



**State Representative La Shawn K. Ford**

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**Title:** INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST

**Description:** Serves as the program manager and subject matter expert for a variety of programs related to specialized signature reduction.

- Plans, coordinate, and manages several comprehensive signature reduction programs that operate concurrently.
- Initiates and manages new signature reduction plan proposals to satisfy validated operational requirements.
- Conducts liaison and planning with commercial entities, governmental agencies, and joint commands to enhance interoperability and to advance conceptual, technical and support requirements for signature reduction programs.
- Serves as the senior signature reduction technical advisor to higher headquarters in the management of specialized programs.

**Agency:** U.S. Air Force

**Salary:** \$62,101.00 to \$80,731.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** AFPC RSC

Phone: (800)525-0102

800-382-0893

Email: CALL\_ONLY\_DO\_NOT\_EMAIL\_@1800.525.0102.ORG

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

2. **Job Title:** SUPERVISORY IT SPECIALIST (POLICY & PLANNING)



**Description:** The Department of Veterans Affairs fosters the highest standards of leadership, research and development through the use of cutting-edge technology and innovative initiatives that serve our Nation's Veterans. The Office of Information & Technology enables VA to become a Veteran centric service provider through the delivery of available, adaptable, secure, and cost effective technology services. Some may think the responsibility of providing superior health care services to our Veterans rests squarely on the shoulders of those who practice medicine. At VA, we believe every position in the health care environment plays a critical role in the delivery of the best care possible... and information technology is a key component to our success.

**Agency:** IMMEDIATE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

**Salary:** \$87,263.00 to \$146,570.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** VHA Nationwide DEU  
Phone: (844)456-5208  
Email: CAVHS.DEU@VA.GOV

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

3. **Job Title:** Information Technology Specialist (INFOSEC)

- **Description:** Assists in drafting, developing, recommending and reviewing system, program, and enterprise-wide policies, procedures, and practices that have a privacy and security/cybersecurity component, with emphasis on implementation of relevant aspects of the Privacy Act of 1974, HIPAA, HITECH Act, the Common Rule, state health information privacy laws (e.g., consent, mental health, breach notification, or record retention laws), the E-Government Act of 2002, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 42 CFR Pt. 2 (Federal Confidentiality Regulation), and related regulations, guidance, and best practices.
- Develops draft procedures, awareness programs, and supporting templates to aid stakeholders in developing their HIPAA privacy and security/cyber security compliance programs.

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- Provides draft analysis of the nation's health care ecosystem's compliance with applicable policies, standards, and procedures.

Agency: **Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services**

Salary: **\$53,435.00 to \$119,794.00**

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Keyonna Butler

Phone: (202)260-7042

Email: KEYONNA.BUTLER@HHS.GOV

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

4. **Job Title:** Transportation Specialist (Inspector)

- **Description:** Conducts safety program reviews and inspections and maintenance of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline systems; prepares reports of findings, including evidence of violations, recommended alternative operational methods procedures, and ensures appropriate follow-up to correct problems cited.
- Conducts investigations of minor pipeline incidents to determine if there are violations of Federal regulations/laws; assesses impact on the surrounding area; interviews witnesses; collects and evaluates related data; follow-up to ensure corrective actions are taken, as necessary.
- Participates in industry and technical conferences, symposiums, meetings, etc., representing OPS as directed by the Regional Director, may appear as government witness in both formal and informal hearings or court proceedings.

Agency: **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

Salary: **\$53,717.00 to \$101,269.00**

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Automated Staffing Office

Phone: 202-366-1298

Email: TRANSJOBS@dot.gov

**Work Hours:** N/A

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### How to apply: USA Jobs

5. **Job Title:** Research and Writing Specialist

- **Description:** Demonstrates computer skills in the latest version of government-issued Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, and Adobe Acrobat;
- Ability to develop and incorporate graphics into FEMA products;
- Demonstrates proficiency in the current version of publishing software;
- Knowledge of the Associated Press (AP) style of writing; gather and consolidate data and draft written materials on behalf of and with limited editing from senior management officials;

**Agency:** **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Salary:** \$12.42 to \$16.30 / Per Hour

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Debra Romero

Phone: 540-686-3199

800-877-8339

Email: Debra.Romero@fema.dhs.gov

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply: USA Jobs**

6. **Job Title:** Speakers Bureau Specialist

- **Description:** Manage requests for speakers; proactively identify speaking opportunities to meet the Strategic Communications goal of the organization;
- Manages the daily operation of the Speakers Bureau;
- Ability to establish and maintain positive interpersonal and interagency relationships;
- Report writing using basic computer skills in the use of Microsoft applications such as MS word, Excel, Outlook and Internet Explorer.

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Agency: **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Salary:** \$12.42 to \$16.30

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Debra Romero

Phone: 540-686-3199

800-877-8339

Email: Debra.Romero@fema.dhs.gov

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

7. **Job Title:** Private Sector Specialist

- **Description:** Researches private sector stakeholders and disaster situational awareness;
- Identifies the disaster's impact on the private sector organizations;
- Informs internal partners of private sector concerns relevant to their program area;
- Gathers information from Planning and Products that can be used for private sector outreach, as directed;
- Makes initial contact with private sector organizations and exchange contact information;
- Creates and maintains a private sector database to track activities with private sector organizations;

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Salary:** \$12.42 to \$16.30 / Per Hour

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Debra Romero

Phone: 540-686-3199

800-877-8339

Email: Debra.Romero@fema.dhs.gov

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

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8. **Job Title:** Human Resources Specialist

- **Description:** Applying technical knowledge of competitive service examining, recruitment, and staffing laws, regulations, principles, practices, and procedures, including merit system principles and veterans' preference, in order to advise agency representatives and resolve issues relating to applicant eligibility and the issuing and auditing of certificates.
- Developing job opportunity announcements, reports, standard operating procedures, and applicant and stakeholder responses to inquiries that may be complex, technical and/or sensitive nature.
- Interpreting OPM qualification standards for the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) position.
- Leading panel interviews of applicants in a structured setting.
- Mediating panel disagreements, discussion and advising members on the appropriate application of benchmarks.
- Devising innovative solutions for organizational improvement, and to design, initiate new or improve program processes and/or operational approaches.

**Agency:** OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**Salary:** \$62,101.00 to \$104,232.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** OPM Human Resources

*Phone: (202)606-9321*

*Email: JOBS@OPM.GOV*

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

9. **Job Title:** Administrative Law Judge Examination

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- **Description:** Conduct formal hearings involving cases where all interested parties are given advance notice of the hearing; an opportunity to submit facts, arguments, offers of settlement or proposals of adjustment; and an opportunity to be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel or other qualified representatives;
- Rule on preliminary motions, conduct pre-hearing conferences, issue subpoenas, control hearings (which may include written and/or oral testimony and cross-examination), review briefs, and receive or exclude (for example, on the ground that it is irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious) any oral or documentary evidence proffered for consideration; and
- Prepare and issue decisions (or initial or recommended decisions), along with written findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, upon consideration of the whole record, or those parts of it cited by a party and supported by and in accord with reliable, probative, and substantial evidence.

Agency: **MULTI-AGENCY**

**Salary:** \$122,355.00 to \$170,400.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Admin Law Judge Program Office

Phone: (000)000-0000

Email: ALJAPPLICATION@OPM.GOV

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

10. **Job Title:** CLINICAL THERAPIST-III

Description: Assists in the administration of Therapeutic Programs and in the coordination of case management services to clients. Follows the Policies and Procedures of Chicago Fire Department Employee Assistance Program. Responds to critical incidents and crisis interventions and follows procedures regarding Line of Duty Death, major accident, or incident that created an emotional impact to Chicago Fire Department employees. Writes and reviews Treatment plans for clients prepared by outside agencies or therapist. Provides brief psychotherapy for clients. Provides clinical direction for para-professional volunteers to respond to a critical incident. Oversees and evaluates a client's performance throughout all phases of clinical treatment. Meets with

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staff and reviews the status of caseloads and progress of clients. Assists staff in providing quality services and managing a caseload. Develops and implements objectives and standards for clients care. Plans and implements staff development, in-service training programs, and case management presentations. Assists in the implementation of administrative policies, programs and activities directly related to the Chicago Fire Department Employee Assistance Program. Maintains program records and prepares statistical and narrative reports of program activities and accomplishments. Prepares an administrative report documenting services provided to our clients. Provides brief counseling, psychotherapy services and referral to employees through the Employee Assistance Program. Provides consultation with psychiatrist, physicians, and other clinical therapists to ensure quality services to Chicago Fire Department members. Provides professional diagnostic assessment and psychotherapy to individuals, groups and families. Understands how insurance health care plans operate. Prepares and conducts presentations, training seminars and programs on a variety of topics for Chicago Fire Department members. Performs other related duties as required.

**Agency:** [CLINICAL THERAPIST-III](#)

**Salary:** \$64,644.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** 312-744-4976

**Work Hours:** 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday (on call 24/7 as needed)

**How to apply:** [CITY OF CHICAGO CAREERS SITE](#)

11. [Job Title:](#) HELICOPTER MECHANIC-C.F.D.

**Description:** Performs preventive maintenance inspections required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and manufacturers to ensure safe operating conditions of helicopters. Disassembles and examines parts and components using precision and diagnostic instruments to measure parts for wear and defects. Diagnoses mechanical problems observed during inspection and those reported by pilots to determine needed repairs. Performs maintenance and repair work on sections of helicopters including airframes, engines, and electronic components. Refers to blueprints, diagrams, and repair manuals in order to determine how to make repairs and replace worn or defective parts. Reassembles and tests parts and performs routine repairs and maintenance or removes electrical components and specialized equipment for repair by vendors. Fabricates parts, including work aids such as braces or supports, to hold aircraft components in place during maintenance and repair. Maintains records of scheduled inspections, maintenance, 4800 W. CHICAGO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60651 773.378.5902 FAX 773.378.5903

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repairs, and replacement of aircraft components as required by manufacturer's specifications and department protocols. Prepares and signs off on inspection reports providing inspectors authorization upon completion of repairs and inspections. Prepares work activity reports

Maintains clean and orderly work areas. Ensures that the aircraft facility and the equipment used in the repair and maintenance of helicopters are adequately maintained and comply with industry standards and reports conditions that do not comply, to the supervisor. Performs other related duties as required.

**Agency:** Chicago Fire Department

**Salary:** \$45.35 HOURLY

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** 312-744-4976

**Work Hours:** 6am – 2pm, Monday – Friday (on call 24/7 as needed)

**How to apply:** City of Chicago careers site

12. **Job Title:** PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR III

- **Description:** Develops and implements program plans, related to substance abuse, behavioral health and violence prevention and interventions
- Supervises professional staff and oversees delegate agencies in the administration of programs and the delivery of services to clients
- Develops requests for proposals (RFPs) and assists in selecting service providers and negotiates scope of services for contracts
- Creates and/or uses program evaluation tools (e.g., Program Evaluation Monitoring System) to ensure agency compliance and oversees the monitoring of administrative, operational, and fiscal components of programs to determine their compliance and effectiveness in meeting established goals and quality standards (e.g., conducts site visits to review agencies' program and fiscal documentation)  
Provides technical assistance to delegate agencies found to be in non-compliance and monitors agencies' progress in correcting identified deficiencies

**Agency:** Department of Public Health

**Salary:** \$61,584.00/Year

**Job Type:** Full-Time

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**Contact:** 312-744-4976

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** City of Chicago Careers site

13. **Job Title:** DIR OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT

**Description:** Develops and prepares written plans for city-wide energy related activities including energy procurement, conservation and policy development

Directs the research, development and implementation of energy programs and initiatives to ensure standard policies and processes are followed across city departments

Participates in the formulation and improvement of energy efficiency programs including evaluation of energy efficiency measures, program design, marketing strategy and outreach

Directs professional staff and consultants conducting energy procurement and management related functions

Oversees the preparation and processing of energy related applications, budgets, contracts, proposals and other materials

Administers federal, state and local energy related grants and programs

**Agency:** DEPARTMENT OF FLEET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT

**Salary:** \$78,396.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** 312-744-4976

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** City of Chicago career site

14. **Job Title:** PROJECT MANAGER

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**Description:** Manages various sizes and complexity of projects working with other staff, clients, consultants and Contractors to determine scope of services, budget, specifications and key objectives for projects. Establish timeline, implement processes, track and monitor the progress, timeline and budget.

- Coordinate work and logistics with staff, clients and other 2FM Bureaus, as appropriate.  
  
Develop and track necessary documentation on each project. Familiarity with Job Order Contract (JOC) system is preferred.
- Provide site visits to monitor progress. Attend progress and pencil pay application review meetings, as appropriate. Review consultant and contractor invoicing, RFIs and proposals and provide feedback and recommendations to staff and Deputy Commissioner.

**Agency: FLEET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT**

**Salary:** \$93,912.00 - \$100,692.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** 312-744-4976

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

15. **Job Title:** Procurement Technician



**Description:** The incumbent performs or assists in the performance of the following duties and responsibilities such as serving as Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for the Office of the Director. As COR, provides technical guidance to assure that the technical scope and terms of the contract are met. Typical responsibilities include managing contracts and contractor performance, ensures that all procurement regulations are followed. Responsible for accounting and operation of the office's check receipt operation. Acts as the collection officer, maintaining checks in a safe and secured place until time of deposit. Provides procurement support work throughout the procurement cycle by assembling contracts, abstracting bids, processing amendments and modifications, monitoring the status of deliveries, reconciling invoices, and preparing information for closing out contracts.

**Agency:** OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

**Salary:** \$48,634.00 to \$63,221.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Michele Marchman

Phone: 312-353-0582

Email: marchman.michele@dol.gov

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

16. Job Title: Contact Representative (Customer Service Representative)

**Description:** Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) provide assistance to beneficiaries and the general public in person, by telephone, or in writing. CSRs conduct interviews to determine the nature of the callers question or issue; explain technical information, gather facts, evaluate evidence, and take action to resolve problems relating to all Social Security programs.

**Agency:** SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

**Salary:** \$35,452.00 to \$57,090.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Tara Thompson

Phone: (312)575-6805

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312-575-6805

Email: TARA.V.THOMPSON@SSA.GOV

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

17. **Job Title:** Social Insurance Specialist (Claims Specialist) (Recent Graduates)  
**Description:** Claims Specialists conduct interviews with the public to obtain, clarify, and verify information about initial and continuing eligibility for retirement, survivors, disability, health insurance benefits, and eligibility for supplemental security income including State supplements. In addition, they resolve discrepancies, clarify issues and make final decisions for initial and post-entitlement for benefits and payments; adjudicate and authorize entitlement or disallowance actions at all levels of difficulty and complexity under programs administered by SSA; and use state of-the-art technology to access and update claims information.

**Agency:** SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

**Salary:** \$35,452.00 to \$57,090.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Tara Thompson

Phone: (312)575-6805

312-575-6805

Email: TARA.V.THOMPSON@SSA.GOV

**Work Hours:** N/A

**How to apply:** USA Jobs

18. **Job Title:** Deputy Inspector General



**Description:** Manages subordinate staff, responsible for the development of sound investigative plans. Sets priorities as required. Conducts regular team and individual staff meetings to communicate agency directives, objectives, and expectations.

2. Manages subordinates' work to assess strategy and ensure proper application of policies and procedures, laws, administrative rules, etc.
3. Responsible for and assists with mandatory external data reporting.
4. Reviews, edits, and approves operational reports (e.g., performance metrics), including but not limited to monthly overaged reports, investigative status reports and case logs of assigned and completed investigations, which measure progress of goals and objectives.
5. Responsible for ensuring, independently and through supervisory staff, timely, efficient, thorough, complete, and effective investigations.
6. Reviews and edits final summary reports to ensure that reports are objective, timely, and sound in legal judgment based on investigative findings.
7. Guides subordinates to achieve optimal productivity, quality, consistency, timeliness, accuracy, and prioritization of assignments.

**Agency:** Executive Inspector General

**Salary:** \$4,167.00 - \$7,917.00 monthly

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Division Of Human Resources  
312.814.1789

**Work Hours:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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

19. **Job Title: Maintenance Worker**





**Description:** Under immediate supervision of the Center Director, performs a variety of manual semi-skilled work in the maintenance and upkeep of Ludeman Developmental Center buildings, campus and equipment; operates facility equipment, building and mechanical systems. Repairs electrical equipment and appliances, replaces belts and hoses; replaces frayed wiring; greases and oils moving parts and other wise maintains equipment at proper operating level. Operates lawn tractors, power mowers, snow plows and other maintenance vehicles; makes minor repairs and performs routine upkeep. Keeps all mechanical areas and tools put away. Removes and disposes of leaves and trash from campus; waters lawns, shrubs and flower beds; weeds flower beds and trims along walks and buildings; operates chainsaw for trimming and removes trees, operates various other landscaping equipment and other machines; assists in maintenance and repair of machines. Moves furniture, loads and unloads trucks and vans, removes snow and ice from sidewalks, shovels snow and spreads salt, and performs other duties as assigned or required which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

**Agency:** Human Services

**Salary:** \$4,440.00 - \$5,920.00

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** Alice Chambers

Human Resources Representative  
114 North Orchard Drive, Building # 60  
Park Forest, Illinois 60466  
708-283-3015

**Work Hours:** N/A

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

**20. Job Title: Maintenance Worker Power Plant**

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**Description:** Under immediate supervision, performs cleaning, preventive maintenance and routine maintenance of power plant operating equipment and systems. Assists engineering staff in power plant operations. Operates coal conveyers and heavy equipment; lifts up to 75 lbs. independently and up to 100 lbs. with assistance. Travels to various work sites to perform job duties.

**Agency:** Central Management Services

**Salary:** \$37.85 - \$39.36 hourly

**Job Type:** Full-Time

**Contact:** A & R Shared Services Center

101 West Jefferson St., WIB Mail Code 5-110

Springfield, IL 62702

217-782-6239

217-782-9925 Fax

**Work Hours:** 7:00am – 3:30pm Monday/Thursday/Friday; 1:00pm – 9:00pm  
Tuesday/Wednesday; Saturday/Sunday Off

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



## **CMS EMPLOYMENT**

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

Public use copiers are not available at the Assessment Centers. Therefore, it is important that applicants bring with them copies of their application for each title and test option for which they want to test.

Chicago Office:

James R. Thompson Center

100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-300

Chicago, IL 60601-3220

(312) 793-3565 (voice)

Illinois Relay Center 800) 526-0844

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY ONLY -- Flexible**  
Schedule Testing Check in time for tests - clerical and non-clerical is anytime between 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



## **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



- 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

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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

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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).