

## NGEN Facts and News

October 2021

### Calendar – 4th Qtr

October 26 – CSEL Annual Meeting

Dec 4, YR Event - Illinois

Dec 6-8 – Industry Days, NGAUS Washington DC

We are currently scheduling briefings for 2022. Let us know if you'd like us to visit your state and talk NGEN, help with employment fairs and provide professional development training at NO COST!



# NGEN Fact

## Employment News

Employment News for NGEN is evolving as quickly as the civilian markets. With headlines such as “Mass Exodus from the Workforce,” “How to Combat the Resignation Tsunami” “Are workers striking?” and “Help Wanted, Where are the Workers?” it’s hard to keep up.

As the pandemic recedes, it’s clear it has changed the US workforce forever. In August 2021 the labor department reported 4.3 million workers QUIT the employment market and these numbers are up from previous records set in April and nearly matched in July. Workers left looking for better pay, flexible work conditions, health concerns (COVID safety) and lack of day care. The NGEN Team is working with employers and our affiliates with the ESGR and local associations like the Manufacturing Associations, Cyber markets and industrial associations to make sure we can connect our service members with great opportunities for advancement. This issue and the next few installments will focus on our training platform and partners that can help our members reskill, upskill or completely change careers. In honor of “**Cyber Month**” we’ll focus on cyber skills/training this month.

### NGEN By The Numbers

We’re still busy onboarding states like: **Michigan, Oklahoma (Air Guard), New Jersey, Virginia, Wisconsin!** Do you want to be next? Give us a call. States with the most candidate activity into the system this month were: **Texas, Puerto Rico, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, New Jersey and Ohio!**

A glance at who we placed in the month of September the leading industries continue to be **Technology/Operations/Business with IT jobs leading the pack. 22% placed were officers and 78% were enlisted.**

***NO-COST Career Readiness and Job Placement Assistance  
Is Just A Click Away!***

### Maximizing the NGEN Toolchest

Did you know the NGEN Team is available to assist your state with Job Fairs, Hiring events and Family Days? Need help at your Yellow Ribbon events to help your service members get job ready? We do that! Need assistance with interviewing skills and prep? We do that for you! Need to connect your service members with employers looking to hire? Let us help you with that! In the meantime, visit our website and Facebook for the latest news.

**Hot Jobs** – Visit our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NGENjobs> and find our daily list of HOT Jobs. These employers are hiring. We host daily. From remote to industry wide cohorts, we’ve got the hottest jobs! Our Facebook site shares information on the latest in industry news to bring your job search to the next level. Catch Kelli on Monday’s as she hosts the **CS Live** and hear directly what’s going on in the market today

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If you'd like to learn more about  
NGEN and the resources available  
to your state, please reach out to  
the email and numbers above.

### Career Specialist (CS) Corner with Kelli Hogan [khogan@casys.us](mailto:khogan@casys.us)

**It's Fall and Cyber Month!** What a great year so far and you still have a few more months to reach your 2021 goals. Below is this month's Q and A. If you have a question for me, please send it to [Khogan@vetjobs.org](mailto:Khogan@vetjobs.org). Thank you!

#### Q. What are the best job search tips to seek an IT position?

A. Before any job search you want to think about the companies you want to work for and network with people/recruiters to assist you with getting in the door. The most popular websites for IT positions and networking are LinkedIn and Dice.com. Once you identify a job you are interested in, I recommend **always** going to the company's website to apply. This might speed up the process. Don't forget to target your resume and cover letter for any position you apply for. See links for more tips!

<https://careersidekick.com/best-tech-job-boards/>

<https://cybersn.com/11-virtual-job-search-tips-to-land-the-cyber-job-you-want/>

#### Training and Development

Did you know there is a need for 190,000 cyber skilled workers by the end of 2023? Cyber jobs salaries start around \$80k! Our partner **Red Hat** is providing our candidates/job seekers with VetJobs/NGEN **no cost** access to the program and the certification exam for FREE. The course has a MSRP of \$8500.

The program is completely virtual, self-paced, and the student has one year from the time they begin the program to complete it. There are two courses, approximately 40 hours each, that need to be completed along with an exam after each course. Once the student completes both courses and successfully passes the exams, they will earn their Red Hat Certified Systems Administrator credential. When they are ready, Red Hat will send them a free voucher for the exam. Register at the Skillsbuild link or contact Rebecca Hyde at <mailto:rhyde@vetjobs.org>

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