

Happy Holidays from Team DVS



Dear NYC Veteran Community,

Happy Holidays to you and your family. We at the Department of Veterans' Services are so grateful for the amazing year we shared with all of you. We are so lucky to have been able to expand our outreach in ways that allow us to better serve our NYC Veterans and their families. The work we do would not be possible without you, the members of our community. Thank you so much for all of your efforts and may you and your loved ones have a wonderful Holiday Season and a successful new year.

I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to make our brothers and sisters aware of the services we provide here at DVS. This year, the VA signed monumental legislation which expanded benefits and eligibility under the [PACT Act](#). As a Veteran of the Armed Forces or family member, you may be eligible to [file a VA Claim](#). DVS has accredited and dedicated staff able to [assist with your claim's packages](#). Please sign up to receive the benefits you earned and deserve from your service to the nation.

In addition, we understand that the NYC housing market can be difficult to navigate. There are opportunities for Veterans to secure [affordable housing](#) and to alleviate the financial burden housing has created. To find out more, please visit our [Housing Page](#) to explore the opportunities available to you and your family. Also, if you or a Veteran you know is experiencing homelessness, please contact

the DVS Housing and Support Services team at 212-416-5250.

As we head into the new year, please know that you are not alone. [Vets4Warriors](#) is an independent peer-support organization focused on helping Veterans and their families overcome mental health challenges. Also, if you are looking for ways to give back in the new year, regardless of whether or not you served, you can sign up to sponsor a Veteran through the [ETS Sponsorship Program](#). The program pairs sponsors with Veterans to mentor and overcome challenges related to all aspects of life. You can find additional peer support services by [visiting our website](#).

Lastly, if you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about a loved one, please reach out to the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) by dialing 988 and then pressing 1 to connect with a qualified professional.

Again, Happy Holidays and may you and your loved ones have memorable experiences filled with joy!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Hendon', written in a cursive style.

James Hendon
Commissioner
NYC Department of Veterans' Services

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