

Colleagues and Fellow Veterans,

I hope you are all off to a good start in the New Year.

Recently I met with the Federal Aviation Administration senior leadership – *they plan to hire over 600 new Air Traffic Control Specialists ... and want as many of them as possible to be Veterans*. Given the pre-qualification requirements many of our recently transitioning Veterans will likely qualify.

To be considered for a position as an air traffic controller, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Start the FAA Academy no later than your 31st birthday.
- Be willing to relocate to an air traffic facility based on the FAA's highest needs at the time.
- Have three years of progressively responsible work experience, or a Bachelor's degree, or a combination of post-secondary education and work experience that totals three years.

Certainly sounds this opportunity is a perfect fit for most Veterans. The FAA plans on posting this opportunity on or around February 10th – so this is our 'heads up'. There will also be a virtual career fair on the FAA website on February 12th. For more detailed information about this opportunity and how to apply, visit the FAA online at http://www.faa.gov/jobs/recruiting_kit/ - they will be receiving applications through USA Jobs on the Office of Personnel website.

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- If you would like to research, find, access, and, in time, manage your VA benefits and personal information please visit and/or register at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>.
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- You can send us a secure email that will usually be answered within 48 hours. You can also search for answers to frequently asked questions and register to be notified of any updates to the information. This contact method is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can also be utilized worldwide. [Click here](#) to enter the "Ask A Question" site or [here](#) to review our frequently asked questions.
- You can call 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). This line only accepts calls from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM central time Monday – Friday, though you are able to schedule a call back from a Customer Service Representative.