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The Veteran Eagle is a newsletter for veterans, transitioning military, their family members and friends and supporters of VetJobs.

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HAVE YOU REFRESHED YOUR RESUME SO EMPLOYERS KNOW YOU ARE AVAILABLE? With a tight labor market, most employers will not look at a resume over 14 days old. You need to refresh your resume at least every two weeks!

Thank you for reading this VetJobs Veteran Eagle newsletter. If you like the newsletter and what VetJobs, the VFW and other veteran service organizations do to assist veterans and their family members find employment, please go to <http://www.weddles.com/poll.htm> and vote VetJobs for the WEDDLE's User's Choice Award!

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1. Message from the Top

This week VetJobs launched version 4.0 of the VetJobs site! The VetJobs site has an all new look with many new state-of-the-art functionalities for both candidates and employers. The resource pages have been significantly expanded, especially the candidate and spouse resources. Most of the changes to the site came from suggestions by veterans and employers. An example is the comprehensive listing of military related job fairs throughout the United States, an item that many veterans had been requesting. The enhanced functionalities and look of the site will ensure that VetJobs remains the leading military related job board on the Internet

In addition to new cutting edge functionalities, I am pleased to announce that VetJobs will be the only military related job board publishing the bi-monthly WEDDLE's Career Article. Peter Weddle has chosen VetJobs to be the only military related site to carry his very informative articles!

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While there are no federal holidays this month, we do celebrate the birthday of the US Coast Guard! On August 4, 1790, the United States Coast Guard was founded. With the War on Terrorism, the Coast Guard has a very vital role in the defense of our country both at home and overseas. If you meet a member of the Coast Guard this month, tell them "Happy Birthday!"

Today we celebrate Air Force Day, which was established on August 1, 1947 by President Truman "in recognition of the personnel of the victorious Army Air Forces and all those who have developed and maintained our nation's air strength." August 1 was chosen to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment, in 1907, of the Aeronautical Division in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army.

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For those of you who are attending the VFW 109th National Convention at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL, August 16 through August 21, stop by and visit the VetJobs booth. We will have great novelties for you and updated boxes of our promo cards to share with veterans and their family members who are seeking employment. We look forward to talking with you!

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The military has been getting a lot of news coverage recently due to the candidates visiting troops overseas and the passing of the new GI Bill. But stop and think about the size of our military today compared to the recent past when there were nearly 3.5 million people on active duty. Today, there are roughly 1.4 million on active duty, less than half. The estimated population of the United States on August 1, 2008 is 304,748,000. Throw in another 20,000,000 illegal aliens (no one really knows how many illegal aliens are in the United States), and you have a population base of roughly 324,748,000 that is being defended by 1,400,000. That equates to only four tenths of one percent (.04 %) of the population is defending the other 99.6%! If you include the 1.3 million in the Guard and Reserve (who are now used as if they were active duty forces) there is a total of 2.7 million defending the 324,748,000, or roughly eight tenths of a percent (.08%) defending the other 99.2%!

In 1970, there were over 40 million living veterans in the United States. In 1999 when VetJobs was founded, there were only 26 million veterans of which 18 million were in the work force. Today, the VA reports there are 24 million living veterans of which 10.5 million are in the work force. Depending on the survey, upwards of 1,700 veterans now die each day!

This data has many ramifications. We now have two generations of Americans that have no idea of what really goes on in the military and the importance of having a strong military. This lack of understanding impacts political and social attitudes towards the military. The population base for veteran service organizations is dwindling rapidly which is why many are changing their membership rules in order to maintain membership in a rapidly falling demographic environment.

Today, there are fewer defenders of our freedoms living who understood the importance of maintaining a strong military. And without a strong military, we can not maintain our freedoms! Remember these numbers when you go to vote this year.

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On the economic front, the American economy's growth accelerated in the second quarter to a 1.9% annual rate. This means the United States is definitely NOT in a recession, although many politicians would have you believe we are in a recession. Remember, we are in a political year, and politicians are quick to make inflammatory statements, irrespective of the truth of the situation. To be in a recession, we have to have two quarters of negative growth. That has not happened.

Real growth is taking place due in large part to consumer spending that was supported by the largest increase in disposable personal income in six years, thanks largely to about \$75 billion in tax-rebate checks from Washington. The economy was held back by the crumbling housing market, a huge drop in inventories and fraud in the financial markets.

Unemployment has climbed to 5.7%, which is seven-tenths of a percent above normal unemployment, a far cry from the 7% to 14% unemployment rates of real recessions in the recent past. Nonfarm payrolls fell by 51,000 in July, led by losses in manufacturing, construction, retail and temporary help. Since December, 463,000 jobs have been lost. But the outlook brightens when you look at the 2001 recession where 300,000 jobs were lost in just one month! We are losing jobs but at a decreasing rate. The economy is anemic, but is not in a recession. But in a political season, there are those who will pander to the fear element.

If you are in the market for a job (See articles #6, #7 and #9 below), healthcare continues to be the strongest segment of the U.S. job market, adding 15,000 jobs in June which brings total job growth in the healthcare industry for the past 12 months to 348,000. Relative to a year ago, the engineering profession employs over 30,000 more workers and, according to the most recent survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, engineering majors are among the most sought after graduates in the class of 2008. Other areas of job growth include energy, IT, government and consumer products. Thanks to the fraud and corruption that took place in the sub-prime industry, finance is not a good area to seek a

new career. It will be harder to find the perfect job, but jobs are still available.

As always, if there is anything we at VetJobs can do for you, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Remember, Freedom Is Never Free - Support Our Armed Forces and Veterans

Best regards,

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President

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2. AIG Auto Insurance through VFW

AIG's ratings are among the highest of any insurance and financial services organizations in the world. They offer competitive rates in most states, deliver superior 24/7 customer service and offer free, no-obligation rate quotes for VFW members and their families. Visit www.vfwinsurance.com for more information.

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TECHEXPO Top Secret's next job fairs are:

- 8/12, TECHEXPO Top Secret Job Fair, The Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- 8/13 IBM Expo - Open House, The Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes St., Arlington, VA 22202 - Security Clearance Not Required for IBM Expo. Details on <http://www.IBMexpo.com>

- 8/14, TECHEXPO Top Secret Job Fair, BWI Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, MD, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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3. VA Announces Online Claims Applications

The VA now will accept online applications from veterans, survivors, and other claimants filing initial applications for disability compensation, pension, education, and vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits without having to submit a signed paper copy of their application. No claimant signature is required for initial online applications received through the Veterans Online Applications (VONAPP) web site. This electronic application is sufficient authentication of the claimant's application for benefits. Normal development procedures and rules of evidence still apply to all VONAPP applications. For more information about VA benefits, visit the VA's Web site at www.va.gov or call their toll-free number at (800) 827-1000.

4. National Cemetery Burial

Today, more than 23 million veterans, and current and former Reservists and National Guard members with 20 years of service, have earned the right to burial in a national cemetery. Veterans with discharges "other than dishonorable," their spouses and dependent children are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. Those who die on active duty may also be buried in a national cemetery. For more information, contact the nearest national cemetery or a VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000. Information also is available on VA's home page at www.cem.va.gov.

5. Interesting Recruiting Facts

Did you know that on average it costs the Air Force approximately \$7,900 to send a person through the enlistment process (computed from the time the applicant first walks into a recruiting office, until the day they ship out to basic training). The next closest service is the Marines, who spend a little more than \$13,000 per recruit, followed by the Navy at approximately \$14,500 per recruit. The Army, meanwhile, is triple the Air Force at \$26,000. For every Air Force recruiter there are nine Army, five Navy and three Marine Corps recruiters. According to a recent Department of Defense market survey, about 73 percent of American youth (18 to 25) are not qualified to join the military. Weight, medical or conduct reasons disqualify more than half of them.

6. Areas for Job Growth

According to TheLadders Quarterly Executive Job Market Trends Report for Q208, 71% of \$100,000+ job seekers said they have noticed a slow-down this quarter. However, undeterred by the economic slow-down, 58% of those surveyed described the high-end job markets in their cities as stable and 59% said they expect to land a new job in six months or less. This optimism is echoed in the hiring patterns among the large American corporations. While hiring in the financial and consumer discretionary sectors has clearly been impacted by the continued fall-out from the mortgage market collapse, the technology, healthcare and defense sectors are all adding to their executive-level ranks nationwide. There were 12,000 more \$100,000+ jobs posted on TheLadders in the first quarter of 2008 than there were in the first quarter of 2007. The recession is grabbing the headlines, but there are always countercyclical segments of the market that thrive in a down economy. The reports are showing a lot of reliance in this marketplace.

7. Employment Expectations

Percentage of executives internationally reporting anticipated changes in size of their company's workforce over the next six months, June 2008

	Increase	No change	Decrease
Total	35%	39%	24%
North America	35%	37%	26%
Developing markets	35%	43%	21%
Europe	34%	39%	26%
Asia-Pacific	33%	48%	19%

Source: McKinsey & Co.

8. Older Workers have Advantages

A recent survey by Sirota Survey Intelligence found that "traditionalist" workers--those 63 and up--have some major advantages over other age groups. They tend to be more satisfied and proud of their work and of the company itself, more willing to go the extra mile, and more satisfied with their compensation. Older workers have had years to temper expectations and can actually be more resilient in a changing workplace.

9. VetJobs Listing of Military Related Job Fairs

VetJobs is now listing all military related job fairs on a national basis. To view the list and find a military related job fair in your area, visit www.vetjobs.com.

10. National Guard and Reserve mobilized as of July 30, 2008

The total number currently on active duty from the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 82,075; Navy Reserve, 5,814; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 11,218; Marine Corps Reserve, 8,126; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 777. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been activated to 108,010, including both units and individual augmentees. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel who are currently activated can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jul2008/d20080730ngr.pdf> .

11. Significant events this month in Military History

- 1782 - The Purple Heart Medal was established by Congress.
- 1790 - US Coast Guard established.
- 1801 - The USS Enterprise seized the Tripolitan corsair Tripoli in naval action in the Mediterranean Sea (War with Tripoli).
- 1864 - Admiral David Farragut, USN, exclaiming "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead," ran through a Confederate minefield at Mobile Bay, Alabama, and captured a defending group of Confederate ships (American Civil War).
- 1914 - Germany declared war on Russia and France declared full mobilization for war (World War I).
- 1914 - Britain declared war on Austria-Hungary (World War I).
- 1941 - Beginning of the three-year siege of Leningrad by German troops (World War II).
- 1942 - US Marines landed on Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands, the first American amphibious operation in World War II.
- 1945 - The US Army Air Force bomber Enola Gay, piloted by COL Paul Tibbets, dropped the first atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. (World War II).
- 1945 - The second atomic bomb is dropped by a U.S. plane on Nagasaki, Japan.
- 1945 - The Empire of Japan surrendered to the Allied forces, ending World War II.
- 1950 - Defense of Pusan/Naktong Perimeter began (Korean War).
- 1952 - The Battle of Bunker Hill (Hill 122) began (Korean War).
- 1982 - Eight hundred U.S. Marines landed in Beirut, Lebanon, as part of a multinational force overseeing the withdrawal of PLO fighters.
- 1990 - Operation Desert Shield began.

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