

A Look Back: NYC DVS Community Events in Honor of Veterans Day



What a week it was for Team DVS! In the lead up to Veterans Day our small but mighty team set out to divide and conquer New York City in honor of all who served.

Our team had an amazing time engaging with Veterans and their families--from attending parades in every borough, to resource fairs meant to provide our community with important information about benefits and care.

Some of the highlights included:

Jason Loughran, Assistant Commissioner of Community Affairs, moderated a discussion focused on Veteran employment with [Training and Consulting](#)

[Consortium \(TCC\)](#), LLC and the [CFA Society](#) for their 8th annual "Veteran to Finance" hiring event in NYC. Visit the [Training and Consulting Consortium \(TCC\)](#), LLC and the [CFA Society](#) respective websites to learn more about their work.

Commissioner James Hendon spent the afternoon at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for a discussion on leadership and service. The fireside chat was moderated by CISO Khalil Jackson--who served with the commissioner in the army and was followed by tunes from jazz guitarist Warren Battiste--a 97-year-old WWII Veteran. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York offers [free guided tours](#) to the general public.

Chief of Staff Cassandra Alvarez took part in the 4th Annual Women of Service to America, where Mayor Eric Adams declared November 9th, "Women in Service Day." The day's honorees at this year's ceremony included: FDNY Commissioner Laura Kavanaugh, NYPD Chief Juanita Holmes, NYS DVS Director Viviana DeCohen, WVOWS Founder and U.S. Navy Veteran Won Palisoul, Red Cross Volunteer Gayle Colacicco, Humble Haitian Warrior CEO and Gold Star Wife Dr. Mecca Nelson, U.S. Space Force Captain Haida StarEagle, and USAG Ft. Hamilton Command Sgt. Major Eva M. Commons. [The Center for Women Veterans' \(CWV\)](#) monitors and coordinates the VA's administration of health care, benefits, services, and programs for women Veterans.

Ellen Greeley, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Strategic Partnerships, organized an amazing day to honor our WWII Veterans and celebrate the 77th anniversary of the end of the war. The day began with 18 WWII Veterans visiting the NYSE, where they were met by rousing applause from the trading floor, and ended in Times Square with various billboards showing images from [National WWII Museum](#) archives. Check out the National WWII Museum website to plan a [visit](#).

And Team DVS was in full force for the Mayor's Annual Veterans Day Breakfast and NYC Veterans Day Parade produced by the [United War Veterans Council \(UWVC\)](#). A little rain could not keep us from marching in honor of all who served this great city and nation. This year's featured branch of service was the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Our team welcomed Admiral Steven D. Poulin, Vice

Commandant of the USCG, Chaplain Captain Daniel Mode, and a host of other military and elected officials who were in attendance, to celebrate our city's Veterans. Visit the [United War Veterans Council \(UWVC\)](#) homepage to learn more about [volunteer opportunities](#) and how to be a part of next year's parade.

To see what else we have in store for Veterans Month check us out on social media @nycveterans.

**Veteran Healthcare is a Right! Text
"CoveredNYCVet" (SeguroNYCVet
en Español) to 877877**

Veteran Healthcare is a Right

**Text CoveredNYCVet to 877877
to learn more about health care options
available to you**



The Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) and the Mayor's Public Engagement Unit (PEU) have partnered to create CoveredNYCVet! Veterans can now text "**CoveredNYCVet**" ("**SeguroNYCVet**" en Español) to **877877** to receive a call from a CoveredNYC specialist who will help connect you to an appropriate healthcare coverage option, including VA healthcare, if eligible. All New Yorkers have options to find health care for themselves and their families, regardless of income level, immigration status, or Veteran status. Get started by sending a text today!

Spouses of Veterans Eligible for One-Time NYC Civil Service Exam Fee Waiver



NEW YORK - New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) Commissioner Dawn M. Pinnock and NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) Commissioner James W. Hendon today announced that spouses of United States Armed Services Veterans will be entitled to a one-time waiver of the application fee required to apply for the City of New York's civil service examinations. This is an extension of the previous policy which grants an unlimited number of fee waivers for Veterans on all exams for City employment. It is a joint effort to remove barriers for employment for Veterans and their families and make it easier to add them to the City's workforce. Civil service exam fees range from \$40 to \$101 based on the starting salary for the job.

"Veterans are not the only ones who make sacrifices to protect our freedoms, so do their families, and especially their spouses," said **DCAS Commissioner Dawn M. Pinnock**. "By granting spouses of Veterans a fee waiver for a civil service exam, we are acknowledging their strength and reminding them that we are in

need of that level of commitment in the City's workforce. We welcome their skillsets and encourage them to serve the City of New York."

"Military spouses are the backbone of any military family—their steadfast resolve at home is what allows their partner to focus on the mission at hand," said **James W. Hendon, Commissioner for the NYC Department of Veterans' Services**.

"Today's announcement that spouses of Veterans will be entitled to a one-time application fee waiver for NYC civil service exams is a reminder of our commitment to acknowledging and supporting the sacrifice of our military spouses."

To qualify for the one-time fee waiver for spouses of Veterans, when applying, applicants must be married or be a domestic partner of a Veteran who received an honorable discharge or have been released under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, including all components thereof, and the National Guard if called to active duty; and have served on full-time active duty other than for training. Spouses of Veterans using the one-time waiver will need to submit their spouse's DD-214, or orders on Armed Forces letter head, and proof of marriage or domestic partnership to the Veteran. The one-time fee waiver for spouses of Veterans can be used to waive the application fee for any single examination for appointment or promotion to a position with the City of New York. There are currently nearly 8,000 Veterans who are part of the City's workforce, and between 2018 and 2022, DCAS has waived the application fee for over 2,300 Veterans. Veterans hold unique skillsets and are encouraged to pursue careers in city government.

Qualifications for interested Veterans are the same as those required for spouses. The Veteran must have received an honorable discharge or have been released under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States. Veterans are eligible to have fees waived for unlimited examinations for appointment or promotion to a position working for the City. This initiative further satisfies the City's goal of attracting a talented workforce and waiving civil service application fees for Veterans offers a small way to thank them for their service.

In addition to the fee waivers for Veterans and their spouses, the City is also expanding its Veteran or Disabled Veteran Credit to include all Veterans who served during both peacetime and times of conflict. Previously, only Veterans who

served during times of conflict were eligible for civil service exam credits. U.S. Armed Forces Veterans who have taken a City civil service exam can also apply to receive Veterans' or disabled Veterans' credits, which can raise the score of a test taker on competitive education and experience-based tests. For more information, please refer to the [Special Circumstances Guide](#).

Those who qualify and are interested can register for the City of New York's civil service examinations through its [Online Application System \(OASys\)](#). Certain exams are offered online and others are offered in-person. The City's [Computer-based Testing and Application Centers \(CTACs\)](#), available in all five boroughs, are available to register for exams and to take certain exams. To learn more about careers in city government and upcoming civil service exams, visit nyc.gov/dcas.

Veterans who would like to know more about DVS and its services can contact 212-416-5250 or visit the [DVS website](#).

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!



Being part of our team is a great way to continue to serve. The [NYC Department of Veterans' Services \(DVS\)](#) 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

[Visit NYC.gov/jobs](https://www.nyc.gov/jobs) and select “Veterans’ Services” from the agency menu to learn more about and apply to any of the jobs below.

Procurement Analyst

Burials Care Coordinator

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



You served your country. Now serve your city!

Do your part to keep the city running! The [NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services \(DCAS\)](#) makes City government work for all New Yorkers.

There are many diverse career opportunities with NYC DCAS.

Veterans are no longer required to pay application fees for NYC Civil Service examinations.

See below for open competitive NYC Civil Service exam highlights:

Open Competitive Exams

Architect

Are you dedicated to architectural planning and design? Applications for the Architect will be processed until November 22. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Economist

Do you have a passion for finance? Applications for the Economist are being considered until November 22. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Electrician's Helper

Do you have technical ability and strong interpersonal skills? Applications for the Electrician's Helper are being evaluated until November 22. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

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

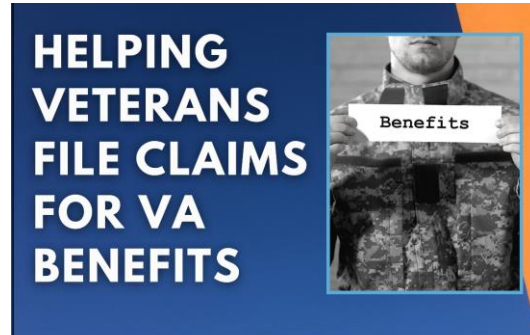


[VetConnectPro](#), is a new employment tool designed to help Veterans find employment within NYC government. The platform features a military skills translator that can match your service experience and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and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



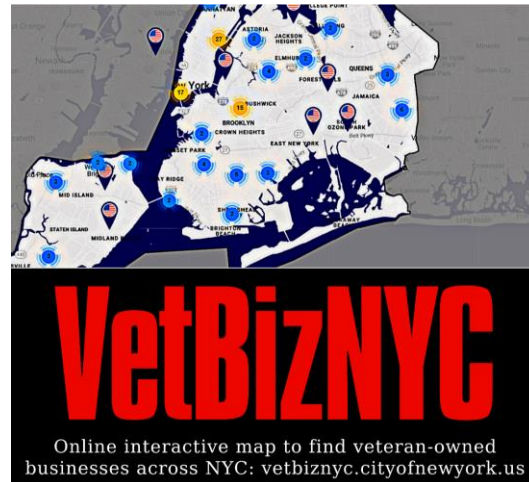
Our Fight to End Veteran Homelessness



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

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.



Veterans Voices Project: Changing the Narrative of Veterans



Administered by the [NYC Department of Veterans' Services](#), the [Veteran Voices Project \(VVP\)](#) is an oral history initiative designed to preserve the stories of New York City's Veterans across all military branches and service areas. For more information, visit nyc.gov/vetvoices.

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