

The American Legion Department of Virginia

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Veteran Employment & Education Monthly Report

November 2015 BLS Report

AS WITH THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, THE BLS EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE RELEASED TODAY. ATTACHED IS THE MONTHLY 'CHEAT SHEET' FOR YOUR USE AND INFORMATION. THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 5.0% AND THE VETERAN UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS DECREASED FROM 3.9 TO 3.6%.

[BLS EMPLOYMENT DATA - NOVEMBER 2015](#)

Communities in Action

[Honoring a Veteran's Veteran](#)

The Times-Tribune.com

Vietnam Veteran John H. Richards, Jr. of Kingston, who served in the U.S. Marines Corps, receives a hand shake from a fellow veteran after Richards was inducted into the Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center Hall of Fame on Thursday in Scranton. Mr. Richards...

Wellness

[New VA Choice Program proposed to improve vets' access to private care](#)

Military Times

A World War II veteran and his son wait to speak with someone at a health care crisis center set up by the American Legion at the American Legion Post 1 hall in Phoenix in this file photo from 2014, after the VA wait time scandal had made national news.

Employment

[20 Resources to Veteran Business Owners](#)

Small Business Trends

As part of the Global Entrepreneurship Collective, Inc., Victory Spark is an accelerator program focused on startups led by U.S. military veterans. The program includes a 12-week mentor-driven Lean LaunchPad Program, along with grant funding for...

Education

[Report: GI Bill's on-the-job training benefit not being used](#)

Military Times

Very few veterans are using benefits added to the GI Bill in 2011 that offer living stipends to nonstudents who seek on-the-job training or apprenticeships, according to a new government report...

Education (Continued)

['Boots to Business' Entrepreneurship Training for Veterans and Spouses Offered](#)

Southeast Missouri State University News

A one-day entrepreneurial education program titled “Boots to Business: Reboot” is being offered for veterans and their spouses Nov. 5 at the Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC)...

[College program helping veterans transition to life on campus](#)

First Coast News

Transitioning from life on the battlefield to life on campus can be tough for veterans and active duty military.

Upcoming Job Fairs in Virginia

Note: The current listings for upcoming job fairs in Virginia were not available at time of this report. Will have January, February and March listings available in next month's report.

National Veterans Employment & Education Awards

The National Veterans Employment & Education Commission annually presents several awards at The American Legion's National Convention to honor employers who hire veterans, disabled veterans and older workers. Those who help find employment are also recognized.

Please review the Veteran Employment and Education Committee subsection under Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation on the Department of Virginia's website for nomination forms and additional details from each category.

All nominations for these awards should be submitted to Department no later than Tuesday, January 5th to ensure Department of Virginia selections make it to National Headquarters by January 15th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this report or need additional information regarding the upcoming Job Fairs.

For God and Country,

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