

American Heroes: Honoring All Who Served this Veterans and Military Families Month



VETERANS MONTH 2022



Keep up with @NYCVeterans on social media as we celebrate Veterans Month this November!

#VeteransMonthNYC



Celebrating Women of Service Event at Central Park Memorial Grove and Flagstaff



Join Us

“A Living Tribute Celebrating Women Who Serve America”

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
11:00 a.m.
NYC Women’s Veterans Grove
(Central Park, entry at 69th Street and 5th Avenue)

2022 Women of Service for America Honorees

Gayle Colacicco
American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces volunteer

Command Sergeant Major Eva M. Commons
Fort Hamilton US Army Garrison

Viviana DeCohen
Director NY State Division of Veterans’ Services

Juanita N. Holmes
Chief, New York City Police Department Training Bureau

Laura Kavanagh
Commissioner, New York City Fire Department

Dr. Mecca Nelson
Founder & CEO, Humble Haitian Warrior
Gold Star Spouse & Tunnel to Towers Foundation Ambassador

Won Palisoul
Navy Veteran, Founder of the Women Veterans & Families Network

Capt. Haida StarEagle
First Native American Intelligence Officer
in the US Space Force

With Special Thanks to
Council Member Gale Brewer & Central Park Conservancy









The [NYC Department of Veterans’ Services](#), [American Red Cross](#), and other Veteran advocates and partners will be holding a ceremony to celebrate women of service on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Overseas Service League Flagstaff and Grove in Central Park. The nearest entrance is located at 69th St an 5th Avenue.

In 1925, a Central Park memorial grove of 24 trees and flagstaff was conceptualized for a tribute to American women who were enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces in the First World War. Today, this grove remains an important

tribute to women of service in NYC.

This ceremony will be held to honor the women who have exemplified the best this country has to offer.

This is an outdoor event that is open to the public and free of charge.



Celebrating WWII Veterans in Times Square

This year marks the 77th anniversary of the end of World War II and what better place to show our appreciation for our WWII Veterans than at the ***Crossroads of the World.***

Join us **Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 1:15 p.m. at Military Island on 43rd St & 7th Ave** to witness this momentous occasion and be transported back to the days when these heroes wore the uniform and so valiantly and selflessly fought to protect our freedoms for generations to come.

Various billboards, including Nasdaq, ABC, Morgan Stanley, and One Times Square, will display archival images from the National WWII Museum's expansive collection.

The event will include a series of songs to commemorate the occasion sung by baritone singer Eddie Pleasant, who will be accompanied by award-winning composer and pianist Dina Pruzhansky and a dramatic reading from a member of the DE-CRUIT Veteran Theater Company.

This outdoor event is free and open to the public.

Veterans Day Deals: Discounts and Free Meals



Happy Veterans and Military Families Month!

Each year, hundreds of restaurants honor military service with free or discounted meals on Veterans Day. To those companies offering Veterans a free meal or discount, the [NYC Department of Veterans' Services \(DVS\)](#) and the military community give a collective thanks!

Keep in mind that most businesses require proof of service. Be sure to contact your nearest establishment to confirm it is participating.

[Here](#) you'll find a [list of this year's restaurant offers for Veterans](#).

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 and select "Veterans' Services" from the agency menu to learn more about and apply to any of the jobs below.](#)

Community Outreach Coordinator

Procurement Analyst

Director of Housing & Support Services

Director of Mental Health & Care Coordination Unit

Director of Veteran Benefit Claims Unit

Veteran Benefits Coordinator – Bronx

Veteran Benefits Coordinator – Brooklyn

Veteran Benefits Coordinator - Staten Island

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

Child Protective Specialist

Are you passionate about social work? Applications for the Child Protective Specialist will be processed until November 22. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Construction Project Manager

Are you dedicated to project success? Applications for the Construction Project Manager are being considered until November 22. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Customer Information Representative

Do you have excellent customer service skills? Applications for the Construction Project Manager are being evaluated until November 22. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

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

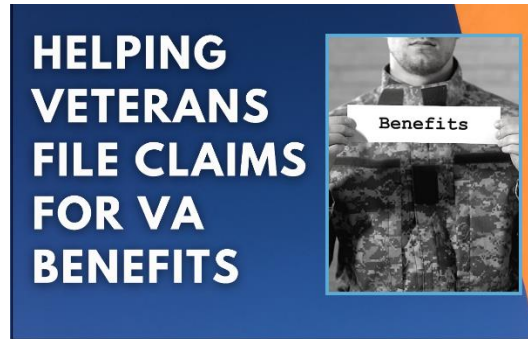


[VetConnectPro](#), is a new employment tool designed to help Veterans find employment within NYC government. The platform features a military skills translator that can match your service experience and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and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