/Time: Mon. 01/23/17 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary: \$2,900.00 - \$5,927.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Madison County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **10-77-322-01-88-99153-4307**

Under direct supervision of the Chief Social Worker, for a period not to exceed one year, participated in a comprehensive facility and school approved training program, including short term, closely supervised training exercises designed to assist in the development of professional skills and techniques in interviewing and social assessment formulations of forensic patients at the Alton Mental Health Center. Receives training while assisting in development and maintenance of medical record/case management documentation process.

Agency Contact:
Dr. Rod Hoevet
Phone: 618-474-3859
Fax: 618-474-3955

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Job Title: Social Services Career Trainee - Opt MC
Agency: Human Services
Closing Date/Time: Continuous
Salary: \$3,371.00 - \$4,826.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Statewide, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC062
Bid ID#: 10 41 SSCT MC

Under direct supervision, receives formal and informal orientation in the principles, techniques, procedures and policies related to the rehabilitation of persons w/disabilities. Receives info on DHS as well as community services and supports available to persons w/disabilities. Becomes aware of different disabilities and the medical and functional limits imposed while completing academic coursework necessary to obtain a Master's degree in Rehab or a closely related field. Assists on caseload of persons who communicate with the use of Sign Language.

For more information, please refer to the Work4Illinois website at Work.Illinois.Gov and select 'Application Procedures'. Additional information may also be obtained from the Agency Contact listed above or by contacting CMS, Division of Examining and Counseling at Work4Illinois@Illinois.gov or (217) 782-7100, (217) 785-3979 (TDD/TTY), (800) 526-0844 (TTY Only).

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Job Title: Social Services Career Trainee - Opt SS
Agency: Human Services
Closing Date/Time: Continuous
Salary: \$3,371.00 - \$4,826.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Statewide, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC062
Bid ID#: 10 41 SSCT SS

Under direct supervision, receives formal and informal orientation in the principles, techniques, procedures and policies related to the rehabilitation of persons w/disabilities. Receives information on DHS as a total agency & the comprehensive services provided as well as community services and supports available to persons w/disabilities. Becomes aware of different disabilities and the medical and functional limitations imposed while completing academic coursework necessary to obtain a Master's degree in rehabilitation or a closely related field. Assists on caseloads of persons whose primary language is Spanish.

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Salary: \$2,900.00 - \$5,927.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Madison County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **10-77-322-01-88-99153-4307**

Under direct supervision of the Chief Social Worker, for a period not to exceed one year, participated in a comprehensive facility and school approved training program, including short term, closely supervised training exercises designed to assist in the development of professional skills and techniques in interviewing and social assessment formulations of forensic patients at the Alton Mental Health Center. Receives training while assisting in development and maintenance of medical record/case management documentation process.

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Phone: 618-474-3859
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Job Title: Support Service Worker (Housekeeping)
Agency: Veterans Affairs
Salary: \$2,647.00 - \$3,570.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Union County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC009
Bid ID#: 34-60-14-cont.

Under direct supervision, performs routine housekeeping required to maintain cleanliness and a sanitary environment of all assigned building areas. Sweeps, dry and wet mops, strips waxes and buffs hard surfaced floors. Operates a variety of cleaning machines and equipment. Responsibilities include collecting soiled laundry and linens and transporting to the laundry area. Cleans and disinfects walls, furniture, mirrors, wheelchairs

Contact:
Melanie McReynolds
Phone: (618) 833-6302 ext: 243
Fax: (618) 833-2040

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Job Title: **Building/Grounds Laborer**
Agency: Military Affairs, Department of
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 01/24/17 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,240.00 - \$4,592.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Peoria County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC042**
Bid ID#: **17-022**

EXAMPLE OF WORK: Under immediate supervision, performs non-skilled cleaning tasks and manual labor: strips, scrubs, waxes, and polishes floors; washes windows and woodwork; cleans restrooms; empties trash; maintains lawns and landscaping; shovels/plows snow.

LOCATION: Bartonville JAFRC, 3101 S. Airport Road, Bartonville

AGENCY CONTACT: Lindsy Morrow at 217-761-3786 or Janice Estes at 217-761-3786.

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Job Title: **Bridge Tender**
Agency: Transportation
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 01/26/17 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,696.00 - \$4,696.00 monthly
Job Type: Part-Time
Location: Pike County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Bid ID#: **IPR#41032**

This position operates an electronically operated and/or diesel powered lift span bridge over the Illinois River in accordance with the Federal and State regulations, the Department's Safety Code and all operating instructions.

Please visit <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/employment/index> for more posting information.

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Job Title: **Account Clerk II (Upward Mobility Target Title)**
Agency: Human Services
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 01/18/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$2,919.00 - \$3,645.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County Zone 3, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **01**
Plan/BU: **RC014**
Bid ID#: **10-72-99380**

Under general supervision, performs posting, auditing, reviews and reconciles all Ludeman Center Residents accounts, and donated restricted & funds accounts. Additionally, verifies and controls all resident account balances. Prepares all vendor billings for payment after complete verification of price and receipt of goods into Stores; posts into disbursement journal all purchases, post into Disbursement Journal all Trust Fund Petty Cash disbursements for field trips and small personal expenditures. Prepares for CMS a monthly remittance for care and treatment charges. Prepares all checks to pay vendor invoices, posts all bank deposits to cash receipts journal.

AGENCY CONTACT
Alice M. Chambers
Human Resources Representative
Elisabeth Ludeman Center
114 N. Orchard Drive
Park Forest, IL 60466
708-283-3016

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Job Title: Account Technician I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Mon. 01/23/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,250.00 - \$4,594.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: St. Clair County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC014
Bid ID#: IDOC29-59-17-0004

Under general supervision of the Public Service Administrator, Business Administrator, performs technical accounting work in preparing, maintaining and reconciling files, documents and records manually and by utilizing The Inventory Management System.

Agency Contact:
Cindy Hubert, Human Resources Representative
Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center
950 Kingshighway
East St. Louis, IL 62203
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CMS EMPLOYMENT

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Public use copiers are not available at the Assessment Centers. Therefore, it is important that applicants bring with them copies of their application for each title and test option for which they want to test.

Chicago Office:
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-300
Chicago, IL 60601-3220
(312) 793-3565 (voice)
Illinois Relay Center 800) 526-0844

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY ONLY -- Flexible
Schedule Testing Check in time for tests - clerical and non-clerical is anytime
between 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

What is the CTA Second Chance Program?

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The CTA Second Chance Program is an initiative offered in conjunction with the City of Chicago and social service agencies throughout the city. Working closely with the Department of Family and Support Services, hard-to-place individuals are given an opportunity to obtain full-time employment and training which may enable a start of a long-term, meaningful career.

How to apply

Jobseekers need to actively participate in one of the 13 designated agencies' work readiness programs. The CTA Second Chance program is in regular communication with the agencies listed below. The agencies' top participants are referred to CTA for the bus servicer and rail car servicer Second Chance positions.

[Click Here For the 13 Designated Agencies](#)

What are the eligibility requirements and qualifications?

- Job seekers interested in participating must:
 - Reside within the City of Chicago
 - Be 18 years or older
- Participate in 8-10 weeks of Job Readiness Training and obtain a certificate of completion from one of the 13 referring agencies.
- Second Chance participants that are referred are required to be released from the following:
 - House arrest (wearing metal band/bracelet)
 - Drug/alcohol program (i.e. Methadone treatment)
 - Work release center
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How many Second Chance positions are available?

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Up to 265 Second Chance participants may be employed by CTA in one calendar year. Start and end dates per Second Chance participant are on a rolling basis.

How long does the program last?

Based on job performance and attendance, a participant may serve for 12 months or more.

How much does the program pay?

Participants are paid at a rate of \$10.00 per hour and may work up to 40 hours per week. Pay checks are issued on a bi-weekly pay period.

How is a participant selected?

As positions become available, CTA contacts the referring agencies. Referring agencies recommend applicants who they have screened and who have successfully completed the job readiness program.

Once the referring agency recommends an applicant, what happens?

- Applicants are fingerprinted for background processing.
 - Applicants complete a medical review.
- If the applicant passes background and medical what are the next steps?
 - Orientation/pre-hire
- Applicants attend a new employee orientation thoroughly outlining program guidelines, eligibility requirements, job functions, placements, and Union participation.
 - Completion of all hiring documentation and application inserts
 - Training
- Participants are required to complete a (paid) safety training prior to reporting to assigned work location.

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- The overall performance and attendance/tardiness of each apprentice is scored.
- Supervisors and apprentices are required to review the scoring of the evaluations, solicit feedback and address any questions or concerns.
- Agencies provide individual case management on each apprentice and maintain periodic contact.

What happens when the participant successfully completes the program?

- Participants in good standing receive a certificate of completion and letter of reference from CTA.
- Providing there are no additional arrests or convictions on the participant's record, the Second Chance program participant is encouraged to apply for CTA vacancies.

Who can you call if you have questions?

If you still have questions about this program, you can contact the CTA Second Chance Hotline

- 312-681-2293.



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Drive with Uber and get paid INSTANTLY in fares by helping our community of riders get around town. Driving with Uber is a great way to earn cash on your schedule. The more you drive, the more you can earn. It's simple and perfect for those looking for seasonal, work from home, entry level, temporary, or any type of part time opportunities. And now, with Instant Pay, you can drive and instantly transfer your earnings to your bank account. There's no minimum on the amount you can withdraw, and you can cash out up to 5 times a day!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- **Earn Great Money:** The more you drive, the more you earn.
- **Flexible Schedule:** Make your own schedule as a contractor – any time day or night.
- **Getting Started is Easy:** Signing up is quick & easy – no experience required!
- **Get Paid Weekly:** Get checks deposited into your bank account weekly.
 - You're at least 21 years' old
 - You have a 4-door vehicle
 - You have a driver's license and insurance
- You're friendly and excited to earn money on your schedule!

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10 REASONS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE ARMED FORCES

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Whether you are considering the military out of a sense of Patriotism or duty, for action and adventure, or for a steady job in a depressed economy, there is something for everyone. Here are 10 reasons the military may be a good fit for you.



1. Patriotism, defending our nation, and a sense of duty. Military service is a time-honored way to serve others first. Walter Reuther is quoted as saying, "There is no greater calling than to serve
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your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.” (Source). This quote sums up what it means to serve.

When you join the military, you learn the true meaning of service.

2. Jobs in a down economy. The US has experienced a difficult economy over the last few years, including high levels of unemployment, rising costs, and the outsourcing of many jobs. If you are looking for employment, consider the military, which continues to offer jobs for those who are qualified medically and academically, and who do not have an extensive criminal record.

3. Pay and benefits. A new second lieutenant starts at over \$36,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$3,000, depending on where he or she is stationed.

An enlisted person starts at around \$20,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$1,500 depending on where he or she is stationed. Enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses can be over \$20,000. After serving only 3 years, some nuclear trained enlisted members in the Navy receive bonuses of \$90,000 for re-enlisting. Student loans can be relieved by up to \$65,000. The military is also one of the few places where you can get a full pension after serving 20 years or more. Military can reach 50-75% of the average of your final three years base salary. In some instances, you can receive more than 75% of your base pay in retirement.

4. Full medical coverage for you and your family. Military members are immediately eligible for full health care benefits for themselves and their immediate family members as soon as they enter the service, and if you stay through until retirement, you and your family can take these

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benefits with you when you leave the military. These health benefits extend to immediate family (e.g. spouses and children, and sometimes dependent parents). You may also be eligible for temporary military healthcare benefits after you leave the service.

5. Skills and training. The military provides advanced technical training in a variety of career fields and also offers opportunities for additional training when you are off-duty. Many military members are able to attend college that is often paid for by tuition assistance. You can use your training opportunities to advance within your career field, earn certifications or degrees, or prepare yourself to transition back into civilian life.

6. Leadership opportunities. Military leadership is a great way to get your resume for your next career. If you were to hire someone, would you want to hire someone with proven skills and experience and a degree, or someone right out of high school/college? Give me the experienced professional any day of the week! (More tips for creating your post-military resume).

7. Travel opportunities and vacation time. The military has installations all around the world and pays for you and your family to get there and back. Your off duty time is yours and you are free to travel and see the world. The military gives you 30 days of paid leave per year, not including weekends and federal holidays, depending on your job.

Benefits after Leaving the Service

8. Education opportunities after you leave the military. The new GI Bill pays veterans who served at least 36 months a monthly living stipend and full tuition to pay for college, after they

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leave the military. Depending on how long the service member commits, this GI Bill can be transferred to spouses and children.

9. Buy a home with no money down with a VA Loan. The Veterans Affairs office offers veterans a way to purchase a home with no money down through the VA Loan. This makes it easier to purchase a home while you are serving, or after you have left the service.

10. A military retirement is worth millions. An officer with 20 years of service, who earns over \$100,000 per year, could retire with a pension of over \$48,000 per year for life in his or her 40's and start a second career. Imagine earning over \$4000 per month for the rest of one's life, starting at age 42. This equates to an accumulative pay of \$480,000, \$960,000, \$1.4 million in 10, 20, and 30 years, respectively, in addition to having full health care coverage and an income from a second job, if desired. (Oh, and those numbers don't account for annual cost of living adjustments which increase your monthly pension).