

Freight Railroad Opportunities for Veterans: Military Experience Suits Railroad Employment

For almost two centuries, railroads have been hiring men and women with military experience. Over time, they have learned there are a variety of skills that easily translate from military service to successful railroad careers. From a level of comfort working with machinery, to a dedication and focus on safety of operations, to conducting shifts in changing conditions, experience gained while on military duty directly relates to a wide variety of jobs at railroads. The following chart provides examples of military jobs that translate to railroad employment opportunities.

Your Military Experience	Railroad Management Opportunities	General Rail Job Opportunities
Combat Arms and Military Operations (Land, Air & Sea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armor - Artillery - Combat Engineer - Infantry - Military Police/Security Forces - Ordnance - Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management Training Program - Track Supervisor (Roadmaster) - Trainmaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freight Conductor - Track Worker - Signal Construction - Utility Worker
Mechanic/Machinist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pipefitting - Vehicle, Vessel & Aircraft Maintenance - Welding & Metal Work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management Training Program (Mechanical) - Mechanical Operations Manager (General Foreman) - Mechanical Operations Manager (Car Foreman) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locomotive Mechanic/Machinist (Diesel) - Carman - Roadway Mechanic - Utility Worker - Pier Mechanic/Machinist (Diesel)
Electrician <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electronics Technician - Electronic Troubleshooting and Maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management Training Program (Mechanical/Engineering) - Manager of Signals - Mechanical Operations Manager (General Foreman) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locomotive Electrician (Diesel) - Roadway Electrician - Pier Technician - Signal Worker (Maintenance)
Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Air Traffic Controller - Battalion/Squadron level and higher operations NCOs & Officers (Land, Air & Sea) - Radio Telecommunication Operator (RTO) - Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management Training Program - Track Supervisor (Roadmaster) - Trainmaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Train Dispatcher - Yardmaster - Freight Conductor
Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commo - Signal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management Training Program - Manager of Signals - IT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication Maintainer - Signal Worker (Maintenance)
Law Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigations - Military Police - Security Forces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police/Special Agent - Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freight Conductor - Track Worker - Signal Construction - Utility Worker
Supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inventory - Quartermaster - Warehousing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shipping Receiving Coordinator - Management Training Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk - Customer Service
Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance - Human Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Resources - Accounting - Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk - Customer Service

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