

The American Legion Department of Virginia

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Veteran Employment & Education Monthly Report

January 2016 BLS Report

AS WITH THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, THE BLS EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE RELEASED TODAY. ATTACHED IS OUR MONTHLY 'CHEAT SHEET' FOR YOUR USE AND INFORMATION. THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASED FROM 5.0% TO 4.9% AND THE VETERAN UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS DECREASED FROM 4.8% TO 4.7%.

[BLS EMPLOYMENT DATA - JANUARY 2016](#)

Communities in Action

[Dramatic Taliban hostage rescue earns Navy SEAL the Medal of Honor](#)

USA Today

Chief Special Warfare Operator Edward Byers was the second one through the door as his SEAL Team Six unit raided a Taliban hide-out where an American doctor was held hostage...

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

[Petroleum Industry wants veterans in oil and gas jobs](#)

Military Times

American Petroleum Institute's Vets4Energy campaign has launched an initiative to help veterans connect with companies in the oil and natural gas industry.

Education

[Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program](#)

Military.com

The Military Survivors and Dependents Program (MSDEP) provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who became at least 90 percent disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict.

Education (Continued)

[Veterans Scholarships and Grants](#)

Scholarshipsandgrants.us

Veterans scholarships and grants offer essential educational assistance to military veterans. All levels of service are acknowledged with a variety of veterans scholarships and grants to help cover tuition, books, lodging and expenses for those who served their country.

[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: Below is the current listing for known upcoming job fairs for February, March and April. This is not an all-inclusive list and dates are subject to change/cancel depending on circumstances out of the vendor's control.

February 18, 2016 - [Recruit Military Job Fair - Richmond, VA](#)

February 19, 2016 - [Hiring our Heroes/American Legion Job Fair - Washington, DC](#)

February 23, 2016 – [Corporate Gray Job Fair - Virginia Beach, VA](#)

March 15, 2016 – [FFSC NAS Oceana, VA Job Fair](#)

March 23, 2016 - [Corporate Gray Job Fair - Arlington, VA](#)

March 24, 2016 - [Recruit Military Job Fair- Washington, DC](#)

April 13, 2016 – Hiring our Heroes/Washington Wizards Sports EXPO Job Fair – Washington, DC – Registration Coming Soon

April 21, 2016 - [Corporate Gray Job Fair - Springfield, VA](#)

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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