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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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For More Information, contact organizers at:

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Accounts Receivable Clerk

Hephzibah Children's Association is accepting applications for a full-time Accounts Receivable Clerk, 35-40 hours per week. Responsibilities include all accounts receivable, billing, and collection activities.

Qualified candidates will meet the following requirements:

- Associates Degree in business administration or accounting, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- General knowledge of accounting.
- Experience and competencies in Microsoft Office, Word and Excel, and skills in general ledger software.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, strong organizational skills, ability to work independently, and ability to work effectively with staff, parents, donors, oversight agencies and the public.
- 1-2 years of Accounts Receivable experience

Starting hourly rate is \$15.00 commensurate with experience

Send resume to Mary Tortorici, Director of Finance by email at: mtortorici@hephzibahhome.org.

Original Post at: <http://www.austinweeklynews.com/Classified/Ads/5961/>

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COOK/KITCHEN MANAGER

Hephzibah Children's Association has an opening for a cook/kitchen manager at our Oak Park location. Responsibilities include preparing menus, nutritious meals and snack for the residents of the Group Home. Shopping, ordering food and supplies and tracking monthly inventory along with maintaining equipment.

Keep kitchen equipment clean and sanitary and in good order. Knowledge of state and local regulations pertaining to food service and certification in food service sanitation and first aid and CPR. Ability to meet the physical requirements of the job. Great opportunity to work 25 hours per week. Interested candidates should contact Jim Woywod, Director of Group Homes at jwoywod@hephzibahhome.org.

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Job Title: **Child Welfare Advanced Specialist**
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 08/30/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,612.00 - \$6,990.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC063**
Bid ID#: **1624008-244953V**

Under direction, serves as guardianship liaison for all DCFS wards; utilizing critical decision-making skills and acting within strict timeframes, provides consents to social services, medical, and other providers on behalf of children under DCFS custody and guardianship

Agency Contact:
Dahra Parenteau

DCFS, Office of the Guardian
17 N. State Street, 7TH Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

PHONE: 312-793-1430
FAX: 312-793-3546
Email: dahra.parenteau@illinois.gov

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Job Title: Child Welfare Specialist (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 08/25/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC063
Bid ID#: 1618037-180608

Under general supervision, provides statewide telephone coverage of a toll-free number for the reporting of alleged child abuse and neglect; makes highly responsible decisions regarding intake and screening of information received on initial calls to the toll-free number; completes all necessary reports and forwards to appropriate staff; provides information for input into computer terminals; monitors incoming written reports.

Agency Contact:
April Coats
DCFS
406 E. Monroe St., Station 30
Springfield, IL 62701
April.Coats@illinois.gov

Phone: (217) 557-7430
Fax (217) 785-0395

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Job Title: Child Welfare Specialist - Opt SS (Upward Mobility Target Title)

Agency: Children & Family Services

Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Sangamon County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC063

Bid ID#: Spfld State Central Register

Under general supervision, provides statewide telephone coverage of a toll-free number for the reporting of alleged child abuse and neglect; makes highly responsible decisions regarding intake and screening of information received on initial calls to the toll-free number; completes all necessary reports and forwards to appropriate staff; provides information for input into computer terminals; monitors incoming written reports; translates and interprets, both orally and in writing, for Spanish speaking clients.

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: Child Welfare Specialist - SS (Upward Mobility Target Title) - Spanish Speaking
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 09/01/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC063
Bid ID#: 1613051-138187

Under general supervision of the Foster Home Licensing Supervisor, performs a variety of foster care licensing related tasks in accordance with Department rules and procedures; supports, assesses, prepares, and monitors to ensure that foster and adoptive families and their home environment meet required licensing standards; integrates and coordinates required pre-service training into the assessment process; assists in coordinating the foster parent support specialist and develops foster homes

Contact Person:

Johnnie Rambo

Johnnie.Rambo@illinois.gov

Division of Licensing

Dept. of Children & Family Services

1911 S. Indiana Ave, 9th Floor

Chicago, IL 60616

Phone Number: 312.328.2461 / Fax#: 312.328.2321

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Job Title: **Civil Engineer III Squad Engineer**
Agency: Transportation
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 08/25/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary: \$5,320.00 - \$9,000.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Lee County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **3**
Bid ID#: **IPR#41184**

This position is accountable for supervising the activities of engineers and technicians engaged in the preparation of location studies and designing and preparing plans for highway facility improvements.

Technical Applications (PM 1080) **must be received** by the Bureau of Personnel Management, Room 113, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764 (Fax# 217/557-3134) or emailed to DOT.CO.BPM.EmploymentApplications@Illinois.gov by **Thursday, August 25, 2016**, 4:30 p.m. Please include address, daytime phone and position for which applying if not already listed on application. Applicants will be notified in writing to schedule interviews.

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Job Title: Conservation Grant Administrator I
Agency: Natural Resources
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 09/07/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC062
Bid ID#: 12-12-4993

Under direction, participates in managing grant projects under the LWCF/OSLAD, Bike and Museum grant programs, and other grant programs; participates in the preparation of technical grant information. Participates in preparing grant contracts, contract billings and project amendments. Travels statewide to assist in reviews of LWCF, OSLAD, Bike and Museum grant projects.

WHERE TO APPLY
Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Lisa LaBonte
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702
Phone: 217-782-4376

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Job Title: Conservation/Historic Preservation Worker
Agency: Agriculture
Salary: \$8.25 - \$17.00 hourly
Job Type: Temporary
Location: Perry County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 300
Bid ID#: 11-11-IDOA-238

Temporary employment only.

Under immediate supervision, for a period not to exceed 6 months, performs a variety of unskilled manual labor in maintenance and/or simple clerical duties at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. Involves responsibility only for performing work promptly and efficiently.

DuQuoin State Fairgrounds
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DuQuoin, IL 62832
618-542-1515

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Job Title: **Correctional Casework Supervisor**
Agency: **Corrections**
Closing Date/Time: **Wed. 08/31/16 4:00 PM Central Time**
Salary: **\$5,175.00 - \$7,909.00 monthly**
Job Type: **Full-Time**
Location: **Logan County, Illinois**
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **CU500**
Bid ID#: **IIDOC-29-88-16-0219**

Under the general direction of the Clinical Service Supervisor; directs case management services programs of Logan Correctional Center; supervises staff; assigns and reviews work; establish formal methodology of case reporting; monitors and performs follow-up; directs centers work release; electronic detention and transfer referrals; serves on various committees.

Agency Contact:
Laurel Mendenhall/Human Resources Representative
1096 1350th Street
Lincoln, Illinois 62656
217-735-5581 Ext. 219

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Job Title: Correctional Counselor I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 08/31/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,957.00 - \$5,854.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Perry County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: 1
Plan/BU: RC062
Bid ID#: IDOC29-62-16-0147

Under direct supervision of the Clinical Services Supervisor, performs beginning level professional duties providing counseling and guidance services to offenders; performs routine beginning level case management duties as outlined by facility; participates in recommending and reviewing treatment plans; assists in developing and implementing re-entry assessment goals; receives formal and on-the-job training for increased responsibilities and job proficiency.

CONTACT:

Cliff Van Zandt, Human Resource Rep. - TA
P.O. Box 1000
Pinckneyville, IL 62274
PH: 618-357-9722 ext. 2053
FAX: 618-357-2083

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Job Title: **Arson Investigator I**
Agency: State Fire Marshal
Closing Date/Time: Fri. 09/02/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,144.00 - \$6,433.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Madison County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC029**
Bid ID#: **50-50-SFM16-019**

Under general supervision of the Division Director of Arson, investigates fire scenes to determine cause and origin of fire for the purpose of bringing criminal charges against individual(s) who would be responsible for such crime. Makes arrest of suspected arsonist. Provides documentation for prosecutable action. Upon request, provides advice and direct assistance to local, other state and federal law enforcement agencies. Work within judicial system and assist local fire departments.

Agency Contact:
Robert Huck
Public Safety Shared Services Center
1301 Concordia Ct.
Springfield, IL 62702
217-557-6010 ext. 4217
217-782-8916 – Fax

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Job Title: **Barber**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Wed. 08/31/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: Depends on Qualifications
Job Type: Temporary
Location: Fayette County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Bid ID#: **IDOC29-87-PSC-0001**

Under general supervision of the Shift Supervisor, performs journeyman work as an Illinois registered barber. Cuts hair, shaves, shampoos, and performs other incidental barbering duties in the Inmate/Employee Barber Shop. Instructs inmate workers in various barbering services. Maintains barber shop and equipment in a sanitary, serviceable, and orderly condition. Keeps basic records. Orders supplies.

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Public Safety Shared Services Center
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Job Title: **Budget Analyst I**
Agency: Office of Management and Budget
Closing Date/Time: Sat. 10/01/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,417.00 / Month
Job Type: Exempt
Location: Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **2**
Bid ID#: **001**

Examines and analyzes budget requests from agencies.

Makes recommendations and provides technical assistance on budget levels for agencies and programs, taking in to account administration priorities, availability of resources and impact on programs.

Assists in the negotiation of issues related to the budget or state programs, which may include reviewing, researching and recommending alternative budget strategies.

Attention Personnel:

603 Stratton Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Fax: 217-524-4876

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Job Title: **Building/Grounds Laborer**
Agency: Military Affairs, Department of
Closing Date/Time: Mon. 09/05/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,240.00 - \$4,592.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Macon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC042**
Bid ID#: **17-006**

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Janice Estes at (217) 761-3786.

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Job Title: **Building/Grounds Maintenance Worker**
Agency: Military Affairs, Department of
Closing Date/Time: Mon. 09/05/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary: \$3,371.00 - \$4,826.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Peoria County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **2**
Plan/BU: **RC042**
Bid ID#: **17-005**

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

CURRENT STATE EMPLOYEES: Submit a Notice of Interest in Vacancy/Bid Form, Transfer Form and CMS 100 or CMS 100B to the Department of Military Affairs, State Personnel, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., Spfld., IL 62702 or by faxing to 217/761-3418.

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Job Title: **Carpenter**
Agency: Corrections
Closing Date/Time: Tue. 09/06/16 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.

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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Job Title: **Child Protection Specialist**
Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 09/01/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **1648037-483243L**

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; makes recommendations about investigative findings; implements short-term services, including concrete services directly or through family advocates; on a rotating basis, assigned to 24 hour "on call" duty in addition to normal assignments, to ensure that services are provided as mandated by statute and policy.

Location:
DCFS
Team 6C0151/G. Kidd
1026 S Damen
Chicago, IL 60612

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Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 09/01/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **1648038-483339**

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; makes recommendations about investigative findings; implements short-term services, including concrete services directly or through family advocates; on a rotating basis

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Agency: Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time: Thu. 09/01/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary: \$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type: Full-Time
Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **1649045-494897**

Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources involving allegations of the most serious harm such as sexual abuse and/or severe physical abuse; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action; makes recommendations about investigative findings

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Location: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **1**
Plan/BU: **RC062**
Bid ID#: **1649045-494897**

Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources involving allegations of the most serious harm such as sexual abuse and/or severe physical abuse; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action; makes recommendations about investigative findings

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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: Lake County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **5**
Bid ID#: **Waukegan Investigations 2016**

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

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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: Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies: **8**
Bid ID#: **Cook Investigations 2016**

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; makes recommendations about investigative findings

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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 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?

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

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- 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

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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

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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).