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# ***VETERANS NEWSLETTER***

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## [Best Jobs For Veterans 2018](#)



Eight of the best civilian jobs for transitioning veterans have been identified by one of the top job search sites, CareerCast. These include registered nurse, financial advisor, info security analyst and operations research assistant, among others.

“There are many benefits to hiring veterans,” says Kyle Kensing, online content editor, CareerCast. “The discipline, teamwork and leadership qualities emphasized in the military directly translate to the civilian workforce. Skills gained during military service are in high demand.”

Public and private sector efforts to recruit and employ veterans have paid major dividends in lowering the unemployment rate for veterans. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in 2016 that of the approximately

21.2 million men and women with military experience, an unemployment rate that hovered near 10 percent just seven years ago has been cut almost in half.

The Veterans Opportunity to Work Act was designed for the Department of Labor to match veterans with career paths based on their responsibilities while in service. Private-sector companies are also launching their own hiring initiatives to match veteran job seekers with open positions.

Growing emphasis on technological skills in the military translate well to a growing market for IT professionals. Information Security is an area of growing importance in both military and government matters. Veterans who work specifically in IT security during their service can effectively translate their skills into government positions of the same nature.

Another area of emphasis in military service is healthcare. Nursing positions are also in demand for enlisted personnel, and many states allow veterans with experience as nurses in the military to apply that experience to civilian certification.

For those veterans looking to use their civilian careers to make a positive impact for others in the military, careers in management and finance offer great opportunities. Businesses tailoring their outreach to the veteran community are increasingly turning to veterans for management consultant and operations research analyst positions.

Financial advisor is the No. 1 most in-demand field in the CareerCast Veteran Network job database. Veterans with a background in mathematics and finance can work directly with military families to help them protect their investments and savings.

The improved employment landscape for veterans isn't merely a boon to one section of the workforce. Veterans bring skills that greatly benefit employers, making them prime candidates in a variety of fields.

Here are eight of the best jobs for veterans:

Profession	Annual Median Salary*	Growth Outlook*
Financial advisor	\$89,160	30%
Information security analyst	\$90,120	18%
Management consultant	\$81,320	14%
Nurse practitioner	\$104,740	31%
Operations research analyst	\$78,630	30%
Registered nurse	\$67,490	16%
Sales manager	\$113,860	5%
Software engineer	\$100,690	17%

The best jobs for veterans were selected from the 200 professions covered in the Jobs Rated report as a good match based on their responsibilities and skills gained while in service.

Wages and projected growth outlooks through 2024 are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. To read the full report, visit [veteran.careercast.com/jobs-rated](http://veteran.careercast.com/jobs-rated) [veteran.careercast.com/jobs-rated](http://veteran.careercast.com/jobs-rated)

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## *Upcoming Events:*

Governor's Veteran Affairs  
Advisory Committee (VAAC)  
Town Hall

**July 12, 2018, 10am – noon**

Omak City Hall

2 Ash Street N., Omak, WA 98841

Veteran Job & Resource Fair / Stand Down

**Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10-1**

Grant County Fairgrounds

4H Building, 3953 Airway Drive

Moses Lake, WA 98837

## *Did you know: --*

# VA Updates Disability Rating Schedule to Better Align with Modern Medicine

WASHINGTON — Effective May 13, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will update portions of the [VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities \(VASRD, or rating schedule\)](#) that evaluates the organs of special sense eye conditions, as well as gynecological conditions and disorders of the breast.

The VASRD is the collection of federal regulations used by Veterans Benefits Administration claims processors to evaluate the severity of disabilities and assign disability ratings.

VA is in the process of updating all 15 body systems of the VASRD to more accurately reflect modern medicine and provide clearer rating decisions.

“VA remains committed to providing Veterans with the benefits they have earned through their service,” said VA Acting Secretary Robert Wilkie. “And, with modern medicine advancing at a rapid rate, it’s important to ensure VA’s disability rating schedule reflects these advancements.”

Several revisions were made to the general rating formula for diseases of the eye, including a new definition of incapacitating episodes that more clearly measures level of disability. Additionally, three diagnostic codes — diabetic retinopathy, retinal dystrophy and post-chiasmal disorders — were added. No conditions were removed from either portion of the rating schedule.

Several diagnostic codes were added to the schedule for gynecological conditions and disorders of the breast, including malignant neoplasms, benign neoplasms and other injuries of the breast. Several more diagnostic codes were restructured and revised.

Updates to dental and oral conditions and conditions related to the endocrine system were completed in 2017.

By updating these portions of the rating schedule, VA allows claims processors to make more consistent decisions with greater ease and ensure Veterans understand these decisions. VA remains committed to improving its service to Veterans continuously and staying at the forefront of modern medicine.

## *Free Classes & Workshops*

<b>Dept of Vocational Rehabilitation Orientation</b>	Every Tuesday, 10:00-11:00
<b>Skills &amp; Abilities Analysis</b>	June 12, 1:30-4:30pm
<b>Perfecting Applications/Resume &amp; Cover Letter</b>	June 13, 1:30-4:30pm
<b>Interviewing Techniques/Job Retention</b>	June 14, 1:30-4:30pm
<b>Strategies for Success Module 2- Health &amp; Well Being</b>	May 29-June 1, 10:00-3:00
<b>Strategies for Success Module 3-Communications</b>	June 11-14, 10:00-3:00
<b>Strategies for Success Module 4-Personal Strength Builders</b>	June 18-21, 10:00-3:00
<b>Strategies for Success Module 5-Community Engagement</b>	June 25-28, 10:00-3:00

*\*\*Attendees must provide an external memory device (Thumb/Stick Drive).*



# ***Hot Jobs!***

**Go to [WorkSourceWA.com](http://WorkSourceWA.com) for over 325 job listings!**

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