State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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08/06/2016

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER Job Fair

When: Wed, August 3, 10am – 3pm

Where: Illinois Central School Bus, 2555 S Blue Island Ave Chicago IL 60608 (map)

Description: SCHOOL BUS DRIVER Job Fair Wed-Thur June 29th through August 31st. Illinois Central School Bus, 2555 S Blue Island Ave Chicago IL 60608 773-924-5839

Positions: SCHOOL BUS DRIVER WE ARE INVESTING IN YOU!! PAID TRAINING WHILE LEARNING TO SAFELY TRANSPORT OUR FUTURE! Illinois Central is willing to invest in your training and offers paid training for Drivers starting now. Local Candidates please apply. SCHOOL BUS DRIVER Illinois Central School Bus Passenger Management Training gets you ready to meet the students! This part-time job allows you to spend time doing what you love and money to spend while you're doing it!! Working with school age students is a very rewarding opportunity. School Bus Drivers are an extension of the classroom; our drivers have a great impact on the children that ride the bus!

No Evenings - Spend time with family and friends- take a class at the college- No Weekends -Spend time traveling - with friends and family- PAID Holidays -The benefits of working with us- Regular Schedule -4 hours guaranteed- Weekly Pay on Fridays - Every Friday Competitive Wages - Raises yearly No Experience necessary - PAID TRAINING School Bus Driver Requirements- Drivers must be at least 21 years of age Must possess valid driver's license for 3 years or longer All Bus Driver applicants must pass a background check and drug test. If you are interested in a driving position with Illinois Central School Bus, we want to talk today!

Call us at 773 924 5839

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Chicago Career Fair

Thursday, September 22, 2016

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows/Schaumburg
3405 Algonquin Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Thursday, October 20, 2016

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Holiday Inn Chicago/Oak Brook
17 W 350 22nd St
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

What to bring... Bring plenty of resumes, as you'll be giving them directly to hiring managers at each company. If you have a multi-page resume, make sure your name and contact information are on each page. Be organized and bring supplies you might need i.e. pens, paper, business cards, etc. How long should you spend at the job fair... You can spend as little or as long as you want at the show. Plan to spend one hour at the event. You should be able to speak with at least ten company representatives or more in this time. What do I do at the job fair? Walk up to each company, introduce yourself, shake their hand, give them a resume and ask what positions they are looking for

For more information and to register, visit www.choicecareerfairs.com

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Job Title:	Librarian I
Agency:	Historic Preservation
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 08/12/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,969.00 - $5,913.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC063
Bid ID#:	HPA1660

Under general direction of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's (ALPL) Library Service's Librarian 2; performs complex reference and historical research; provides in-depth explanation and instruction of the various library resources and procedures to researchers, authors, professional staff and other patrons; hosts library groups and organizations; develops informative library materials; collects and prepares Reference and Reading Room statistical records; recommends material for acquisition; catalogs and accessions newly acquired material and prepares for inventory; serves as key operator for section's copy machines.

Agency Contact:
Historic Preservation Agency / Human Resources
313 S Sixth St
Springfield, IL 62701
217-524-1282

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Job Title:	Library Associate / IRCC
Agency:	Corrections
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 08/01/16 3:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,508.00 - $5,041.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Fulton County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	IDOC-29-10-16-0497

At Illinois River Correctional Center, under direction of the Educational Facility Admin. (Public Service Admin.), performs professional library duties in the law and general libraries; provides guidance and information to assist, plan, direct and coordinate the educational library at the facility; researches available material and recommends acquisition of appropriate books, magazines and other library supplies; maintains security of the library; conducts periodic inventory and replaces obsolete and/or missing materials; provides assistance to users with research projects and reference work.

Contact:**Kelley Johnson**- Human Resource Representative
Illinois River Correctional Center
PO Box 999, 1300 W. Locust, Rt. 9 West
Canton, IL 61520
309-647-7030 ext. 252
309-647-0353 fax
Kelley.Johnson@doc.illinois.gov

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Job Title:	Licensed Practical Nurse I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Veterans Affairs
Closing Date/Time:	Continuous
Salary:	$3,300.00 - $4,231.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Adams County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	34-60-13-Cont. 3

Carries out assigned nursing procedures; administers medication, injections and treatments; takes and records temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure; apply and change simple bandages, monitors catheterizations, IV's and transfusions. Observes, records and reports to physicians and registered nurses or supervising nurse the symptoms, reactions and changes in condition of patients. Demonstrates self care activities. Assist patients with activities of daily living. Performs general range of motion exercises with member. Provides emotional and physical comfort. Serves as non-supervisory resource person to less experienced staff providing guidance relative to nursing techniques.

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Job Title:	Maintenance Worker Power Plant
Agency:	Veterans Affairs
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 08/03/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$38.99 / Hour
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Adams County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	PR000
Bid ID#:	34-120-17-012

Under immediate supervision, assists engineering personnel in the inspection and maintenance of water systems and heating units; checks and records gauge readings; assists in the operation of the power plant of the facility; maintains an adequate supply of coal in the bunkers; keeps boiler pits free from ashes. Operates motor driven coal elevators and conveyors, motor driven ash conveyors and levels off coal in bunkers.

Contact:
Illinois Veterans' Home
Human Resources
Ph: 217-222-8641 Ext 247 or 204
Fax: 217-222-2961

08/06/2016

Job Title:	Management Operations Analyst II
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 08/08/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,873.00 - $7,392.00 monthly $58,476.00 - $88,704.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-66-97356/57

Under direction of the manager of the Medicaid Waiver Unit, evaluates medicaid waiver provider agency compliance with service reporting and other requirements in the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Analyzes survey information to set claiming rates; designs or revises computer-based programs for collection, tracking, analysis and reporting of utilization and other data related to the Medicaid waiver, Community-Integrated Living Arrangement and other programs.

Please submit applications to:
Kelly Kindred
Bureau of Employee Services
100 S. Grand Avenue East, 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62762
FAX: 217-524-2116
PHONE: 217-557-0347

08/06/2016

Job Title:	Mental Health Recovery Support Specialist I
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 08/09/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,159.00 - $6,218.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Union County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-80-16-30 / EPAR 97347

Under direction of the Hospital Administrator, serves as State Hospital (SH) Recovery Support Specialist for Choate Center, functioning as a liaison between patients and their respective SH Treatment Teams regarding identified services issues. Coordinates and facilitates SH wellness activities, including the implementation of Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) groups. Reviews, analyzes and evaluates consumer survey data.

Contact Person: Allison Holshouser, Donna Patterson or Stacey Busby
Human Resources Office
PH: (618) 833-5161, Ext. 2486, 2222 or 2522
Fax: (618) 833-1415

08/06/2016

Job Title:	Mental Health Technician II
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 08/08/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$16.47 - $22.98 hourly $2,865.00 - $3,998.00 monthly $34,380.00 - $47,976.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Livingston County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	6
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	10-67-96179

Under direct supervision, participates as a member of an interdisciplinary team in developing and implementing Individual Service Plans in accord with all applicable Facility, DD, State, Federal standards, rules, policies and regulations; assists individuals with independent living skills; provides basic health care.

LOCATION:
Wm. W. Fox Developmental Center
134 W. Main Street Dwight, IL 60420
815-54-3347 phone
815-584-3723 fax

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Job Title:	Mental Health Technician III
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 08/04/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	$2,951.00 - $4,124.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Union County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	10-80-16-29 / EPAR 97105

Under direct supervision of the Living Unit Team Leader, provides habilitative treatment for the developmentally disabled on assigned living unit. Serves as a lead worker responsible for conducting and monitoring one or more program areas. Serves as a member of the program team in planning, implementing, and evaluating the individual habilitation plan.

Contact Person: Allison Holshouser / Donna Patterson / Stacey Busby
PH: (618) 833-5161, ext. 2222

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Job Title:	Methods & Procedures Career Associate II
Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 08/09/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,371.00 - $4,826.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	14-051

Under direct supervision of the Compliance Section Manager, Division of Water Pollution Control, Bureau of Water, assists in technical functions and complex methods and procedures development relative to the operation of a compliance and enforcement tracking data base in support of compliance assurance activities.

Contact: Penny Tinder
IEPA
1021 North Grand Avenue East MC#37
PO Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276
217.782-2504
Fax: 217/524-6907

08/06/2016

Job Title:	Office Aide
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 08/03/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$2,519.00 - $3,352.00 monthly $30,228.00 - $40,224.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC014
Bid ID#:	10-16-97086

Under immediate supervision, performs clerical filing and document processing functions requiring minimal discretion of action in performing extremely limited tasks in the Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Customer & Support Services.

Please submit applications to:
Kelly Kindred
Bureau of Employee Services
100 S. Grand Avenue East, 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62762
FAX: 217-524-2116
PHONE: 217-557-0347

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Job Title:	Office Assistant - Opt 1
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Continuous
Salary:	$2,845.00 - $3,519.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Statewide, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	E-HCD Continuous

Under general supervision, reviews complex materials which includes resumes for clients, weekly and monthly statistical reports, minutes of monthly unit meetings, and confidential materials such as staff performance evaluations; prepares checks for carfare for clients seeking employment; balances check book.

Contact:
Employee Services, HCD
100 South Grand Avenue East, 3rd floor
Springfield, IL 62762

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Job Title:	Office Assistant - Opt 1
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 08/09/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$2,782.00 - $3,781.00 monthly $33,384.00 - $45,372.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC014
Bid ID#:	10-10-97087

Under general supervision, sets up, operates and maintains a variety of computer driven, optic scanning inserting machines, various folders, MLOCR barcoding/sorting system, makes minor repairs and adjustments to machines.

Please submit applications to:
Kelly Kindred
Bureau of Employee Services
100 S. Grand Avenue East, 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62762
FAX: 217-524-2116
PHONE: 217-557-0347

08/06/2016

Job Title:	Office Assistant - Opt 2
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Continuous
Salary:	$2,845.00 - $3,519.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Statewide, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	G-HCD Continuous

Under general supervision, reviews complex materials which includes resumes for clients, weekly and monthly statistical reports, minutes of monthly unit meetings, and confidential materials such as staff performance evaluations; prepares checks for carfare for clients seeking employment; balances check book.

Contact:
Employee Services, HCD
100 South Grand Avenue East, 3rd floor
Springfield, IL 62762

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Job Title:	Office Assistant - Opt SS1
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Continuous
Salary:	$2,845.00 - $3,519.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Statewide, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	F-HCD Continuous

Under general supervision, reviews complex materials which includes resumes for clients, weekly and monthly statistical reports, minutes of monthly unit meetings, and confidential material such as staff performance evaluations; prepares checks for carfare for clients seeking employment; balances check book.

Contact:
Employee Services, HCD
100 South Grand Avenue East, 3rd floor
Springfield, IL 62762

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Job Title:	Office Associate - Opt 2
Agency:	Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 08/01/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$2,935.00 - $4,065.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC014
Bid ID#:	1647040-474332

Under direction of the supervisor, performs a variety of complex, specialized clerical support services for multiple direct service teams in a field office, including case file maintenance, typing, records processing, and other office support functions.

Agency Contact: Anna DiPiazza, Human Resource Representative

Office of Employee Support - Cook

100 W Randolph, ste. 6-100

Chicago, Il 60601
Phone: 312-814-1222 Fax: 312-814-1224 Email: Anna.Di-Piazza@illinois.gov

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Job Title:	Building/Grounds Laborer
Agency:	Military Affairs, Department of
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 07/26/16 11:59 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#:	17-001

EXAMPLE OF WORK: Under immediate supervision, performs non-skilled cleaning tasks and manual grounds and building labor; strips, scrubs, waxes, and polishes floors, washes windows; cleans restrooms; maintains lawns and landscaping; shovels snow; empties trash. Requires possession of an appropriate valid driver's license.

WORK LOCATION: Crestwood Armory
Robbins, IL

WORK SHIFT: 800AM-430PM
Monday-Friday

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact State Personnel at (217) 761-3633.

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Job Title:	Building/Grounds Maintenance Worker
Agency:	Military Affairs, Department of
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 07/26/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,371.00 - $4,826.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Winnebago County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC042
Bid ID#:	17-002

EXAMPLE OF WORK: Under direct supervision, regularly performs a variety of semi-skilled labor or building mechanical work below the journeyman level and directly assists skilled craftsmen; operates vehicles and heavy equipment as required in the maintenance of the facility and grounds

WORK LOCATION: Machesney Park Armory
Machesney Park, IL

WORK SHIFT: 8-430PM
Monday-Friday

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact the State Personnel Office at (217) 761-3633.

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Job Title:	Building/Grounds Maintenance Worker
Agency:	Military Affairs, Department of
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 07/26/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,371.00 - $4,826.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	McDonough County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC042
Bid ID#:	17-003

EXAMPLE OF WORK: Under direct supervision, regularly performs a variety of semi-skilled labor or building mechanical work below the journeyman level and directly assists skilled craftsmen; operates vehicles and heavy equipment as required in the maintenance of the facility and grounds

WORK LOCATION: Macomb Armory
Macomb, IL

WORK SHIFT: 8-430PM
Monday-Friday

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact the State Personnel Office at (217) 761-3633.

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Job Title:	Carpenter
Agency:	Corrections
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 07/27/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$43.35 - $46.02 hourly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Will County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	PR000
Bid ID#:	IDOC29-82-16-0861

Under direct supervision of the Stationary Engineer-Chief., performs skilled carpentry work; instructs helpers and inmate in performing carpentry tasks.

Position Number: 06650-29-82-350-60-01

CONTACT: Diana Wysocki, Human Resources Representative, Stateville Correctional Center, P.O. Box 112, Joliet, IL 60434
Phone: (815) 727-3607 extension 6693
Fax: (815) 727-0838
Email: diana.wysocki@doc.illinois.gov

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CMS EMPLOYMENT

Testing is offered on easy to use touch screen computers. Applicants are allowed at least 90 minutes to answer the questions on automated tests. On tests with a larger number of questions or more complex questions (Human Resources Assistant & Associate; Data Processing Specialist & Administrative Specialist; Disability Claims Adjudicator Trainee; Insurance Analyst II; Revenue Tax Specialist Trainee; Social Services Career Trainee; Telecommunicate Trainee), more time is allowed to complete the exam.

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.

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What is the CTA Second Chance Program?

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 the13 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?

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.

- 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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10 REASONS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE ARMED FORCES

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.

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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 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 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 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).