



# CONG Employment News



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## Jacobs Tips & Tricks

### Did you know?

There are quite a few organizations dedicated to making sure you have everything you might need when facing the transition process.

Organizations like **Onward to Opportunity**, **Hire Heroes USA**, and **FortiVet** exist to help you obtain industry certifications and insight for your future civilian career. These services will allow you to gain knowledge without using your GI Bill.



Words of Wisdom  
from VetNet

Your **GI bill** has a multitude of uses. It is there to help you **work towards a degree, certifications, or even help pay for housing** if you're part of a college or university training program. If you choose not to use your GI Bill, you may want to look into transferring the benefit eligibility to your spouse or children.

**More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>**

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## Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Statistics (<https://cdle.colorado.gov/>)

Press Release explaining data  
(<https://www.colmigateway.com/admin/gsipub/htmlarea/uploads/Feb21PR.pdf>)

Unemployment Rate -  
February 2021

Colorado: 6.6%

National: 6.2%

Colorado Job Growth (SA)

Jan'21 - Feb'21: 5,200

Feb'20 - Feb'21: -156,700

2021 Minimum Wage

\$12.32 / Hour

\$9.30 / Hour for tipped employees

The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP), was enacted on March 11, 2021, and was effective, immediately. VRRAP was part of the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package, with aid targeted to assist individuals and businesses recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible Veterans participating in VRRAP receive up to 12 months of tuition and fees and a monthly housing allowance based on Post-9/11 GI Bill rates. Covered education programs must provide training for high-demand occupations (see list of occupations on our homepage), which is determined by the Commissioner of Labor Statistics. GI Bill approved programs of education, excluding bachelor's and graduate degrees, and VET TEC approved training are eligible.

VA has 17,250 training spots open for eligible Veterans and will soon announce additional details on how schools can sign-up to participate in VRRAP. The program ends 21 months after enactment and is limited to a maximum of 17,250 participants and up to \$386 million. For more information, please visit our homepage at <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/vrrap.asp> or visit our Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/gibillEducation>. If you have any questions, please contact the Education Call Center at 888-442-4551 between 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday-Friday to speak with a representative.





## National Guard Employment Support Program (NGESP)



To promote supportive work environments for service members in the Air and Army National Guard, their families and veterans by connecting them with employment resources, service providers and supportive employers. Activities Conducted to Meet the National Guard Employment Support Program (NGESP) Stated Mission:

- Employer outreach that fosters long term careers, which leads to improved ANG and ARNG retention rates
- Coordinate opportunities for employer and service member interactions and discussion of benefits to both Facilitate or participate in Career and Resource Fairs (In-Person and Virtual)
- Assist with employer questions/complaints - refer to USERRA OMBUDSMAN
- Resume, Cover Letter & Interviewing reviews & sessions (Zoom or Workshops)
- Provide briefings at Drill Weekends to both Command Leadership and Guard personnel
- Assess and refer (Financial, Medical, Benefits, etc.)



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The **USO Pathfinder® Transition Program** extends the USO experience to active duty, Reserve, National Guard and military spouses by offering professional development services throughout the duration of the service member or military spouse's career, as well as when they transition out of the military and settle into their new communities.

USO Transition Specialists can help develop a personalized Action Plan and help you take full advantage of services and resources that are the best fit for you and your spouse in your new community.

Connect with a Transition Specialist at  
<https://www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder-transition-program>



Employment assistance is the #1 requested service from transitioning military members, and Hire Heroes USA provides that service to thousands each year. Through personalized service and support, we help veterans and military spouses get hired, and we help companies hire and retain them.

<https://www.hireheroesusa.org/>

## HIRING OUR HEROES

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

Career Connectors: Your Journey Starts Here

Your Hiring Our Heroes journey starts with our Career Connector team. These career advisors review event registrant profiles and program applications, refer candidates to available resources, and ensure job seekers are employment-ready and prepared for hiring events.

<https://www.hiringourheroes.org/career-services/>



Cleared Careers connects US citizens with security clearances to exciting new careers. Job seekers create a n account and upload their resume. Next they search and find a security clearance job that interests them. One click of the APPLY button and they can easily submit an application for the position.

It's cleared career matchmaking without a middle-man. <https://clearedcareers.com/>



# Upcoming Events & Resources



## ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT MISSION?

Attend CBP Frontline Career Days to learn about opportunities to serve your nation on a new frontline.

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

April 22, 2021 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

Virtual Information Session Via MS Teams

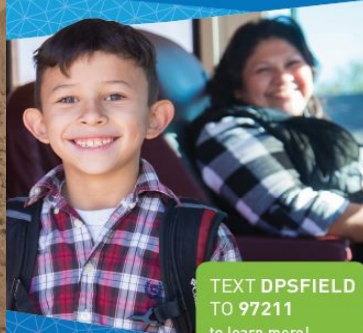
SIGN UP AT:

<https://bit.ly/3vKw9d>

Find out which career path with CBP is best for you.



MAKE YOUR CAREER making a difference



Denver Public Schools is

## HIRING

bus drivers, custodians and other positions in the field!

Bilingual candidates encouraged to apply!

TEXT DPSFIELD TO 97211 to learn more!

## Navigating Next

Are you staring down a military-to-civilian transition, but feeling behind the power curve because you haven't yet figured out your future?

Considering a SkillBridge opportunity but feeling overwhelmed by the options? You're not alone. Take advantage of Shift's free *Navigating Next* course to demystify the transition process and learn to adapt to the ambiguous world of life after the military.

We'll start with some big picture life questions and progress to a suite of practical tips and tricks to position yourself for success, leaving you ready to tell your story with confidence and conviction and eager to pursue a SkillBridge internship or full-time employment with Shift's hiring partners.

### The Details

- Ideal for transitioning service members in their last year of service
- Open to all ranks, branches, active duty, reserve, and guard
- Evening classes 2x per week won't interfere with your work day
- New cohorts start every 6 weeks:
  - April 12th - May 13th ~ 7:30-9:00 pm EST
  - May 24th - June 24th ~ 8:30-10:00 pm EST
  - July 5th - August 5th ~ 8:00-9:30 pm EST

Enroll today: [Shift.org/navigating-next](https://Shift.org/navigating-next)

Or contact [lindsay.teplesky@shift.org](mailto:lindsay.teplesky@shift.org) for more information

More information on the DoD

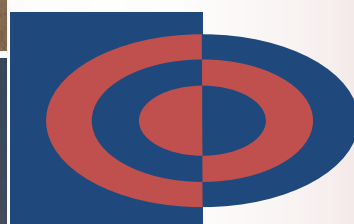
SkillBridge program go to

<https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/>

## ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 2-3pm EST

- ❑ Open to service members, veterans, and military/veteran spouses
- ❑ Learn about our careers in logistics, transportation, and operations
- ❑ Get answers to all your questions directly from our military recruiting team
- ❑ Discover how we have been helping businesses maintain Safer, Cleaner, and Healthier™ workplaces since 1936
- ❑ Register at <https://tinyurl.com/AUSInfoApr21>



## Job Interview



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

CBP is hiring!

[www.cbp.gov/careers](http://www.cbp.gov/careers)

An exceptional opportunity for eligible Military Spouses <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/military-spouses/>, Transitioning Service-Members (within 4 months of separating), Veterans, and Veterans/Individuals with disability conditions <https://www.fedshirevets.gov/job-seekers/veterans/special-hiring-authorities/#content> that is opening on **April 9<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Please, have interested folks in the aforementioned categories sign up to learn more: <https://enroll.recruiting.cbp.gov/s/>.



<https://twitter.com/cbpjobs>



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/customs-and-border-protection>



<https://www.cbp.gov/rss/>



<https://www.instagram.com/customsborder>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/customsborderprotect>



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/cbpphotos/>

## CLEARED DEFENSE, SPACE, IT, CYBER & INTEL VIRTUAL HIRING FAIRS

Employers will be focused on their hot job opportunities in Colorado as well as nationwide positions!

\*\*\*SECURITY CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED\*\*\*

**AURORA, COLORADO**

BUCKLEY AFB

MAY 11, 2021 - 11AM - 2PM (MDT)

**COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

PAFB, SAFB, CMAFS, FC & USAFA

MAY 12, 2021 - 11AM - 2PM (MDT)

**RSVP REQUIRED & UPLOAD YOUR RESUME**

Even If You Can't Attend, Register And Upload Your Resume

[www.TransitionCareers.com](http://www.TransitionCareers.com)

Organized By:



Hosted By:

ATTN EMPLOYERS:  
Interested in recruiting at these events?  
Send email to  
[Employer@TransitionCareers.com](mailto:Employer@TransitionCareers.com)

ATTN JOB SEEKERS:  
Have questions about these events?  
Send email to  
[JobSeeker@TransitionCareers.com](mailto:JobSeeker@TransitionCareers.com)

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# April 2021

## RECRUIT MILITARY®

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<b>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</b> Veteran, Transitioning Military & Spouse Job Board - <a href="https://rmvets.com/2021jobboard">https://rmvets.com/2021jobboard</a> • 250,000+ career opportunities across the country. • Includes MOS/NEC tool that matches military career fields w/ civilian opportunities. Veteran/Military Career Resource Center - <a href="https://rmvets.com/2021vetresources">https://rmvets.com/2021vetresources</a> Military Spouse Career Resource Center - <a href="https://rmvets.com/2021spouserresources">https://rmvets.com/2021spouserresources</a> Digital Search & Employ Magazine - <a href="https://rmvets.com/2021searchandemploy">https://rmvets.com/2021searchandemploy</a>				<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® <b>JOB FAIR</b> 1 San Antonio Virtual Career Fair 11am to 3pm CT	2 FIND A JOB FRIDAY DAILY FRIDAY JOB SEARCH Find a Job Friday on LinkedIn	3
4	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® 5 5 Tips for Ensuring Success at a Virtual Career Fair Webinar 5:30pm ET Gold Star Spouse Day	6 Facebook RECRUIT MILITARY® Facebook Live Q&A 12pm ET	7 RECRUIT MILITARY® Wednesday Workshop Maximize your Job Board Search Results w/ Boolean Basics 11:00am ET	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® <b>JOB FAIR</b> 8 Philadelphia Virtual Career Fair 11am to 3pm ET	9 FIND A JOB FRIDAY DAILY FRIDAY JOB SEARCH Find a Job Friday on LinkedIn	10
11	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® 12 5 Tips for Ensuring Success at a Virtual Career Fair Webinar 5:30pm ET In Collaboration with Vets2Industry	13	14 RECRUIT MILITARY® A 20-Minute Guide to RM's Employment Resources 11:30am ET Air Force Reserve Birthday	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® <b>JOB FAIR</b> 15 Jacksonville Virtual Career Fair 11am to 3pm ET Military Child Day Purple Up!	16 FIND A JOB FRIDAY DAILY FRIDAY JOB SEARCH Find a Job Friday on LinkedIn	17
18	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® 19 5 Tips for Ensuring Success at a Virtual Career Fair Webinar 5:30pm ET ONWARD OPPORTUNITY   ZMMI In Collaboration with Onward to Opportunity Fort Bragg, NC	20 Call Laura Farlett for Employment Assistance	21 RECRUIT MILITARY® Wednesday Workshop Negotiating Salary – The Do's and Don'ts 11:00am ET BRADLEY-MORRIS, INC. Guest Speaker: Justin Henderson SVP of Sales Bradley-Morris	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® <b>JOB FAIR</b> 22 Fort Bragg Virtual Career Fair 11am to 3pm ET Earth Day	23 FIND A JOB FRIDAY DAILY FRIDAY JOB SEARCH Find a Job Friday on LinkedIn Army Reserve Birthday	24
25	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® 26 5 Tips for Ensuring Success at a Virtual Career Fair Webinar 5:30pm ET In Collaboration with Disabled American Veterans (DAV)	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® <b>JOB FAIR</b> 27 Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair 11am to 3pm ET Facebook Facebook Live Q&A 12pm ET	28 RECRUIT MILITARY® A 20-Minute Guide to RM's Employment Resources 11:30am ET	<b>DAV</b> RECRUIT MILITARY® <b>JOB FAIR</b> 29 Camp Pendleton Virtual Career Fair 11am to 3pm PT	30	

To see the complete list of career fairs visit: <https://rmvets.com/2021events>\*\*\*  
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