Cook Out and Kick Back with Student Veterans!



It's back to school for student Veterans!

You're invited to kick off the school year with the <u>Veterans on Campus</u> (<u>VOC</u>) Back to School BBQ!

Cornhole tournaments, live performances, and many more activities await at this unique and fun way to honor our Veterans!

Enjoy fresh-from-the-grill hotdogs, burgers, and refreshments at the VOC Back to School BBQ on September 10 from 4 pm-8 pm at the Fordham Lincoln Center Campus!

Veteran Voices: Honoring Those Who Serve



The <u>Veteran Voices Project (VVP)</u> is an oral history initiative designed to record the stories of NYC Veterans and preserve their legacy. Led by the <u>NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)</u>, VVP captures and shares the stories of NYC Veterans across all military branches and service areas. VVP keeps our City's rich military history alive by reaching across generations and fostering an appreciation for service. This one-of-a-kind oral history project gives Veterans a chance to connect with the community and each other.

Stories are shared on the <u>DVS</u> website and added to the official <u>New York City Municipal Archives</u>. Stories can also be sent for archiving in the <u>Library of Congress</u> and the <u>Oral History Collection</u> of the <u>New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center</u>.

Connect, listen, share, and celebrate as we preserve the incredible stories of NYC Veterans from all eras!

<u>Listen to Christopher Mack</u>, who took his life in a new direction when he made the choice to join the <u>U.S. Marine Corps</u>. <u>In this recording</u>, Mack details the maturity and self-confidence he gained in the Marines, and his transition back to civilian life.

Scams Targeting Veterans: Be Vigilant of PACT Act Scammers



The PACT Act will help millions of Veterans and their survivors, but scammers are now targeting them for their benefits.

Veterans who have been waiting for compensation and healthcare might have one more thing to be worried about: scammers. Veterans' advocates fear scammers will soon target Veterans for fraudulent gain. The concern comes as

the <u>Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act (PACT Act)</u>, the historic new law that expands VA healthcare and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances, is signed into law.

Military scams are on the rise. Military Veterans and retirees are reporting a dramatic increase in government and military impostor scams. In 2021, data from the <u>Federal Trade Commission (FTC)</u>, the federal regulatory agency that has led the way in consumer protection for nearly 100 years, revealed that more than 160,000 Veterans and retirees reported fraud or identity theft. That's a stunning 41 percent increase from the year before.

Scammers are taking advantage of the landmark victory for Veterans to commit fraud. Scammers may reach out with empty promises claiming they can help Veterans get their compensation for a fee or pose as a <u>VA</u> representative to steal sensitive information like Social Security Numbers or account login information. As a Veteran, you never have to pay an upfront fee to receive your benefits or access your documents.

If someone contacts you claiming they can help you get your benefits for a fee, report it to the <u>FTC</u> at <u>Reportfraud.ftc.gov</u>. Reporting scams helps others from becoming a victim.

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!



Being part of our team is a great way to continue to serve. The <u>NYC</u> <u>Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)</u> empowers communities with Veteran talent, skills, and preparedness. Join us in serving again - your community.

See below for current job openings at DVS:

Current DVS Job Openings

Are you well-versed in financial planning? Applications are being reviewed for the Budget Director. Submit your application via the NYC Jobs Portal.

Burials Coordinator

Help honor our Veterans who have passed on. Candidates are being considered for the Burials Coordinator. Apply through the <u>NYC Jobs Portal</u>.

Director of Mental Health & Care Coordination Unit

Are you dedicated to improving the lives of Veterans by connecting them to resources and expert care providers? Applicants are being considered for the Director of Mental Health & Care Coordination Unit. Submit your application through the <a href="https://www.nyc.nc.nih.gov/nyc.nc.nih.gov/nyc

Veteran Benefits Coordinator - Staten Island

Help Veterans receive the benefits they have earned! Applications for the Veteran Benefits Coordinator are under review. Complete your application via the NYC Jobs Portal.

Department of Veterans' Services College Aide

Students interested in a new career as a Department of Veterans' Services College Aide can apply online on the NYC Jobs Portal.

Human Resources Generalist

Do you have a knack for good employee relations? Applications for the Human Resources Generalist are being processed. Apply online on the NYC Jobs Portal.

Protect Your City! NYPD is Hiring!



Do your part to keep all New Yorkers safe! Join the the <u>New York City Police</u> Department (NYPD)!

The NYPD has a variety of uniformed and civilian positions.

See below for open competitive NYPD exam highlights:

Open Competitive NYPD Exams

Police Officer

Are you dedicated to public safety and controlling crime? Applications for the Police Officer will be processed until September 30. Click here to register for the exam.

Police Administrative Aide

Are you looking to start a career in law enforcement? Applications for the Police Administrative Aide are being processed. To sign up for the exam, click here.

VetConnectPro: A First-in-the-Nation Employment Tool



VetConnectPro, is a new employment tool designed to help Veterans find employment within NYC government. The platform features a military skills translator that can match your service experience and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and get started today:

nyc.gov/vetconnectpro.

Programs and Initiatives

Are You Getting the Benefits You Deserve?

The NYC Department of Veterans'
Services (DVS) represents NYC

Veterans in claims for benefits from the
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

During a time of economic crisis and high unemployment, we want to ensure that all Veterans get the financial benefits they earned and deserve. To file a claim, fill out
the VetConnectNYC.org form and select Benefits Navigation as your preferred service.



To request claims support, visit VetConnectNYC.org.



Mission: VetCheck: An Aid to Veterans

Mission: VetCheck volunteers make check-in calls to Veterans throughout the five boroughs. Dedicated volunteers provide Veterans with information regarding vital public services, including free meals, information on COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, and mental health resources. To volunteer with Mission: VetCheck or request a check-in call, click here.





Our Fight to End Veteran Homelessness



Over the past five years, our <u>Housing</u> <u>Support Services (HSS)</u> team has found homes for over 1,000 formerly unhoused Veterans. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about DVS's efforts to end chronic homelessness among Veterans in New York City.

VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

DVS has launched <u>VetBizNYC</u>, an interactive map that identifies Veteranowned businesses across the five boroughs. New Yorkers can use our interactive map to find and support Veteran-owned businesses in their community.



Veterans Voices Project: Changing the Narrative of Veterans



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Contact Us

- Complete the services request form at vetconnectnyc.org
- Message the Commissioner
- Partner with DVS
- Press Inquiries

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