

# President Obama: "Hire a Veteran"

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President Barack Obama signs the Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 (VOW to Hire Heroes Act), that will provide tax credits to help put veterans back to work. First Lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden attend the ceremony in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building South Court Auditorium, Nov. 21, 2011. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

This morning, President Obama signed the "VOW to Hire Heroes Act" into law, [telling those in attendance](#):

Back in September, I sent Congress a jobs bill. And in it, I proposed a tax credit for any business that hires a veteran who's been unemployed for at least four weeks. I proposed an even bigger tax break if a business hires a veteran who's been unemployed for at least six months. And if a business hires an unemployed veteran with a disability related to their service, I proposed doubling the tax break that we already have in place.

Today, because Democrats and Republicans came together, I'm proud to sign those proposals into law. And I urge every business owner out there who's hiring to hire a veteran right away.

The is just one of the [intiatives](#) the President has [enacted](#) in order to ensure that the country fulfills its obligation to our servicemembers and their families.

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And it's just one part of the [President's plan](#) to put the American people back to work. At the bill signing, he told lawmakers that families all over the country are demanding the same kind of bold, bipartisan action.

"My message to every member of Congress is keep going," President Obama said, "Keep working."

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- Tax credits for employers who hire unemployed veterans and veterans with service-connected disabilities are just one important part of the Obama Administration's plan to help veterans translate their military skills for the civilian workforce, New [online tools](#) are available to aid their search for jobs, and the Administration has partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and the private sector to make it easier to [connect our veterans with companies that want to hire them](#).
- [Read the story](#) of Jason Hansman, who managed hundreds of reconstruction projects that totaled millions of dollars while serving in Iraq, but received only one job offer, to fill a night mall cop position.
- [Read the story](#) of Navy veteran Eric Smith, who has more than five years experience as a military medic, but works today as a hospital janitor.
- [Read the story](#) of Maria Canales, an Army veteran who spent nearly four years looking for a job because she had trouble communicating how the skills she learned in the military prepared her to be an excellent employee in the civilian workforce.