

Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner James Hendon's Statement in Observance of Veterans and Military Families Month



Even before this nation's founding, across countless generations, legions have risen to answer the clarion call of America, swearing before God and compatriots to protect this land from all enemies both foreign and domestic. These valiant souls, the definition of our nation's finest, stand as the vanguards of our cherished land with full knowledge of the cost of freedom. As we begin Veterans and Military Families Month, we stand together to offer homage to our esteemed Veterans and their equally dedicated families, recognizing their exceptional service and sacrifices in the defense of this nation and the preservation of the sacred principles of liberty and democracy that comprise the American experiment.

In this moment, we acknowledge and celebrate our noble Veterans, alongside their unwavering families, who have remained steadfast in the face of uncertainty, protecting our freedoms, and illuminating a path for all humanity. Our Veterans, bound by the ideals of integrity, excellence, and service before self, light the way and stand as enduring beacons of our nation's pursuit of a brighter tomorrow. We acknowledge that the debt we owe to these men and women can never be fully repaid. In Greek literature the return home of a hero is called *nostos*, a reference not only to the physical return, but the maintaining of one's identity—at the NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) we stand as sentinels, ready to support the *nostos* of New York City Veterans. In equal measure, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the silent heroes—our military families—who, with fortitude and grace, underpin the foundations of the home.

In the spirit of unity and shared purpose, let us, as one, cherish the fortitude and sacrifices of our Veterans and their families, for they, in their steadfast dedication, serve as the bedrock upon which our great nation rests.

Happy Veterans and Military Families Month!

Be sure to check out the events calendar from our friends at the Bob Woodruff Foundation and Our Veterans NYC to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings this Veterans Month.



[Our Veterans NYC Events Calendar](#)

Appear on the Kelly Clarkson Show for their Veterans Day Special



The Kelly Clarkson Show is looking to showcase Veterans and military servicemembers for their Veterans Day show. Participants will need to be available for a 90 minute taping session this upcoming Monday. All participants must register in order to access the show and building. For more information and to register email MAJ Heba N. Bullock at heba.n.bullock.mil@army.mil

 Monday, November 6th

 1:00 PM Check-in, 3:00 PM Taping, 4:30 PM End

 30 Rockefeller Center

 Email Maj Bullock by 12:00 PM Sunday, November 5th

**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



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](#)

 **Columbia vs. Harvard** 
Free Tickets for Veterans and First Responders



COLUMBIA FOOTBALL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
COLUMBIA VS. HARVARD - 12:30 PM

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY

**FREE TICKETS FOR NYPD, FDNY, AND VETERANS
(INCLUDES FAMILY & FRIENDS)**

**REDEEM YOUR TICKETS AT [GOCOLUMBIALIONS.COM/FIRST](https://gocolumbialions.com/first)
OR CALL 888-LIONS-11**

The University of Columbia is having a First Responders Appreciation Day for their upcoming rumble against Harvard. Free tickets are available to Veterans, First Responders, and their families and friends.

Good luck Lions! 🐾

📅 Saturday, November 4, 2023

🕒 12:30 PM

📍 Baker Athletics Complex - Wein Stadium
533 W 218th St, New York, NY 10034

[Columbia Lions Tickets](#)

Big Apple Circus— Lincoln Center Veterans Ticket Giveaway



Lincoln Center invites Veterans and their families to join them under the big top for Journey to the Rainbow a performance by NYC's Hometown Big Apple Circus. This year the Big Apple Circus is welcoming Europe's beloved Circus-Theater "Roncalli" for a once in a lifetime, collaboration, and an all-new show.

📅 Friday, November 10th

 4:00PM

 [Lincoln Center - Damrosch Park](#)

W. 62nd Street, New York, NY 10023

[Big Apple Circus Ticket Giveaway](#)

*****Please note that submitting this form is not a confirmation of tickets and tickets are only available while supplies last. You will receive a confirmation of tickets from Lincoln Center via email or phone no later than *48 hours prior to the performance.******

VETERAN NEWS

**Guard, reserve troops get fewer
veterans disability claims approved**



By [Leo Shane III](#)

Oct 30, 05:17 PM

[National Guard](#) and reserve service members are less likely to get their veterans disability claims approved than their active-duty counterparts because of incomplete military records and inadequate oversight of their injuries, according to a [new analysis from a federal watchdog](#).

The disparity comes even as [guard](#) and reserve members continue to take on [traditional active-duty roles](#) across a host of military deployments, bringing with them additional health risks and complications. And it could mean tens of thousands of veterans missing out on benefits even as the department expands its financial support for injured veterans in the coming years.

In a report released Monday, the [Government Accountability Office](#) found that over a 10-year span, the part-time troops' approval rate in first-time disability claims ranged from 62% in 2012 to 77% in 2021. That lagged significantly

behind active-duty troops' approval rates, which grew from 79% in 2021 to 90% in 2021.

Researchers said the problem was not necessarily linked to fewer injuries or illnesses among reserve and guard personnel, but instead tied to less documentation of potential problems. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

Bloomberg Law: [Bogus Claims Threaten to Taint Lejeune Toxic Water Payouts \(1\)](#)

Metropolitan Airport News: [Edge4Vets Prepares and Connects Vets to Jobs](#)

Military Times: [VA adds 5 million more veterans to online legacy project](#)

QNS: [Queens borough president hosting veterans celebration at Helen Marshall Cultural Center](#)

AXIOS: [How psychedelics can help treat PTSD in veterans](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

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

This week marks 11 years since Superstorm Sandy made landfall in New York City. As we remember the 44 New Yorkers who lost their lives, and the thousands of others whose lives were forever changed as a result of this deadly storm, we're committed to building resiliency and storm preparedness into everything we do — because climate change is only making these storms stronger and more frequent. Here at DVS, we're connecting

NYC Veterans to jobs in the green buildings and energy efficiency industry to prepare our city for the next extreme weather event.



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

Supervisor of Stock Workers - Supervisors of Stock Workers perform supervisory work of varying degrees of difficulty with regard to the operation of a storehouse, storage yard, storage unit, stores division or a section thereof. They may perform the duties of subordinates; may assume the duties of the supervisor in the temporary absence of that individual, or may serve as principal assistant to the supervisor. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

Plant Maintainer (Hospitals)/Tender (NYC H+H) - Plant Maintainers (Hospitals)/Tenders

(NYC H+H), under supervision, install, lubricate, maintain and tend power plant, pumping, heating, ventilating, refrigeration, air conditioning equipment and related systems serving hospitals and health care facilities. 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.

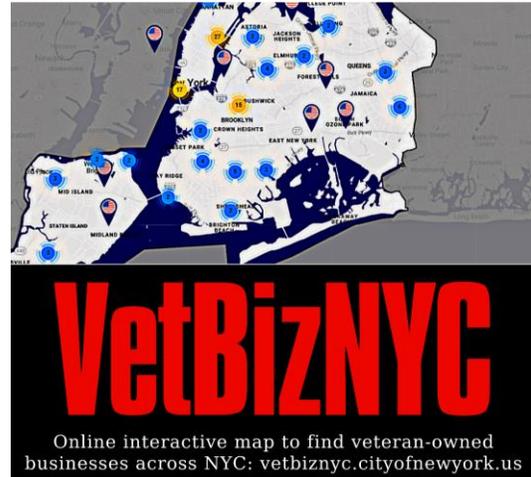
Empowering Veteran Business Owners



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.

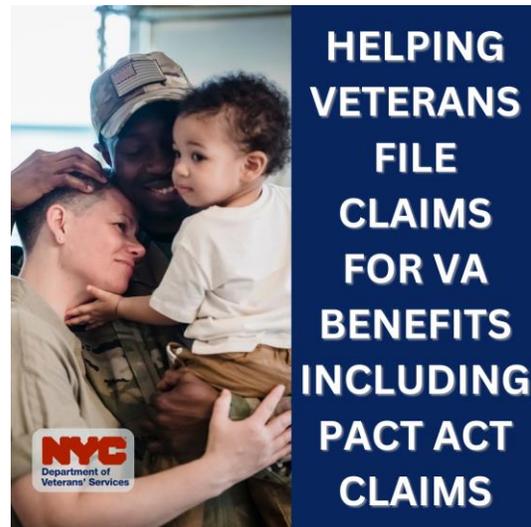
VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

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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- Complete a service request form at vetconnectnyc.org
- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)
- [Event Request Form](#)

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