DMVA Offers A Blind Veterans Pension:
October is Blindness Awareness Month. The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs offers a Blind Veterans Pension program that awards $150 per month to eligible blind veterans. For more information, visit Website.

Immediate Openings Statewide At DMVA's Pennsylvania Veterans Home:
Did you serve in one of the branches of the Armed Services? Are you looking for a way to continue to serve others who served? The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs operates six extended care facilities for veterans. You can be part of the mission. DMVA has immediate openings for custodial workers, food service workers and security officers. The commonwealth offers veterans preference. Apply today at Website.

Now Accepting Veterans Day Event Submissions:
In recognition of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, DMVA is compiling a list of Veterans Day events from around the state. Community organizers statewide are encouraged to submit event information to us by Oct. 26, 2020, to be included in our weekly DMVA Digest. To submit an upcoming veteran or military-oriented event being held in PA, visit Website.

DMVA's Southeastern Veterans' Center Is Hiring:
The Southeastern Veterans' Center in Spring City (Chester County) is hiring. Immediate positions are available for registered nurses and certified nurse aides. Website.

DMVA Is Hiring Nurses:
At the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, we currently have immediate openings for rewarding careers in nursing across Pennsylvania. Website.
Join The More Than 225,000 People Who Have Downloaded The COVID Alert PA Mobile App:
COVID Alert PA is the official mobile app by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) that uses the Exposure Notification System (ENS) provided by Apple and Google. You can now add your phone to the fight against COVID-19 by going to the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and downloading the free COVID Alert PA app to your smartphone. The app runs on iPhones that support iOS 13.5 and higher, and Android phones running Android 6.0 and higher. The app is not intended to be used by people under 18 years of age. [Website.]

Pennsylvania National Guard Members Practice Guarding Networks Against Cyber Security:
Sixteen soldiers assigned to the Pennsylvania National Guard joined more than 800 National Guard soldiers and airmen from more than 40 states from Sept. 12-27 for Cyber Shield 20, an exercise designed to sharpen their skills as network defenders. [Website.]

The 2020 Census Deadline Has Been Extended To Oct. 31:
The census helps determine how much of a voice Pennsylvania has in Congress and how much federal funding we receive for education, healthcare, transportation, and more. Do your part. Complete the census. [Website.]

Tri-County, TCC Raise $20,000 For Wounded Veterans Programs:
Tri-County REC and Tri-Co Connections teamed up to host a charity golf outing in September that raised $20,000 for two Potter County organizations dedicated to providing outdoor experiences to disabled military veterans. [Website.]

COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Program:
During these uncertain times, you are not alone. We are here to listen. Connect with a free crisis counselor. These are trained professionals available 24/7 ready to help you navigate these unprecedented challenges. Please call the Pennsylvania support and referral hotline at 1-855-284-2494 or 724-631-5600.

Reading World War I Veteran Laid To Rest 54 Years After His Death Thanks To Exeter Woman:
The hearse carrying Lewis Hamilton’s cremated remains made its way slowly up the winding road. In the front passenger seat, Ayden Biancone sat, solemnly accompanying Hamilton's urn to its final resting place at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Lebanon County. It was Ayden, 18, of Exeter Township who took Hamilton's forgotten ashes from a back cupboard shelf to honorable interment in a columbarium at the cemetery. [Website.]
Pennsylvania Historical And Museum Commission Awarded Federal Grant To Develop Digital Learning Resources:
The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) has been awarded $246,500 in federal funds from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to design, produce and deliver new digital learning resources to support individuals and groups affected by COVID-19 in Pennsylvania. An internal steering committee will manage production, and an external advisory panel consisting of school educators, library staff, multicultural representatives, agents for people experiencing barriers to access, Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs staff, and other partners will coordinate content, access and distribution. [Website](#).

Coatesville VA Nurse Steps In To Protect Local Veterans From Coronavirus:
Nurses like Steve Miller, a registered nurse at Coatesville VA Medical Center, stepped in to help veteran patients fight the novel coronavirus by serving on the frontlines of care at the state-run Southeastern Veterans' Center in Spring City, Chester County. Since April 27, Coatesville VAMC has deployed 15 people across Pennsylvania and New Jersey to assist with direct clinical care, testing, education and training, as part of VA's fourth mission. [Website](#).

Across the Nation

DD-214 Expedited Issuance Process:
The National Personnel Records Center has an expedited process for handling requests for proof of release or discharge from active duty, Department of Defense Form 2014 (DD-214) for veterans who are homeless or facing medical emergencies. [Website](#)

VA Completes Transfer Of U.S. Army Cemeteries As Part Of Government Reform And Reorganization Effort:
The VA completed the consolidation of various Army post cemeteries, an action first outlined in the department's June 2018 Delivering Government Solutions in the 21st Century: Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations. VA's National Cemetery Administration accepted the last Army post cemetery when it took over operations of the Fort McClellan Post Cemetery in Anniston, AL. [Website](#).

Live Whole Health Mobile App Now Available:
VA's new Live Whole Health mobile app was designed for veterans interested in taking charge of their health needs and goals. With this new tool, you develop a personalized plan and get virtual coaching to achieve your health goals. [Website](#).

New Military Times Installation Guide 2020:
Military Times has published an updated Installation Guide for 2020, offering a comprehensive look at Defense Department bases around the world and the vital services they provide for service members and veterans. The guide includes an updated rundown of the services provided and key contact information for each base to support military families who are moving to a new duty station or veterans who might be traveling in the area. Website.

What It Means To Become A Gold Star Family:
In the military, a blue star comes from the symbol on the service flag used to denote a family member who is serving. As such, those with active duty relatives are called "blue star families." But in the event of a death, that blue star is replaced with a gold variant, the highest honor. Those who have lost loved ones to service never forget where they were when they received the news. It's something they will carry with them forever: the day blue turned gold. Website.

VA Breaks Ground On American Indian Veterans Memorial At Riverside National Cemetery:
VA Secretary Robert Wilkie broke ground on the first American Indian Veterans Memorial at a VA national cemetery. This is VA's first major monument honoring American Indian, Alaska Native and Pacific Islander veterans. Website.

How Pregnant Veterans Can Navigate COVID-19:
Women veterans deserve the best care anywhere. If you are a veteran and pregnant, you can continue to get the pregnancy care you need, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. But as you do, here are some things about pregnancy and COVID-19 to keep in mind. Website.

National Center For PTSD Couples Coach:
The Couples Coach mobile app was created for partners who want to improve their relationship and explore new ways to connect. It also includes relationship information specific to couples living with PTSD. Couples Coach works best when partners use the app together, although you can use it alone. Website.

Employment Opportunities

This listing is offered as a resource to both Pennsylvania's veterans and businesses that seek to employ veterans. The DMVA has not investigated the positions being offered or the businesses listed, and does not warrant or guarantee either the availability or the terms and conditions of the positions listed. Please contact the employers represented in this listing directly. To have an employment opportunity listed please email: RA-VA-Newsletter@pa.gov

Become A Commonwealth Nurse:
Help a veteran who has served their country. Comfort a person in need. The commonwealth is hiring nurses throughout Pennsylvania, offering a competitive benefits package including a state retirement, high starting salary and more. Apply today! [Website]

DMVA Is Hiring:
Did you serve in one of the branches of the Armed Services? Are you looking for a way to continue to serve others who have served? We have the job for you! The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is looking for custodial worker 1, food service worker 1, security officer 1 and winter maintenance position. The DMVA operates six extended care facilities for veterans. These facilities offer eligible veterans and their spouses the highest quality of dedicated nursing care. "We care for our veterans," is not only our philosophy, it is our commitment. You can be part of this amazing mission, apply today. [Website]

Blair/Clearfield Association For The Blind In Need Of Janitor:
- Job open from now through Oct. 27, 2020
- Bedford Photo License Center, 137 Bedford Plaza Rd., Bedford, PA (Bedford County)
- Send resume to Tina Walters at blindassociation@bcabvi.org
- Duties include dusting, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, restroom cleaning, emptying trash receptacles, disinfecting surfaces, etc. Two days and one evening a week. $13 an hour.

Butcher Apprenticeship Program:
Penn State Extension is hosting a 40-week butcher apprenticeship program. Apprentices will receive four months of in-classroom instruction and meats lab training in State College in Centre County from January to May 2021, followed by a six-month paid external apprenticeship from May to November 2021 at a Pennsylvania meat processor. For more information visit [Website]

First Student Is Hiring School Bus Drivers In Pittsburgh Area:
At First Student, bus drivers are an integral part of the communities they serve. They are committed to safety, customer service and have genuine, caring attitudes for children. To qualify, you must be at least 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license, a safe driving record and be subject to a background check and drug test. Apply at [Website]

Five Supply Chain Jobs Perfect For Veterans:
Whether you're transitioning back to civilian life or just looking to change your career path, a great place to look is the supply chain industry. The global supply chain has experienced unprecedented stress in recent months because of COVID-19. Nevertheless, this pressure has also uncovered many new opportunities by highlighting shortcomings in the existing supply chain structure. [Website]
New Machining And Robotics Apprenticeship Opportunities Available In Allegheny County:
Governor Tom Wolf announced the approval of new funding for three apprenticeship programs at New Century Careers in Allegheny County through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Apprenticeship Grant Program. This funding will support the governor's commitment to expanding job training-related opportunities throughout Pennsylvania. Website.

The Housing Alliance Of Pennsylvania Is Hiring Chief Operating Officer:
The Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania is a statewide coalition working to provide leadership and a common voice for policies, practices, and resources to ensure that all Pennsylvanians, especially those with low incomes, have access to safe, decent, and affordable homes. They promote practical solutions to balance Pennsylvania's housing market and engage people with lived experiences and the organizations that serve them to elevate the dialogue for public policy solutions to Pennsylvania's affordable housing crisis. To apply visit Website.

U.S. Secret Service Is Hiring Special Agent (Criminal Investigator):
- Joining the Secret Service, Office of Investigations, as a special agent will allow you to perform critical protective and investigative assignments.
- For more information about the job position call Kamir Carrillo at 202-536-9683 or email at KAMIR.CARRILLO@usss.dhs.gov.
- When answering the question about the U.S. Secret Service employee who referred you, please type Kamir Carrillo, TAD, ORB. When answering the question about "How did you learn about this Secret Service position?" please select "other" and type the name of the university/institution/organization/garrison where you learned of this opportunity.
- To apply visit Website.

L&I Announces $200,000 In Funding To Help Veterans Get Good Jobs In Delaware County:
Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Secretary, Jerry Oleksiak announced the availability of $200,000 in grant funding through the Veterans Employment Program (VEP) to assist veterans with getting good jobs. Eligible workforce development, community-based and educational organizations in Delaware County are encouraged to apply for the funding. Website.

Wolf Administration-Globus Medical Manufacturing Expansion To Bring More Than 200 New Jobs To Montgomery County:
Governor Tom Wolf announced that Globus Medical, a Pennsylvania-based medical device company focused on the design, development and commercialization of musculoskeletal implants, will expand its manufacturing operations to Montgomery
County, creating 243 new jobs and retaining more than 1,000 Pennsylvania jobs statewide. [Website](#).

**Abraxas Youth And Family Services Is Hiring:**
Abraxas Youth and Family Services in Marienville, PA (Forest County) is looking for qualified individuals who would like to make a difference in the lives of at-risk youth in their communities. For job posting and description visit [Website](#).

**Goodyear Is Hiring:**
Goodyear is looking for veterans to join their team. Goodyear knows first-hand the benefits that come with hiring veterans as team members. View job posting and requirements at [Website](#).

**Sysco Is Hiring:**
Sysco values the skills you learned while serving in the armed forces. As a world-class foodservice company, Sysco needs the best strategic minds to help find solutions. Every day, billions of dollars are at stake as Sysco uses industry-leading technology and analytics to effectively and efficiently move their products. [Website](#).

**ABARTA Coca-Cola Beverages LLC is Hiring:**
ABARTA Coca-Cola Beverages LLC is one of the largest employers of veterans in the United States. ABARTA knows first-hand the benefits that come with hiring veterans as team members. Join ABARTA Coca-Cola Beverages's work force community at [Website](#).

**PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Virtual Job Fair:**
On Oct. 19-22, 2020, join the first statewide virtual job fair to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month and 30 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Connect with employers in your area in addition to across the state. Live chat and/or interview via Zoom. Attend workshops to gain information on job searching in a virtual world, resume writing, interviewing tips and OVR services. [Website](#).

**Poll Workers Needed In Monroe County For Election 2020:**
With the U.S. presidential election less than a month away, Monroe County election officials are looking to hire poll workers. Poll workers typically work from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. on Election Day. The job includes opening and setting up voting machines, checking voters into the polling place and closing up at night. [Website](#).

**Assessments Are Becoming The New Norm In Federal Hiring:**
President Donald Trump signed an executive order in June 2020 that tasked federal agencies with modifying their hiring practices to value actual skills over degrees, and the order will have an increasing impact on applying for government jobs over the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. [Website](#).
**Big Hill Ciderworks Is Hiring:**
- Part time tasting room servers, part time farm stand attendant, and full-time or part-time cidery assistant.
- Big Hill Ciderworks, 1365 Gablers Rd, Gardners, PA (Adams County)
- To apply or for more info email at info@bighillcider.com with the position in the subject line. Please attach a resume and include available days/hours.
- They're looking for fun, self-motivated, enthusiastic individuals to join the team and grow with them.

**How To Get A Security Clearance For A Federal Job:**
Working in the federal government or as a contractor who performs work on behalf of an agency means going through at least one background investigation to determine if a candidate is a suitable fit for federal employment, but the extent of that investigation can vary widely. [Website](#).

**Instructor-Operator For Medical Simulation Training At Fort Indiantown Gap, PA (Lebanon County):**
Phoenix Logistics, Inc. is now accepting applications for a full time Instructor/Operator (I/O)EMT supporting the Army MSTC (Medical Simulation Training Centers) at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA. The I/O role provides training services for the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC), which plans and carries out instruction and validation in accordance with accepted medical practices and established military medical and operational doctrine. The I/O will be capable of instructing a mixed population of soldiers, both inexperienced and seasoned. The training may be conducted in a classroom or a field training/evaluation environment. [Website](#).

**Navigating USAJobs And The Federal Hiring Process:**
Almost all federal job openings are listed through the official USAJobs website, which was created in 1996 to replace a paper-based system that required applicants to visit federal buildings to view job announcements. The website has gone through several redesigns and enhancements since that time to make the system more user-friendly. [Website](#).

**PennDOT Is Hiring For Its Winter Maintenance Program:**
A winter with PennDOT can be your on-ramp to a rewarding career or a great way to earn money during the winter months! Multiple titles, varying locations, and competitive pay available now! PennDOT may waive the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Skills Test for Pennsylvania residents who are active or Reserve duty military or recent honorably discharged veterans with at least two years' experience operating a commercial motor vehicle as part of their military job requirements. The waiver applies to CDL applicants who wish to operate vehicles similar to those they operated in the military. For more information visit [Website](#).
Understanding The GS Pay Scale And Required Skills For Federal Jobs:
More than 70 percent of federal jobs are classified under the General Schedule, a system that was enacted in 1949 to standardize federal positions across agencies and ensure pay parity with the private sector. The GS scale is divided into 15 levels, with each level generally resulting in higher pay and increased skills requirements. [Website]

Veterans Fit Into The Tech Industry's New Collar Workers Movement:
The year of change for higher education was in 2018. A college degree was the steppingstone to a career, but the announcement by more than 15 of the biggest names in business that they would no longer require employees to have a college degree rocked the foundation of higher education. [Website]

Fort Indiantown Gap Exchange Is Hiring:
The Exchange at Fort Indiantown Gap, Lebanon County, is hiring for hourly, management, corporate, distribution, and associates positions. Contact Lisa Carr at 609-723-6100 or email at carrlisa@aafes.com. For a job posting list go to [Website]

PepsiCo Is Hiring:
Thousands of veterans have made PepsiCo their professional home, as they are one of the largest employers of veterans in the United States. PepsiCo has seen first-hand how the skills, training, and dedication to teamwork veterans bring to the team drive results. Join PepsiCo’s veteran talent community at [Website]

Immediate Need To Fill VA Housekeeping Staff Positions Nationwide:
VA is seeking housekeeping staff to fill numerous, immediate openings at health care facilities across the country. Temporary, permanent, part-time and full-time positions are available. The housekeeping staff supports the mission to help veterans get better fast by keeping facilities clean and safe for patients, staff and visitors. Veterans who become housekeeping aides will work alongside fellow veterans, who make up 85 percent of VA's custodial staff. [Website]

Career Link-Translate Your Military Skills And Experience:
PA Career Link helps find civilian occupations that best align with your military skills, experience and training. Career Link offers a variety of veteran services for transitioning to civilian professions. [Website]

Veteran Events
This listing is offered as a service to individuals and organizations to promote their veteran and military-oriented events being held in Pennsylvania. The information is taken directly from emailed submissions from requestors. DMVA is not responsible for incorrect information submitted. Please send details on events to RA-VA-
Newsletter@pa.gov and include the following key pieces of information: 1. Name of event, 2. Date of event, 3. Time of event, 4. Address of event, 5. County of event, 6. Event website, 7. Point of contact name, 8. POC phone number, 9. POC email address, and 10. Additional details/coordinating instructions (fees, pre-registration, etc.)

**VBA Pennsylvania Tele-Town Hall:**
- Oct. 14, 2020, 4 p.m.
- Dial 833-380-0417 (suggested 10 minutes prior)
- VA Under Secretary will remark on benefits updates and COVID-19 changes and answer veterans' questions.

**2020 PA Community Alliance Virtual Summit:**
- Happening now through Oct. 8, 2020
- The Summit is a day of networking, discovering alliances and collaboration building among diverse organizations throughout Pennsylvania led by and/or supporting underserved/unserved populations who experience marginalization and oppression.
- Register at [Website](#).

**Humana Medicare 101:**
- Oct. 8, 2020, 1-2 p.m.
- Healthcare planning presented by Humana. We will discuss Medicare eligibility, what Medicare is, your Medicare options, important dates, costs and more.
- Register at [Website](#).

**Veteran Suicide Awareness Walk:**
- Oct. 17, 2020, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Memorial Park, 30 Peach St. Lemoyne, PA (Cumberland County)
- Join for a walk at Lemoyne's Memorial Park to show support for our veterans and raise awareness for veteran suicide. All are welcome, whether you choose to walk, run, or simply enjoy fellowship. In addition to a united walk, information about various resources will be available. Food and refreshment will be provided.
- To register visit [Website](#).

**8th Veteran Shark Tank:**
- Submission deadline Oct. 20, 2020, midnight
- If you are a veteran business owner and want to participate, please sign up using the online portal. The final event in Philadelphia on Dec. 7, 2020, will feature five veteran business owners who pitch and compete for a large cash prize. Each contestant gains valuable experience to professionally grow while creating relationships that will last a lifetime.
- Application form [Website](#).

**Veteran Community Initiatives' (VCI), 15th Annual Veteran Issues Symposium Addendum:**
- Oct. 22, 2020, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- The Miracle Facility on Scalp, 800 Scalp Ave., Johnstown, PA (Cambria County)
- Call for registration 814-255-0355
- Providing veterans knowledge of the drug culture/community. Presentation by Kathy Strain, Drug Free Workplace PA, and Ronna Yablonski, Cambria County Drug Coalition.

Humana Tricare 101:
- Oct. 22, 2020, 1-2 p.m.
- What is TRICARE, who is eligible, what are your options, what resources exist for you as well additional information and assistance to manage your benefits anywhere in the world.
- Register at [Website](#).

Humana Medicare 101:
- Nov. 5, 2020, 1-2 p.m.
- Healthcare planning presented by Humana. Discussions on Medicare eligibility, what Medicare is, your Medicare options, important dates, costs and more.
- Register at [Website](#).

Give Veterans A Smile Day:
- Nov. 10, 2020, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM), 300 B Lawrence Dr., West Chester, PA (Chester County)
- If interested in making an appointment, please call Alberta Landis at VP Dental Services, 610-836-5990, ext. 107
- Chester County veterans without dental insurance. Procedures offered cleansings, fillings, extractions, X-rays, and panorex.

Humana Medicare 101:
- Nov. 19, 2020, 1-2 p.m.
- Healthcare planning presented by Humana. Medicare eligibility, what Medicare is, Medicare options, important dates, costs and more.
- Register at [Website](#).

Butler VA Flu Clinics Kick-Off:
- Now through Nov. 24, 2020
- The Butler VA Health Care System will be offering flu vaccination clinics to veterans at the main campus and Community-Based Outpatient Clinics this fall.
- A complete schedule of flu clinic dates, times and locations is available at [Website](#).

Virtual Appointments About Questions On Benefits:
- Every Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- To make an appointment request send an email to PCU.VBAPIT@va.gov
- Do you have questions about your VA benefits? Veterans and dependents can schedule a virtual appointment with a representative for the Pittsburgh VA regional office.

**Veterans Breakfast Club Webinar:**
- Every Monday at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday at 1 p.m.
- Contact Ellie DePastino at ellie@veteransbreakfastclub.com
- Veterans share their stories and take questions from a live online audience.
- To access the live-streamed events visit [Website](#).

**Adult/Youth/CPS Virtual Drop-In:**
- Adult Virtual Drop-In, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2 p.m., Meeting ID: 131-337-859, [Website](#).
- Youth Virtual Drop-In, Mondays and Fridays, 1-2 p.m., Meeting ID: 410-999-098, [Website](#).
- Certified Peer Specialists Virtual Drop-In, Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Meeting ID: 305-863-445, [Website](#).
- Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association (PMHCA), Youth MOVE PA, and the Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition (PaPSC) understand the toll social isolation can take on our mental health. Connecting online can be a good way to alleviate this issue. The agencies have collaborated in hosting a series of Virtual Drop-In Zoom meetings to help reduce the sense of social isolation we can experience during this difficult time. [Website](#).

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