

State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

DAILY JOB LISTINGS



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Job Title: Clinical Laboratory Phlebotomist

Agency: Human Services

Closing Date/Time: Wed. 06/01/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$15.99 - \$21.73 hourly

\$1,279.08 - \$1,738.39 biweekly \$2,782.00 - \$3,781.00 monthly \$33,384.00 - \$45,372.00 annually

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Cook County Zone 4, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC009

Bid ID#: 10-82/94124

Under the direction of the Laboratory Supervisor, performs technical phlebotomy duties for a laboratory subject to the provision of the Illinois Clinical Laboratory Act; Draws blood samples from patients; labels samples acquired; prepares samples for tests and/or transportation. Is primarily responsible for the obtaining of blood samples and shipment of same and typically do not conduct tests on the samples

Valarie Laird/Human Resources Madden Mental Health Center 1200 S. First Ave Hines, IL. 60141

Fax# 708-338-7078



Job Title: Clinical Psychologist

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Wed. 06/08/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$6,033.00 - \$9,357.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Will County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC063

Bid ID#: IDOC29-82-16-1115

Under general direction of the Psychologist Administrator (Public Service Administrator), makes clinical diagnosis and signs certificates of admission for the developmentally disabled, the mentally retarded, and/or involuntary and court ordered admission or transfers from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Human Services; testifies in court regarding findings and reasons for admission, presents certificates in court regarding the competency of a recipient who are discharged by the court and testifies regarding the same, and/or testifies in court regarding a defendant's fitness to plead, to stand trial, to be sentenced or executed. Position #08250-29-82-432-24-01

CONTACT: Diana Wysocki, Human Resources Representative, Stateville Correctional Center,

P.O. Box 112, Joliet, IL 60434

Phone: (815) 727-3607 extension 6693

Fax: (815) 737-0838

Email: diana.wysocki@doc.illinois.gov



Job Title: Clinical Services Supervisor

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Mon. 06/13/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$6,698.00 - \$9,894.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Crawford County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: VR704

Bid ID#: IDOC 29-57-16-2736

Under administrative direction of the Assistant Warden of Programs (SPSA), directs the Clinical Services Program; implements and establishes correctional guidance and counseling treatment policies and procedures for institution. Supervises subordinate staff.

IDOC/Robinson Correctional Center 13423 E. 1150th Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454 Vickie Ecton, HR Representative 618-546-5659 ext. 5204



Job Title: Clinical Services Supervisor

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 3:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$6,698.00 - \$9,894.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Fayette County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: VR704

Bid ID#: IDOC29-87-16-0145

Under administrative Direction of the Assistant Warden of Programs, Serves as the Clinical Services Supervisor; administers and directs a Comprehensive Clinical Services program at the Vandalia Correctional Center; serves as supervisor; assigns and reviews staff; monitors inmate grievance procedures; prepares budget for clinical services.

Contact: Sonya Bruno - Human Resources Representative Vandalia Correctional Center PO Box 500 Vandalia IL 62471 618-283-4170 extension 2140



Job Title: Clinical Services Supervisor

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$7,051.00 - \$9,894.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Brown County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: VR704

Bid ID#: IDOC-29-99-16-0042

Under administrative direction of the Assistant Warden of Programs (SPSA); plans, organizes, develops, and manages a comprehensive clinical services program including the monitoring of casework activities and provisions of services to offenders at Western Illinois Correctional Cente

Contact

Emily Lerch - Human Resources Representative Western Illinois Correctional Center 2500 Route 99 South Mt. Sterling, IL 62353 217-773-4441 ext. 250 217-773-2202 fax



Job Title: Conservation/Historic Preservation Worker

Agency: Agriculture

Salary: \$8.25 - \$17.00 hourly

Job Type: Temporary

Location: Sangamon County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 400

Bid ID#: 11-10-IDOA-236

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT ONLY for the Division of Fairs & Promotional Services.

Performs a variety of unskilled manual labor and/or simple clerical duties at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Involves responsibility only for performing work promptly and efficiently.

IL Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Human Resources John R. Block Building IL State Fairgrounds Springfield, IL 62794 (217) 785-5099



Job Title: Conservation/Historic Preservation Worker

Agency: Agriculture

Salary: \$8.25 - \$17.00 hourly

Job Type: Temporary

Location: Sangamon County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 400

Bid ID#: 11-01-IDOA-237

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT ONLY for various bureaus within the IL Department of Agriculture (Administrative Services; Executive Office; Natural Resources; Food Safety & Animal Protection and Ag Industry Regulation).

Performs a variety of unskilled manual labor and/or simple clerical duties at the IL State Fairgrounds. Involves responsibility only for performing work promptly and efficiently.

IL Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Human Resources John R. Block Building IL State Fairgrounds Springfield, IL 62794 (217) 785-5099



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 655 Executive Drive DuQuoin, IL 62832 618-542-1515



Job Title: Correctional Counselor I (Upward Mobility Target

Title) - Field Services

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,957.00 - \$5,854.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Montgomery County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC062

Bid ID#: IDOC29-90-16-0426

Under direct supervision of the Clinical Services Supervisor, the institutional Field Services Representative performs beginning level professional duties in the Field Services Office within the Graham Correctional Center, providing counseling services to residents concerning release programs, policies and procedures. Maintains and supervises control over records of all transactions involving an offender's release under supervision.

CONTACT: Janet Laws, Human Resources Representative

Graham Correctional Center

PO Box 499

Hillsboro, IL 62049

217-532-6961, ext. 2215



Job Title: Corrections Food Service Supervisor I (Upward

Mobility Target Title)

Agency: Juvenile Justice

Closing Date/Time: Wed. 06/01/16 3:30 PM Central Time

Salary: \$4,649.00 - \$6,485.00 monthly

\$55,788.00 - \$77,820.00 annually

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Kane County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDJJ-27-15-16-0408

Agency Contact:

Susan A. Swegle, SHRM-SCP, SPHR, M.S. Human Resources Representative Illinois Youth Center - St. Charles 3825 Campton Hills Road St. Charles, IL 60175 630-584-0506 630-584-1014 (fax)



Job Title: Corrections Identification Technician

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Mon. 06/13/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,994.00 - \$5,867.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Crawford County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDOC 29-57-16-2745

Under general supervision of the Corrections Identification Supervisor, participates in a program of fingerprint and photographic identification at the Robinson Correctional Center; enforces and maintains disciplinary, safety, sanitary, security and custodial measures.

IDOC/Robinson Correctional Center 13423 E. 1150th Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454 Vickie Ecton, HR Representative 618-546-5659 ext. 5204



Job Title: Corrections Maintenance Worker

Agency: Juvenile Justice

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,817.00 - \$5,654.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: DuPage County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDJJ-27-42-2016-0028

Under general supervision of the Stationary Engineer-Assistant Chief, supervises youth in the performance of a variety of semi-skilled work, below the journeyman level, in the maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds including lawn care; enforces and maintains safety, disciplinary, sanitary and custodial measures.

Location/Agency Contact:

Kelly Meeks, HR/GIR IYC Warrenville 30W200 Ferry Road Warrenville, IL 60555 (630) 983-6213 fax

kelly.meeks@doc.illinois.gov



Job Title: Corrections Maintenance Worker

Agency: Juvenile Justice

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,817.00 - \$5,654.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: DuPage County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDJJ-27-42-2016-0028

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kelly.meeks@doc.illinois.gov



Job Title: Corrections Medical Technician (Upward Mobility

Target Title)

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Continuous

Salary: \$3,817.00 - \$5,654.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Livingston County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 12

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDOC29-85-16-0001

Under general direction, independently performs a variety of skilled practical nursing functions for physically and mentally ill or mentally handicapped patients in a correctional health care unit; makes rounds with physician to monitor and report on patient's progress; examines and interprets symptoms of residents; orders medical and other supplies for unit; prepares and administers medication.

Interested applicants that are not current state employees need to follow the instructions below. Current state employees need to send an email of interest to: tara.owen2@doc.illinois.gov



Job Title: Corrections Nurse Trainee (Upward Mobility Target

Title)

Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Continuous

Salary: \$4,617.00 - \$6,264.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Statewide, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 11

Plan/BU: RC023

Bid ID#: IDOC29-00-1-0001

Under immediate supervision for a period of six to twelve months, participates in an agency sponsored training program, receiving a combination of comprehensive classroom and on the job training in the nursing field. Receives training in conforming with established standards, procedures, policies and security guidelines and providing the full range of professional nursing services in the care and treatment of inmate patients in a correctional facility.

Agency Contact:

Tara Owen, Hiring Process Manager Illinois Department of Corrections 1301 Concordia Court, PO Box 19277 Springfield, IL 62794-9277

FAX: 217-782-8916



Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,994.00 - \$5,955.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Randolph County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDOC-29-83-16-3054

Under general supervision of the Corrections Supply Supervisor III, receives and stores items in the various store operations including Warehouse, Mechanical, Commissary, Clothing, General, Cold Storage; receives sorts and distributes merchandise and equipment; transports commodities between warehouses and picks up deliveries from local vendors; enforces and maintains disciplinary, safety, security and custodial measures; monitors inmates engaged in store functions.

CONTACT: Jill Wehrheim, Human Resource Representative and/or Tammy Cole, Human Resource Associate
Menard Correctional Center
P. O. Box 711
Menard, IL 62259
618-826-5071 x2351 and 2224
Fax 618-826-1121



Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 3:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,994.00 - \$5,867.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Vermilion County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDOC-29-97-16-0030A

Under general supervision of the Corrections Supply Supervisor III, receives and stores items in the various store operations including Mechanical Store, Office Store, Food Store, General Store and Clothing Store; receives, sorts and distributes merchandise and equipment; enforces and maintains disciplinary, safety, security and custodial measures; monitors inmates engaged in store functions.

CONTACT:

Melisa Higgins, Human Resources Representative Danville Correctional Center 3820 E. Main Street Danville, IL 61834

Phone: (217) 446-0441, Ext. 224

Fax: (217) 446-9945

Email: melisa.higgins@doc.illinois.gov



Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Mon. 06/13/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,994.00 - \$5,867.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Crawford County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDOC 29-57-16-3126

Under general supervision of the Corrections Supply Supervisor III, receives and stores items in the various store operations including Clothing, Commissary and Stores; receives, sorts, and distributes merchandise and equipment; enforces and maintains disciplinary, safety, security and custodial measures; monitors inmates engaged in store functions.

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Agency: Corrections

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 06/10/16 4:00 PM Central Time

Salary: \$3,994.00 - \$5,867.00 monthly

Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Perry County, Illinois

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC006

Bid ID#: IDOC29-62-16-0125

Under general supervision of the Corrections Supply Supervisor III, receives and stores items in the various store operations including Stores, Commissary, Clothing Stores; receives, sorts and distributes merchandise and equipment; enforces and maintains disciplinary, safety, security, and custodial measures; monitors inmates engaged in store functions.

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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Attention South Side of Chicago- ALDI is hiring in your neighborhood! We're looking to fill Store Associate (\$13.00/ hr.), Shift Manager (\$17.50/mgr. hr. worked) and Manager Trainee (avg. \$56,190/yr.) positions.

Apply in-person Friday, May 27 from 7am-5pm at:







JUNE 20TH - AUGUST 19TH

Monday through Friday; 12:00pm - 1:30pm

2 Locations

BEYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 230 N Cuyler Ave Oak Park, IL 60302

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 305 Circle Ave Forest Park, IL 60130



- FREE to kids and teens age 18 and under
- Enjoy activities, hanging out with friends and a great lunch!
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Summer should be a stress-free time full of food, friends and fun. Free summer meals can help













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MECHANICAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS (CARMAN and SHEET METAL WORKER)

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Apprentice Rate

Pull Scale Journeyman

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\$30.84/HR

Apprentice Rate

Full Scale Journeyman

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\$30.84/HR.

Metra is currently accepting applications for its Mechanical Apprenticeship Programs. These programs take approximately three (3) years to complete and include classroom work and on-the-job training leading to a journeyman's certification.

Carman - (Passenger Railcar Mechanic) - Carman apprentices learn how to inspect, repair, and maintain air brake systems and the intereriors/exteriors of passenger railcars. Training includes formal classroom instruction and on-the-job training with an experienced Journeyman Carman.

Sheet Metal Worker - (Pipefitter) - Sheet Metal Worker apprentices learn how to inspect, repair and maintain toilets, piping systems and fabricate sheet metal components on passenger railcars and locomotives through on the job training with an experienced Journeyman Sheet Metal Worker. Apprentices also participate in formal instruction in a classroom setting.

- Candidates must be at least 18 years of age.
- Candidates must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Candidates must complete the minimum qualifications on-line questionnaire within the application posting period.
- Candidates must be able to bend, stoop, and lift up to 50 lbs.
- Candidates must be able to work different shifts.
- Military, trade school, or college experience helpful.

All applicants are subject to a complete review of their personnel record and department work record file with Metra for entrance into these programs. Work records are reviewed for absenteeism/tardiness, discipline, and/or safety violations leading to discipline. Additional factors considered include the candidate's ability to perform the physical requirements of the position, to wear a respirator (for certain positions), and to travel to different work locations. Applicants meeting initial criteria must participate in an assessment that measures, among other items, math and language skills. Upon successful completion of the assessment, Metra will schedule candidates for an interview with the Apprentice Selection Panel. The panel includes members of Metra's Human Resources and Mechanical Departments.

Metra may, for operational reasons, deny you the opportunity to transfer to another position within Metra. Unless Metra determines otherwise, your application will not be considered for any position outside of your department for a period equal to the period of the apprentice/training program. After that hold period, you may apply for a position outside of your agreement; however, you will not be considered for a transfer if, in Metra's discretion, such a transfer would have an adverse impact on your employing department. If you apply for this position and receive an offer, but are denied a transfer, you are not precluded from resigning your current position to accept this position. If you resign, please note that you do so at your own risk since there will be adverse employment consequence (involving, among other things, your seniority and vacation accrual).



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 <u>each</u> 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?

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)
- o 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.
- o 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.



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).