

New York City's Veterans Day Parade



Happy Veterans Day! As you may have heard, the New York City Veterans Day Parade is the largest in the nation boasting over 20,000 marchers, 25 floats, over 150 vehicles, and over 280 individual marching units!

This weather this year should be perfect, so we can't wait to see you along the parade route tomorrow!

If you don't plan on attending but still want to support from home, the parade will be available on ABC both on TV and online.

 Saturday, November 11

 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

 Parade Starts at 5th Ave and 26th St.

 Parade Ends at 46th St.

[Watch the NYC Veterans Day Parade Online](#)

To view other Veteran events happening around the city, visit [Our Veterans NYC](#) hosted by the Bob Woodruff Foundation.



[Our Veterans NYC Events Calendar](#)

Veterans Day Freebies Around New York City!



In an effort to support Veterans and their families, restaurants across the country offer discounts and free meals to those who served. This Veterans Day, the below restaurants

are offering specials for Veterans. Keep in mind, **they may require** some form of **Veteran identification**. Additionally, if it says "Veterans Day Deal," it hasn't been verified what the location is offering, but based off of previous Veterans Days, they usually offer something to the community. To find more potential deals outside of NYC, including other restaurants and even retailers, check out the [VA's Veterans Day Freebies article!](#)

Applebees **Free Meal on Veterans Day Menu**

bb.q Chicken **25% Off in-store orders with portion of sales going to the Honor Flight Network**

Chipotle **Veterans Day Deal**

Dave & Buster's **Free \$20 entrée + \$10 Game Card**

Dickey's **Veterans Day Deal**

Dunkin' **Free Donut**

Einstein Bros. **Veterans Day Deal**

Fogo de Chao **Veterans Day Deal**

iHop **Free Pancakes**

Krispy Kreme **Veterans Day Deal**

Olive Garden **Free Entrée from Veterans Day Menu + Unlimited Soup or Salad and Breadsticks**

Outback	Free Bloomin' Onion, Drink, and \$10 Off a Future Order
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Redlobster	Veterans Day Deal
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Rosa Mexicano	Free Entrée 11/10 and 11/11
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Smashburger	Free Double Classic Smash
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Starbucks	Free tall (12 oz.) Hot or Iced Coffee
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TGI Fridays	Free Lunch (Dine-in Only)
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Tim Hortons	Free Small Hot Coffee
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Wendy's	Free Breakfast Combo
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White Castle	Free Breakfast Combo or Castle Combo Meal
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Yard House	Free Appetizer
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[VA's Veterans Day Freebies Article](#)

NYC Boss Up Competition Winners



NINE VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES AWARDED GRANTS IN CITY'S NEW 'NYC BOSS UP' PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MOELIS FOUNDATION

First-of-its-Kind Partnership Between SBS, DVS, and the Ron and Kerry Moelis Family Foundation Supports Veteran Entrepreneurs From Underrepresented Backgrounds

Grantees Honored Alongside Other Veterans at Gracie Mansion

NEW YORK, NY – New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) Commissioner Kevin D. Kim, New York City Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) Commissioner James Hendon, and the Ron and Kerry Moelis Family Foundation today announced the first-ever cohort of grant award winners for the NYC Boss UP Veteran Entrepreneurship Program. Each winning small business owner will receive a \$20,000 grant, and enrollment in SBS's small business mentorship program to help build and grow their businesses. The grantees were also recognized at Mayor Adams' annual Veterans Day breakfast at Gracie Mansion alongside other honorees for their service and contributions to the city and country. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

[Read the Press Release](#)

New York State Department of Veterans' Services hosts "Movie Across the State" with *Dear Sirs*

Please join us for

Dear Sirs

Movie Screening

NEW YORK STATE Department of Veterans' Services

NYC Department of Veterans' Services

JAMES J. PETERS VA MEDICAL CENTER
BRONX NY



November 16th at 6 PM
James J. Peters VA Medical Center
130 W Kingsbridge Rd,
Room 1B-07
Bronx, NY 10468

Next week kicks off Veteran and Military families month, which entails a plethora of events, workshops, "freebies," and opportunities to celebrate and empower our community! Spearheaded by NYS DVS, "**Movie Across the State**" is a special initiative to bring an impactful movie screening meant to spur thoughtful conversations on the Veteran experience.

The selected movie this year is **Dear Sirs** a film which explores the story of an American World War II Prisoner of War 75 years later. Here's how they describe it: Filmmaker Mark Pedri had never heard his grandfather Silvio's story. Ten years after his grandfather's death, Mark found an archive of photos and letters that changed the rest of his life. The discovery inspired Mark to journey across Europe on a bike to examine his grandfather's experience as a Prisoner of War in WWII in an effort to understand the man who helped raise him.

The film is being screened across the state with 2 showings in the NYC area:

Long Island

 Wednesday, November 15th

 6:00 PM

 LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum
50 West Ave, West Sayville, NY 11796

 [Register for the Long Island Event](#)

The Bronx

 Thursday, November 16th

 6:00 PM

 James J. Peters VA Medical Center

130 W Kingsbridge Road, Room 1B-07 Bronx, NY 10468

 [Register for the Bronx Event](#)

For more information about our friends at the **New York State Department of Veterans' Services** check out their [website](#).

[NYS DVS Website](#)

VETERAN NEWS

City's VA commissioner highlights support efforts ahead of Veterans Day



By Spectrum News NY1
Nov 10th 7:02 A.M.

NEW YORK - New York City's Veterans Affairs Commissioner James Hendon appeared on "Mornings On 1" Friday to highlight the work undertaken by the agency in supporting retired and active service members.

With Veterans Day approaching Saturday, and more than 200,000 veterans residing in the city, Hendon emphasized the agency's commitment to recognizing and repaying the debt owed to those who have served.

"We feel like the debt we owe to those who served is so great that it transcends life. So even in the next life, we continue to pay honor to these individuals, and that's what we do at times like Veterans Day," he said.

While many veterans call the five boroughs home, Hendon said there has been issues with reaching out to those who need support. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

Pew Research Center: [The Changing face of America's veteran population](#)

Military.com: [Veterans Day Free Meals and Restaurant Deals and Discounts](#)

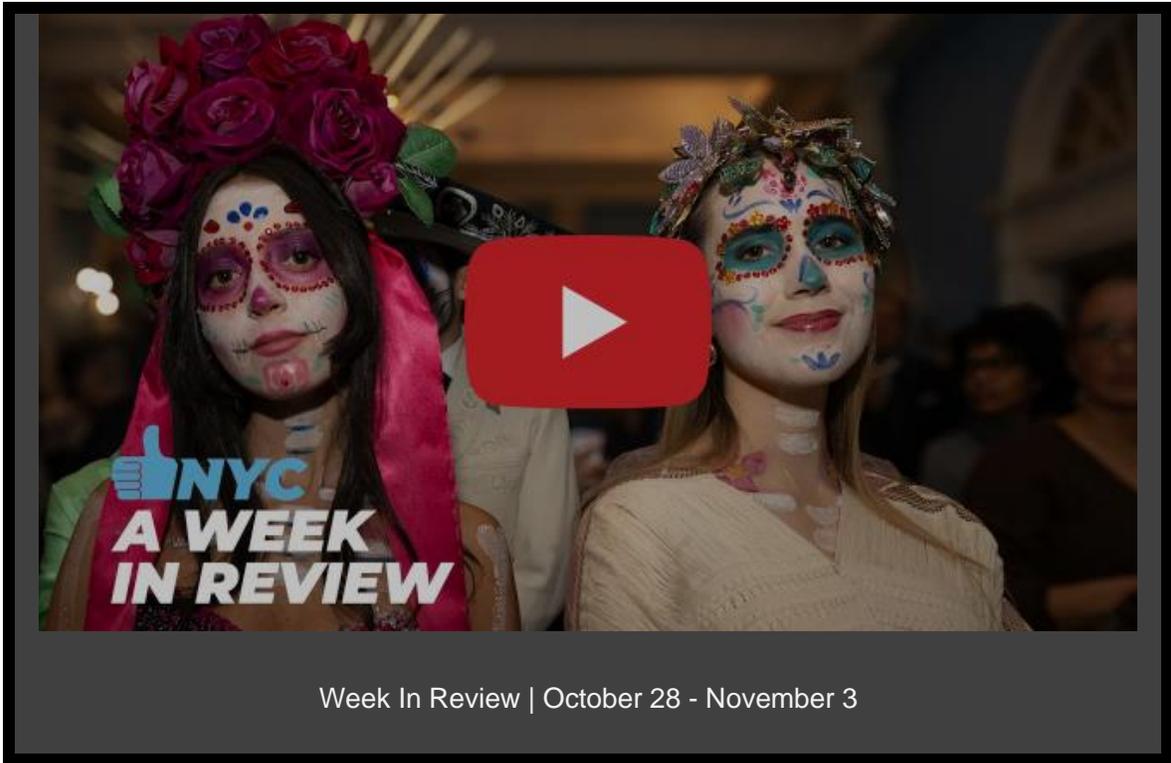
ABC News: [Korean War veteran still attempting to get Purple Heart medal after 7 decades](#)

BBC News: [US veteran gets world's first eye transplant](#)

CBS News: [U.S. veterans use art to help female Afghan soldiers who fled their country process their pain](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

Each week DVS shares a brief update about how our administration is getting stuff done for New Yorkers.



The Adams administration is dedicated to cutting through the noise and delivering information directly to you and all New Yorkers.

Sign up to "Hear From Eric" and get direct messages from City Hall, tailored to your interests and neighborhood, sent directly to your inbox – at [nyc.gov/hearfromeric!](https://nyc.gov/hearfromeric)

[Mayor Adams Appoints Louis Molina as Assistant Deputy Mayor for Public Safety](#)

[Marking 11 Years Since Superstorm Sandy, Mayor Adams Celebrates Completion of \\$110 Million New Creek Bluebelt Expansion to Prevent Flooding on Staten Island](#)

[Mayor Adams Marks Major Milestone for "City of Yes" Proposal, Next Step in Bolstering NYC's Economy](#)



We are looking to highlight Veterans in the arts community! Whether it's an upcoming free exhibition, performance, or piece/installation you've created, we want to showcase your work and help spread the word. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis and promoted at our discretion. We want this to be a space for Veteran artists to express themselves in an authentic way.

Please email submissions to connect@veterans.nyc.gov with a brief bio, an artist statement, art medium, and your affiliation to the Veteran community.

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!



[Current DVS Job Openings](#)

Being part of our team is a great way to continue to serve.

[Visit NYC.gov/jobs and select “Veterans’ Services” from the agency menu to learn more about and apply to the job below.](#)

Site Reliability Engineer - The Site Reliability Engineer will play a key role for DVS Information Technology (IT) Team and report directly to the Chief Information Officer. This position will support and develop the agency’s core business applications while providing secured network connectivity, asset management, and technical support for a highly mobile team.

VA Work Study Positions at DVS

The NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) supports VA Work-Study Positions! Here is a current list of available VA Work-Study openings:

- [Administrative Intern](#)
- [Benefit Intern](#)
- [Care Coordination Intern](#)
- [Data Analyst Intern](#)
- [Information Technology Intern](#)
- [IT Support Intern](#)
- [Legal Intern](#)
- [Outreach Coordinator Intern](#)
- [Veteran Business Promotion Intern](#)

If you are interested in applying for a DVS-specific Work-Study position and meet eligibility requirements, please submit the following to VAWorkStudy@veterans.nyc.gov:

- Resume
- Job Specific Cover Letter

- Supporting Documents found in the Job Description

[Check Here for VA Work-Study Postings](#)

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



Open Competitive Exams

Emergency Medical Specialist (Trainee) - Emergency Medical Specialist Trainees attend a training program conducted by the New York City Fire Department. Emergency Medical Specialist Trainees receive Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and emergency medical service operations training and instruction covering basic anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology of emergency medicine, basic treatment modalities for health related emergencies, hazardous materials orientation, NYS Right to Know Laws, blood borne pathogens and infectious disease control, clinical assessment skills, multiple casualty incident (MCI) management, emergency vehicle operations, and related topics. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

High Pressure Plant Tender - High Pressure Plant Tenders, under direct supervision, tend oil, gas or coal fired high pressure boilers, incinerator furnaces and related equipment, and assist in the maintenance and repair of this equipment. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

Special Officer - Special Officers, under supervision, perform Special Officer work of ordinary difficulty and responsibility relating to physical security, safety, loss prevention and maintenance of order. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

To view more job listings, visit the exam board [here!](#)

To receive monthly updates on upcoming civil service exams click the button below to be directed to the Subscribe to the DCAS Newsletter page. On the registration form, select "City Jobs and Civil Service Announcements".

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Programs and Initiatives

Affordable Housing For Veterans



The [NYC Department of Veterans' Services \(DVS\)](#) maintains a list of federal, state, and city programs that offers a limited, but selective list of affordable housing options for veterans seeking financial relief for their housing arrangements. Visit our [Affordable Housing for Veterans](#) page to learn more.

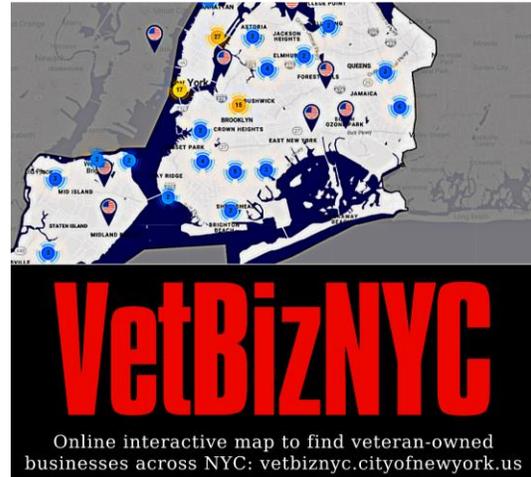
Empowering Veteran Business Owners



The primary mission of the [VBLA](#) is to serve Veterans seeking support and assistance with running a business and in their pursuit of New York City Government contracting opportunities. Our leadership association engages with the private sector, government, advisory board, and local partners to build a consortium that facilitates the growth and development of Veteran Businesses.

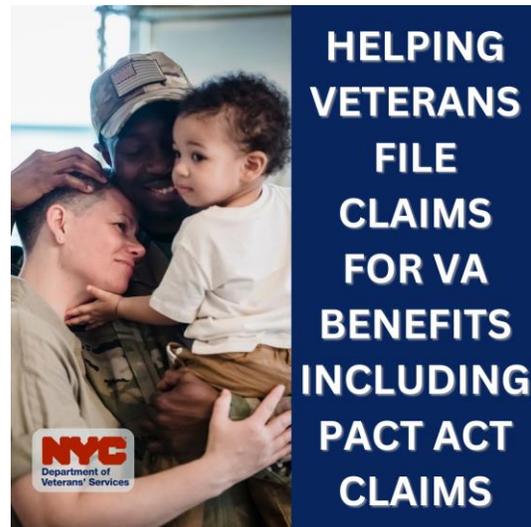
VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

DVS has launched [VetBizNYC](#), an interactive map that identifies Veteran-owned businesses across the five boroughs. New Yorkers can use our interactive map to find and support Veteran-owned businesses in their community.



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](#). Our team is also qualified to assist with PACT Act related claims. If you had a toxic exposure during your service, time is crucial for you to get the benefits you deserve. To file a claim, fill out the [VetConnectNYC.org](#) form and select **Benefits Navigation** as your preferred service.



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.

Newsletter Sign-up

If you received this newsletter by way of a friend or colleague and have yet to sign-up on your own, click [here](#), and stay up-to-date with the latest news impacting the community, updates on city services, info on DVS programs, Veteran-specific resources & more.

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- [Message the Commissioner](#)
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