State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

DAILY JOB LISTINGS

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Chicago, IL 60651
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Oak Park, IL 60304
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Springfield, IL 62706
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1. **Job Title:** **Quantitative Risk Specialist**

- **Description:** Supports supervisory activities by conducting comprehensive quantitative reviews of internal risk measurement models used by large complex financial institutions to measure and control credit, market, and operational risk.
- Conducts ongoing reviews of economic, banking, financial, and related matters to stay abreast of current developments.
- Serves as a subject matter expert in the area of risk quantification models and techniques pertaining to one or more of the following areas: market risk and market pricing models; economic capital models; securitization activities and valuation models; operational risk models; credit risk models to include those used for Basel II risk parameter estimates, loan loss estimates for reserving purposes, and credit scoring models; counterparty exposure models; interest rate risk models; and models used to support liquidity, funding, and contingency risk planning.
- Conducts special studies of economic, banking, and financial markets and reports conclusions to internal and external audiences.

Agency: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Salary: $95,989.00 to $186,822.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: Lisa Gibson
Phone: 703-562-2316
Fax: 000-000-0000
TDD: 1-800-925-4618
Email: lgibson@fdic.gov
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

2. **Job Title: Registered Nurse (RN) Emergency Department and Telemetry/Stepdown Unit (FLOAT)**

Description: The Float Nurse is to rotate between the Emergency Department (ED) and Telemetry/Stepdown Units (4 East). Responsibilities include, but are not limited to caring for patients with multiple complex surgical and medical conditions. The ED is a fast-paced variable environment. Responsibilities include but are not limited to identifying and caring for patients with acute coronary syndrome (ACS), cerebrovascular accident (CVA), acute psychiatric behaviors, various medical-surgical problems, etc. Telemetry-stepdown is an acute care unit that requires more intense nursing care beyond what can be provided on a medical-surgical floor. Responsibilities include but are not limited to caring for patients with various cardiac and/or medical-surgical problems. The incumbent is responsible for maintaining BLS and ACLS per facility policy. If not ACLS certified within the orientation period, may be reassigned to another unit.

Agency: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration
Salary: $56,520.00 to $111,378.00
Job Type: Part-Time
Contact: Joyce Wyatt
Phone: (312)569-8387
Email: JOYCE.WYATT@VA.GOV
Work Hours: Evening shift (3:30pm to 12 midnight)
How to apply: USA Jobs

3. **Job Title:** **Conciliation Specialist**

Description: Serving as a Conciliation Specialist for a designated regional office which covers multiple states and requires extensive travel within the region.

· Assisting state and local units of government, private and public organizations, and community groups by serving as a neutral third-party who conciliates community

conflicts and violence based on race, color or national origin; and provide service to respond to and prevent hate crimes including incidents that have the potential for violence, stemming from issues of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

· Assessing the impact of the conflict and/or violence in the community by analyzing the tension level, identifying stakeholders and the complexity of issues related to the conflict.

· Conciliate, mediate, facilitate, train or provide consultation services, depending on the needs of the community and the identified conflict. These services will be offered in order to assist communities in identifying the appropriate resolutions that will address their conflict, assisting with developing action plans and creating partnerships, and delivering capacity building resources that address tension and crisis situations.

Agency: Offices, Boards and Divisions
Salary: $49,028.00 to $109,592.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: Nichole Anderson
Phone: (202)616-0255
Email: NICHOLE.ANDERSON@USDOJ.GOV
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

4. **Job Title:** **Registered Nurse (RN) - Multi-Drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Prevention Coordinator**

- **Description:** Perform surveillance of MRSA, CRE, VRE, C-diff and other MDRO positive patients and apply algorithms to determine the significance of MDRO, such as infection, colonization, community acquired or healthcare origin.
- Participate in assessing the environment, facilitating group problem solving, analyzing, trends, and transmitting data, developing and implementing policies and procedures and collaborating in resource management.
- Track/flag positive results, observe and report on employee's compliance with hand hygiene and transmission based precautions, calculate transmission and compliance rates, and prepare graphs for real-time feedback of results to staff.
- Provide and coordinate educational programs for clinical and non-clinical staff related to infection prevention and control.

Agency: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration
Salary: $56,520.00 to $111,378.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: Phyllis Mahn
Phone: (312)569-8387
Email: PHYLLIS.MAHN@VA.GOV
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

5. **Job Title:** **Senior Complex Financial Institution Analyst**
Description: Performs financial analyses of risk issues evident in complex financial institutions (CFIs) to include identification of the underlying sources of risk such as liquidity, market, operational, and credit risk.

Evaluates the extent to which CFIs are protected by financial cushions and the circumstances and speed in which the financial condition of a CFI could deteriorate.

Documents analytical results of backup supervisory analyses and communicates recommendations to senior management within various divisions and offices of the

Corporation, as well as other agencies and members of the financial industry.

Develops, tests, and refines analytical processes and participates as the FDIC's representative on various internal and external working groups.

Agency: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Salary: $95,989.00 to $186,822.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: Lisa Gibson
Phone: 703-562-2316
Fax: 000-000-0000
TDD: 1-800-925-4618
Email: lgibson@fdic.gov
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

6. **Job Title:** **PROCUREMENT ANALYST**

Description: The primary purpose of this position is to provide acquisition services as a member of the Contracting Committee of the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC), Air Force Space Command (AFSPC). This includes reviewing acquisitions for major weapon systems/subsystems; interpreting acquisition regulations, directives and policies; and providing acquisition counsel and guidance to staff and operating officials

- Serves as a member of the Contracting Committee. Reviews, coordinates and makes recommendations on proposed and ongoing acquisitions, and attendant programmatic, issues, of highly complex, high monetary value, long term acquisitions for major national defense systems or elements
- Represents the program office at higher levels within the organization, with agencies external to the organization, and with contractor, user and operator organizations

- Conducts evaluations and assessments, develops reports, and makes recommendations. Reviews and comment on proposed implementation of legislation affecting acquisition aspects of SMC mission

Agency: U.S. Air Force - Agency Wide
Salary: $87,263.00 to $113,444.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: *AFPC RSC*
Phone: (800)525-0102
TDD: 1-800-382-0893
Work Hours: *N/A*
How to apply: USA Jobs

7. **Job Title:** **Equal Opportunity Specialist**

- **Description:** Primarily be involved in intake assessment and/or investigation, conciliation, and resolution of complex, highly sensitive and difficult allegations of discrimination related to housing and the failure to provide economic opportunities pursuant to Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
- Perform reviews of the fair housing policies and practices of recipients of federal funds (e.g. Public Housing Authorities, Assisted Housing, and other HUD subsidized housing programs) in order to secure compliance under Title VI, Section 109, Section 504, and Executive Order 11063.

- Be involved in assessing program effectiveness in given localities by reviewing fair housing program plans for consistency with program.

- ndertake a wide variety of complex assignments which may be in the areas of enforcement, compliance and or program operations, working in conjunction with other Equal Opportunity Specialists and HUD program staff.

Agency: Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
Salary: $60,831.00 to $101,269.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: *Applicant Call Center*
Phone: 304-480-7300
Fax: 000-000-0000
TDD: 304-480-8725
Email: hudinquiries@fiscal.treasury.gov
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

8. **Job Title:** **ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL**
Description: The City of Chicago's Law Department is seeking an attorney for the position of Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division. This Division defends City employees and the City of Chicago in federal civil rights lawsuits that allege police misconduct. These cases include, *inter alia*, allegations of false arrest, excessive force, illegal search and seizure, wrongful death and *Monell*. Division attorneys practice in federal court and have a sophisticated and complex practice, involving extensive motion practice, intensive fact and expert discovery, and trial practice. The Assistant Corporation Counsel will work under the general supervision of the Division Chiefs and Deputy and handle and litigate low exposure cases.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF LAW
Salary: Commensurate w/experience
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: 312-744-4976
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: City of Chicago Career site

9. **Job Title:** **Staff Assistant**

- **Description:** Coordinates and provides administrative support in departmental operations

- Plans and coordinates management activities to ensure the efficient operation of the executive office

- Communicates critical matters to appropriate departmental staff

- Uses a personal computer or related office equipment to prepare reports and correspondence on departmental operations

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
Salary: $46,596.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: 312-744-4976
Work Hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm
How to apply: City Of Chicago Careers site

10. **Job Title:** **DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

- **Description:** Manage the work of technical staff, vendors, consultants and/or contractors responsible for the coordination, support, maintenance, integration and implementation of various projects, programs, and/or initiatives.
- Work with departmental managers to re-design organization operations and apply information technology solutions to identified business needs.
- Oversees the maintenance of networks to support information systems
- Coordinate with the City and Department of Innovation & Technology team on development, testing, integration and maintenance of department specific applications.
- Meet with department managers to determine the hardware and software needs to support day to day activities
- Manage and direct the conversion of manual processes to data processing systems

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Salary: $105,060.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: 312-744-4976
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

11. **Job Title:** **ATTORNEY (TRANSACTIONAL/FOIA OFFICER)**

- **Description:** The function of this position will be to act as an Attorney and FOIA Officer reporting directly to the General Counsel of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) who oversees all legal issues affecting both O'Hare and Midway International Airports.
- This in-house CDA attorney will be required to provide day to day, up to the minute support across the greater cross-section of legal work that is required of the General Counsel's office, including but not limited to: drafting of leases and other transactional documents, federal regulatory issues, concessions agreements, contract drafting/negotiating, and FOIA.
- Individual will be expected to work independently as well as collaboratively and possess strong drafting, research, communication and organizational skills with a flexible approach to accommodate the fast-paced and dynamic environment that is Chicago's world-class international airports.
- A crucial function of this position will be to act as the Department of Aviation's FOIA officer in charge of responding to FOIA requests from both the media and members of the general public.

Agency: CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION
Salary: $110,088.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: 312-744-4976
Work Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
How to apply: USA Jobs

12. **Job Title:** **FINANCIAL PLANNING ANALYST**

Description: Monitor activities of ongoing development projects by reviewing financial documents and approving payments for eligible costs to ensure public funds are properly expended

- Review requests for TIF note payments, perform payment calculations, analyze Cook County PIN data and confirm compliance with existing redevelopment agreement terms and conditions
- Provide recommendations to resolve projects with compliance issues, and works to ensure projects achieve resolution.
- Perform financial analysis of proposed development projects by reviewing applications and evaluating the financial feasibility of projects, the amount of public funds required, and the economic benefits to the public sector

Agency: Department of Planning and Development
Salary: $71,772.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: 312-744-4976
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: City Of Chicago Career site

13. **Job Title:** Executive II - Opt N1
Description: Under general direction, plans, directs and evaluates the Procurement/Budget/Audit Unit on a statewide basis, including the Contract Establishment and Review Program and the Two-Party Payee Agreement Program and enters them into the Programmatic and Administrative Accounting System (PAAS); directs and evaluates the Distributive, Medical Management and Miscellaneous Appropriations functions related to the Contract Establishment and Review Program; coordinates the Graduate Public Service Administrator (GPSI) program for the Division; assists with various medical support functions; serves as working supervisor.
Agency: Healthcare & Family Services
Salary: $4,873.00 - $7,392.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: Kim Fitzgerald
Bureau of Medical Administrative Support
201 South Grand Avenue East, 3rd Floor

Springfield, IL 62763
Work Telephone # (217) 558-5416
Fax # (217) 557-2565
Work Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
How to apply: USA Jobs

14. **Job Title:** Industrial Commission Technician
Description: Under general supervision, receives telephone inquiries to the Workers' Compensation Commission and provides technical assistance to the public and attorneys regarding the rules and administrative procedures of the Workers' Compensation Act; searches prior decisions and advises interested parties of the outcomes and awards for similar cases. Performs a variety of clerical support work; sets up medical examinations;assembles copies of Commission hearing transcripts in response to summons; forwards documents to the Circuit Court; logs and tracks Commission decisions and information into a computer; keyboarding; and provides general clerical support to the staff.
Agency: Workers Compensation Commission
Salary: $3,240.00 - $4,592.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: *(217) 782-7100,*
Work Hours: Monday through Friday - 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
How to apply: http://work.illinois.gov

15. **Job Title:** Internal Security Investigator I
Description: Under general supervision, performs responsible research and investigative law enforcement work as a member of the Illinois State Police regarding enforcement of state and federal laws relating to the state Medicaid program. Assists higher level investigators and participates in investigations involving financial exploitation abuse, neglect, and other crimes perpetrated against residents residing in Illinois' long-term care facilities. Provides routine documentary evidence for use in prosecutorial actions.
Agency: State Police
Salary: $4,377.00 - $6,581.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: *(217) 782-7100,*
Work Hours: N/A

How to apply: http://work.illinois.gov

16. **Job Title:** Internal Security Investigator II
Description: Under direction of the Investigations Team Leader, Chicago Metro Region, Bureau of Investigations, Office of Inspector General, performs highly responsible, sensitive and confidential investigative duties. Gathers and analyzes relevant facts and data concerning abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, death, serious injuries and exploitation of adults with disabilities; compiles and analyzes facts pertaining to abuse and neglect cases under investigation; completes investigations by preparing reports, summarizing investigative activities and recommends conclusions to findings. Assists the Training Coordinator in providing training programs.
Agency: Human Services
Salary: $61,752.00 - $94,188.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: *Kelly Kindred*
Bureau of Employee Services
100 S. Grand Avenue East, 3rd Floor
Springfield, IL 62762
FAX: 217-524-2116
PHONE: 217-557-0347
Work Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
How to apply: **http://work.illinois.gov**

17. **Job Title:** **Office Assistant - Opt SS1**
Description: 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.
Agency: Human Services
Salary: $2,845.00 - $3,519.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: *(217) 782-7100,*
Work Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
How to apply: **http://work.illinois.gov**

18. Job Title: Plant & Pesticide Specialist I

Description: Inspects anhydrous ammonia storage and manufacturing facilities annually for compliance with all rules and regulations; conducts anhydrous ammonia accident investigations. Secures samples of feed products from feed retailers, manufacturers, and suppliers; conducts inspections of feed facilities for compliance with the Illinois Feed Act and FDA Regulations; examines drug inventories, usage and formulation to ensure compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices. Reviews labels of seed products for compliance with State and Federal statutes; obtains samples of products being distributed for laboratory analysis; issues stop-sale orders for products found not in compliance with laws; obtains samples utilizing USDA procedures; conducts and directs the investigation and reporting of complaints in accordance with the Seed Arbitration Act. Obtains samples of fertilizer products such as raw products, custom mixes and liquid fertilizers by utilizing techniques according to AOAC methodology and submits to office for analysis; issues stop-sale orders for products found to be in violation of the Illinois Fertilizer Act. Completes and submits to the office all necessary reports and paperwork relating to any inspections and sampling. Submits any reports and paperwork that are on the computer system to the office.

Agency: Agriculture

Salary: $4,144.00 - $6,033.00

Job Type: Full-Time

Contact: *IDOA/Bureau of Human Resources*
John R. Block Building
PO Box 19281 - IL State Fairgrounds
Springfield, IL 62794-9281
217-785-5099

Work Hours: 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. - 30 minute lunch period

How to apply: **http://work.illinois.gov**

19. **Job Title: Mechanical Engineer**

Description: Developing, managing, or monitoring design, new construction or alterations projects and related services in Federal and Federally leased buildings.
As part of quality assurance or quality control, reviewing design and related documents of private sector architects and consulting engineers.
Preparing of statements of work, determinations and findings, solicitation documents and detailed instructions for guidance to architects and consulting engineers.

Participating in selecting and negotiating A/E, consultant, or contractor selection, and negotiations for design, post-construction contract award, construction, and other related A/E, consultant, or contractor services.

Agency: Public Buildings Service
Salary: $77,899.00 to $101,269.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: Theresa Gibbs
Phone: 312-353-8177
Fax: 000-000-0000
Email: Theresa.gibbs@gsa.gov
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

20. **Job Title:** **Medical Records Technician (Coder)**

Description: The Medical Record Technicians are responsible for assigning appropriate ICD-9CM, CPT-4 and HCPCS codes to inpatient hospitalizations, surgery cases, diagnostics studies, procedures, labs, outpatient encounters, and inpatient professional fees for highly diversified range of specialties and subspecialties. The coders are responsible for coding 100% of billable and non-billable for VERA workload: Inpatients, ambulatory surgery, emergency room, urgent care, Fee basis records, radiology, cardiac cath lab, GI procedures, bronchoscopies, pain blocks, dermatology clinic, oral surgery, urology special procedures and all OR and non-OR procedures. The coders are responsible validating the accuracy of performance measurement, patient care, workload and billing accuracy, reimbursement and research. The coders help at the end of the month by reviewing provider documentation, assigning codes and checking out appointments to avoid lost work load. The outpatient coders are responsible for performing the residency supervision monitors and entering into their comments whether or not criteria was met. This data is used to compile the hospital and

services residency supervision reports. The coders are expected to code visits accurately and timely to ensure VERA allocations and revenue collections.

Agency: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration
Salary: $44,335.00 to $57,631.00
Job Type: Full-Time
Contact: Youlanda Caudle
Phone: (205)933-8101x4305
Email: YOULANDA.CAUDLE@VA.GOV
Work Hours: N/A
How to apply: USA Jobs

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.

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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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WORKFORCE@LASHAWNFORD.COM PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FORWARD JOB LEADS TO OTHERS

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).