State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Oak Park, IL 60304
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239-E Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
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01/11/2017

Job Title:	Accountant Advanced
Agency:	Insurance
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 01/19/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,969.00 - $5,913.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	DOI 13636

Under direction of the supervisor of Pension Operations, independently performs professional external auditing work in the examination of accounting books, reports, records, documents, statements and other financial information of Public Employees' Pension Funds operating in the State of Illinois; recommends through the audit process, changes in the financial systems, procedures, and methods utilized by the fund; prepares the draft of required examination report; cites irregularities inconsistent within the provisions of the Illinois Pension Code and Departmental rules and regulations

Agency Contact:
Department of Insurance
Attn: Human Resources
320 West Washington Street, 4th floor
Springfield, IL 62767
Fax: 217/558-2777

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Accountant Advanced
Agency:	Military Affairs, Department of
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 01/24/17 11:59 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:	RC062
Bid ID#:	17-021

EXAMPLE OF WORK: Under general direction of the Public Service Administrator and Director of the Comptroller Division, independently performs complex accounting and auditing work involving the maintenance of departmental funds and accounts. Accumulates, summarizes and prepares various financial reports and statements for Department use.

WORK SHIFT: 8:00AM - 4:30PM

BARGAINING UNIT: AFSCME, RC-062

Agency Contact: Lindsi Morrow at 217-761-3633 or Janice M. Estes at 217/761-3786.

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Accountant (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Corrections
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 01/17/17 4:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,647.00 - $5,580.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	IDOC29-40-7-0001

Under general supervision of the PSA, Grants Manager in the Public Safety Shared Services Center, perfomrs professional accounting work maintaining records and detailed ledgers on State and Federal grants. Assists in preparation of spending plans, monitoring expenditures and obligations; recommends and initiates budget adjustments; compiles data and prepares financial reports reflecting expenditures, projections and cash receipts

Work Location: Public Safety Shared Services Center
IDOC
1301 Concordia Court
Springfield, IL

Agency Contact: Diana Durham
217-557-6010 ext 2109

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Child Protection Specialist
Agency:	Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 01/18/17 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#:	1749001-494897

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

SUBMIT BIDS TO:
Tracey Hardrick, Personnel Liaison
2020 W Roosevelt, 2nd Fl.
CHICAGO, IL 60608
FAX: (312)814-1224
Tracey.Hardrick@illinois.gov

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Agency:	Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 01/19/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,377.00 - $6,581.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Kane County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	1733001-338565

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

SUBMIT BIDS TO:
Lora Busse-Fleck
DCFS Aurora Regional Office
8 E. Galena Blvd
Aurora, IL 60506
Phone: 630.801.3575
Fax: 630.801.3530
Email: **Lora.Busse-Fleck@illinois.gov**

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Agency:	Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 01/19/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,377.00 - $6,581.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Lake County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	1733002-334904

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

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Phone: 630.801.3575
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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:	Winnebago County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	RC063
Bid ID#:	Lake Permanency 2015

Under general supervision, performs experienced professional casework services to children and families; conducts interviews with clients and professionals to obtain information for the continued diagnosis of problems and development of treatment plans; implements service plans with families; determines the need and coordinates the placement of children in substitute care facilities; works with intact families and children in home and/or substitute care; develops and maintains liaison roles with various community agencies; interprets agency responsibilities to the community; assigned to 24 hour "on call" duty, as necessary, in addition to normal assignments; works to ensure that services are provided as mandated by statute and policy. Translates and interprets, both orally and in writing, for Spanish speaking clients.

Contact:
LORA BUSSE-FLECK
NORTHERN REGION
8 E. GALENA BOULEVARD
AURORA, ILLINOIS 60506
PHONE: (630) 801-3575
FAX: (630) 801-3530

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Job Title:	Child Welfare Specialist (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 01/19/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,377.00 - $6,581.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	St. Clair County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC063
Bid ID#:	1767003-678413

Under general supervision, performs oversight of case management services and monitors to ensure accountability of contractual outcomes regarding foster care, intact family services, and other contracted services; collects and evaluates performance data from various data sources and reports findings to Department and private agency stakeholders; prepares or provides input into the preparation of performance reports; provides consultation to contracted private agencies regarding performance issues.

Contact Person:
Zackary Booher
10 Collinsville Ave, Suite 301
East St. Louis, IL 62201
Office: 618-583-2193
Fax: 618-583-2059

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Job Title:	Child Protection Specialist - Opt SS
Agency:	Children & Family Services
Salary:	$4,377.00 - $6,581.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Lake County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	Waukegan Inv. 2016 (Bilingual)

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

Contact:
Lora Busse-Fleck
Northern Regional Personnel
8 E. Galena Boulevard, Suite 401
Aurora, IL 60506
Phone: (630) 801-3575
Fax: (630) 801-3530
Email: **Lora.Busse-Fleck@illinois.gov**

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Job Title:	Dietary Manager II
Agency:	Human Services
Salary:	$4,377.00 - $6,581.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Madison County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-77-210-00-01-88986-4190

Under administrative direction of the Business Administrator, serves as the Dietary Manager for the Alton Mental Health Center; develops, directs, coordinates, monitors and evaluates the daily operations of the Dietary Department. Develops & implements agency & hospital policies & procedures. Reviews and analyzes a variety of reports; serves on a variety of committees. Serves as the Clinical Dietitian for the facility

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:	Human Resources Representative
Agency:	Corrections
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 01/20/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,338.00 - $6,500.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Morgan County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	IDOC29-94-17-0001

Under direction of the Warden (SPSA) serves as the human resource generalist for the Jacksonville Correctional Center; provides a variety of professional personnel services in administering the State of Illinois personnel system; coordinates facility management/staff and agency officials in actions involving the rules, classification plan, contracts, insurance and retirement programs and other personnel administrational programs/activities; supervises staff.

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Job Title:	Executive II - Opt N1
Agency:	Healthcare & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 01/19/17 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	$4,873.00 - $7,392.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	BC0347

Under general direction, plans, organizes, directs and evaluated the Patient Credit Balance Identification and Collection initiative to recover duplicate and overpayments from medical providers; plans, organizes and evaluates the Medicaid/Medicare Coordination of Benefits (COB) State and Federally Mandated (Regulations) Medicare Part A & B Recovery Programs resulting in the Third Party Liability (TPL) billings to Medicare and/or hospitals for the recovery of Medicaid payments

Contact Person:
Rebecca Cooper
Bureau of Collections
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62704

217-782-1348 Office
217-557-4302 Fax

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Engineering Technician III Documentation Reviewer
Agency:	Transportation
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 01/20/17 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,840.00 - $5,308.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	IPR#41225

This position is responsible for providing a detailed review of both progress and final documentation procedures, processing contractors' progress payment estimates, processing contract change orders, reviewing contractors force account bills, and preparing support documents which comprise the final payment request for all district construction projects.

Technical Applications (PM 1080 rev 9/19/16) **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 **Friday, January 20, 2017** , 4:30 p.m.

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Human Services Caseworker (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 01/23/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,969.00 - $5,913.00 monthly $47,628.00 - $70,956.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Kane County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-92-99297-98

Under direction, performs professional casework activities in providing public assistance services available from the Department of Human Services as well as auxiliary state, local and federal programs. Explains eligibility criteria and requirements for public assistance programs. Collects customer data and determines eligibility. Discusses the customer's goals and participation levels. Assesses the customer's skills and evaluates their ability to obtain and retain employment

Contact Info:
Bureau of Employee Services
Bonita Jones
100 South Grand Ave East, 3rd floor
Springfield, IL 62762
217-557-0347
FAX: 217-524-2116

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Mental Health Technician Trainee/ I/ II
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 01/18/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$2,577.00 - $3,998.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Lake County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	3
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	10-70-17-99378-0001

Implements individual habilitation plans, providing programs and services; ensures appropriate implementation of schedules; assists in providing education, social, recreational, physical care and other services in accord with the needs of assigned individuals.

Ann M. Kiley Center, 1401 W. Dugdale Rd, Waukegan, IL 60085
Fax: 847-249-0722

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Methods & Procedures Advisor II
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 01/10/17 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,969.00 - $5,913.00 monthly $47,628.00 - $70,956.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-76-99029

Under direction, serves as the System Analyst for Special Projects with the Division of Mental Health. Coordinates complex technical research, analysis, evaluation and assessment of clinical, programmatic and support processes and other functions necessary for the division to develop plans for strategic and operational initiatives under consideration by the Director. Coordinates, monitors and directs the design, development and implementation of research studies, literature review and analysis of similar projects or programs in other states; reviews existing federal and state statures, rules and policies related to the project under study. Utilizes statistical design to determine program effectiveness and validity.

Bureau of Employee Services
Andrew Reagan
100 South Grand Ave East, 3rd floor
Springfield, IL 62762

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217-557-0347
FAX: 217-524-2116

Job Title:	Management Operations Analyst II
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 01/18/17 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:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-76-99045

Under direction, conducts studies and analyses of the impact of new initiatives (program, legislative and departmental policies) on the management of the publically-funded mental health service system. Responsible for management reports which focus on community program operations, especially new operational techniques and procedures designed to improve community information systems. Produces reports for consumption by management staff on the alternative methods of collecting, processing and reporting information on new initiatives.

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Agency:	Human Services
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Salary:	$3,969.00 - $5,913.00 monthly $47,628.00 - $70,956.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-76-99029

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Job Title:	Cook I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 01/20/17 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	$2,840.00 - $4,042.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Randolph County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	10-78-99407

Under direct supervision, cooks and prepares food on a large scale basis; assists in carrying through to completion the cooking activities for the assigned shift; coordinates operations in the absence of the Cook II.

Contact: Rhonda Dunning/Kim Holsapple, Human Resources
(618) 826-4571, ext. 331
FAX: (618) 826-3398

01/11/2017

Job Title:	Cook II (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Veterans Affairs
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 01/20/17 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	$3,035.00 - $4,253.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	LaSalle County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	34-123-17-48

Under general supervision, cooks and prepares food on a large scale to meet requirements for general and therapeutic diets. Responsible for cooking, baking and serving food in the preparation of meals for 200+ residents of the home. Determines amount of food to be prepared. Plans food production to coordinate with meal serving times. Cleans cooking equipment and work areas. Maintains sanitary conditions to meet Dept. of Public Health requirements. Operates standard cooking equipment such as mixers, choppers, steamers, slicers, oven, blenders, ranges, etc. Checks kitchen and storage areas to assure necessary supplies are available. May work on a tray line as required. Maintains safe work practices and work environments.

Contact:
Human Resources
LaSalle Veterans Home
1015 O'Conor Avenue
LaSalle, Illinois 61301
815-223-0303 ext. 207
Fax 815-223-5815

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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

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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 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).