

# ***Veterans' Newsletter***

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Welcome to the June edition of the Jefferson County Workforce Center's **Veterans' Newsletter**. If you have a subject you would like to see covered here, please email either Dave Alred at [dalred@jeffco.us](mailto:dalred@jeffco.us) or Del Atencio at [datencio@jeffco.us](mailto:datencio@jeffco.us).

## **No degree? No problem – good paying positions are growing**

The following was taken from an article by Sam Deleo from *The Denver Post*. Finding work can be an intimidating challenge for job seekers who don't have a college degree.

However, there are numerous entry level positions and short term training occupations that can offer rewarding careers. In fact, some pay better than jobs requiring a college degree.

### **50 million opportunities**

"There are something like 50 million jobs out there that don't require a bachelor's degree and pay upwards of \$40,000 a year," said Harlow Unger, author of *But What if I don't Want to go to College?* The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that by 2010 almost two thirds of all projected job openings will require only on-the-job training.

Where are these opportunities? A recent article in *Forbes* magazine listed several no degree required occupations that pay more than \$85,000 a year at their top end. These jobs include Flight Attendant, Film and Video Editor, Sales Rep, Real Estate Broker and Nuclear Power Reactor Operator.

### **Jobs in food, retail, health**

The best options locally, according to the Colorado Department of Labor, show healthcare, retail, and food service among sectors offering quality jobs for non degree applicants.

Nationwide, a study by CNN found the highest demand for non-degree jobs in such career fields as vocational education, wholesale and manufacturing sales, and truck driving.

Healthcare offers the biggest job bonanza in Colorado where more than 7,300 healthcare jobs are expected to go unfilled each year for the next decade because of a lack of qualified workers. Half of all healthcare jobs require only on-the-job training. Healthcare will create more jobs than any other industry in the state over the next decade.

### **Can you think and listen?**

Non-degree applicants in any sector should acquire and demonstrate several most wanted entry level skills. Human Resources personnel identified several qualifications they look for when selecting new employees. They are: written communication, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, time management, computer skills and listening.

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### **Other items of interest**

Two new web sites were launched to serve the needs of our Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Veterans and their families. Both web sites are owned and operated by veterans and are free to use.

**Patriotjobs.net** helps outgoing service members transition into the private sector by providing them links to thousands of job with companies all across America.

**Check out <http://www.patriotjobs.net/> today.**

**Hire-A-Patriot.com** serves active duty personnel and their families providing a connection between small mom and pop businesses looking for part-time workers and homeowners needing temporary help doing odd jobs on the weekends. Many service personnel will be able to take advantage of Hire-A-Patriot.com to help supplement their monthly pay or find work for spouses.

**Check out <http://www.hire-a-patriot.com/> today!**

### **We are here for you!**

As always, the purpose of this newsletter is to inform our veteran job seekers of programs available at our workforce center to help them with their goal of finding employment. Please take some time and review the various workshops and assistance programs we have that can help you with everything from putting together a resume or improving your interviewing skills to receiving financial assistance to help pay for a training program.

We want to hear from you – contact us if you would like assistance with your job search, and we can schedule a time to meet. Contact Dave Alred at [dalred@jeffco.us](mailto:dalred@jeffco.us) or Del Atencio at [datencio@jeffco.us](mailto:datencio@jeffco.us).