

## City Council Designates November "Veteran Appreciation Month in New York City"



This past week, the New York City Council's Committee on Veterans voted to officially recognize November as Veteran Appreciation Month in New York City. Resolution 581-A passed in the morning hours on Thursday, October 19th, with all present members voting in favor of the recognition .

This resolution comes as the city gears up to host a wide array of functions celebrating NYC Veterans, with the marquee event being New York City's Veterans Day Parade—the largest Veterans Day commemoration in the nation.

At the hearing, **Committee Chair Robert Holden** acknowledged the importance the month holds for the nation and requested New Yorkers continue to support the Veteran community saying, "We must not only pay tribute to those who have worn the uniform, but also seek to renew our commitment to supporting and uplifting our veterans in meaningful ways, ensuring their sacrifices and contributions are never forgotten."

**Councilmember Eric Dinowitz** remarked that his ties to the military come from his grandfather who served in the Army Air Corps. Painting a picture of gratitude he

commented ahead of the vote, "I am personally grateful, but I know we as a city are grateful for that sacrifice that [veterans] make. And that is why I am very proud to be introducing this resolution, supporting it, and voting on it today, which does what we can as a city and recognizes November as Veterans Appreciation Month and says that we value your service."

As we look ahead to Veterans and Military Families Month, this resolution serves as a reminder of the sacrifice New York City Veterans have made in service to this great city and nation. It also serves as a testament to the city's commitment to honor and engage our veterans as we strive to become the most veteran-friendly city in the country.

[Learn More About Res. No. 581](#)

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## Veterans On Wall Street (VOWS) Symposium



Veterans on Wall Street (VOWS) invites military veterans, spouses, and corporate hiring managers to attend their Annual VOWS Symposium on November 2nd.

Attendants will hear top officials and industry leaders discuss the importance of military-cultural competency and the retention of veterans in the workforce.

Featuring leading thinkers and stakeholders serving veterans and hiring managers to help translate military skills to civilian workplace demands, VOWS Symposia encourages organizations to collaborate and cultivate prime recruiting and retention practices.

**Registration** for the symposium is **REQUIRED**.

📅 Thursday, November 2nd

🕒 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

📍 BlackRock

50 Hudson Yards, New York, NY 10001

[Register for VOWS Symposium](#)

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## DVS Staff Celebrated with 40 Under 40 Award



**Boston Congress of Public Health's 40 under 40 Public Health Catalyst Awards Program** represents the up-and-coming generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, researchers, scientists, activists, intellectual provocateurs, authors, and directors who inspire and catalyze us all to a more just and equitable world. All nominees are under the age of 40.

DVS congratulates our very own **Dr. Lauren D'Mello**, the Executive Director of Mental Health and Care Coordination here at DVS, for being awarded the 40 under 40 Public Health Catalyst Award.

Dr. D'mello provides a critical and substantial role in service delivery, leading teams in providing connections to Mental Health programs, Veterans' Benefits Navigation, Employment, Food Assistance, Healthcare Insurance, Health Care coordination, and many other essential needs for NYC's 210,000 Veterans. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

**City & State's** annual NYC 40 Under 40 shines a light on a remarkable group of Rising Stars from all over the five boroughs who strive to put their heart and soul into a chosen cause.

Only 40 are chosen from a list of hundreds of nominations composed of lawmakers, attorneys, and activists all under the age of 40. DVS is proud of its own **Jason Loughran**, the Senior Adviser of Intergovernmental Affairs at DVS, for making this prestigious list.

A U.S. Navy Veteran, Loughran continues his service by engaging stakeholders nationwide to improve the quality of life for Veterans through legislation and program partnerships, such as Mission: Vetcheck, an outreach program created by Loughran to offer supportive check-in calls to Veterans in over 30,000 households. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

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**VETERAN NEWS**

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## Veteran-run bagel shop to open in Coney Island next year



A new bagel shop run entirely by formerly-homeless veterans is set to open soon in Coney Island.

On Oct. 12, Concern Housing, a non-profit that connects families with housing opportunities and support services, took the first steps towards opening Cyclone Bagels on the ground floor of [Surf Vets Place](#), a 135-unit [residential building](#) for veterans and low-income families.

The new shop at 3003 West 21st St. will offer both full-time and part-time employment opportunities to retired service members who have experienced homelessness and difficulty finding jobs.

Concern Housing's primary mission is to help those who have served this country, live a fulfilling life, according to Ralph Fasano, executive director for Concern.

"When people are homeless, the only thing they think about is housing. Once they get housing, they wanna do things that are fulfilling and work is one of the

most fulfilling things you can do,” Fasano told Brooklyn Paper. “Cyclone Bagels can lead to successful transitions in peoples lives and improving themselves.”

James Hendon, commissioner of the New York City Department of Veterans’ Services, attested to the need for rewarding employment services.

“I feel like this work comes down to every, single step we all take collectively to help our brothers and sisters get to the light and being their best selves,” he said. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

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## **More Veteran-related Headlines**

VFW News: [VFW Launches Exclusive Gaming League for Veterans](#)

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Hindustan Times: [Long Covid study links lingering virus with bowel-to-brain havoc](#)

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Fox21 (Colorado Springs): [Veteran to run in NYC marathon as part of PGA Reach team](#)

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Spectrum News NY1: [Decision 2023: What you need to know before you vote](#)

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Military.com: [2023 Veterans Day Free Meals and Restaurant Deals and Discounts](#)

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## **Hope For The Warriors Job Opportunity: Military and Veteran Program Coordinator**



## *Full job description*

### **BACKGROUND:**

Hope For The Warriors® believe those touched by military service can succeed at home by restoring their sense of self, family, and hope. Nationally, Hope For The Warriors® provides comprehensive support programs for service members, veterans, and military families that are focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and connections to community resources.

### **CORE VALUES:**

Hope For The Warriors® understands the challenges, pride, and joy of being a military family. For today, tomorrow, and years to come, they will strive to meet the changing needs of service members and their families. Additionally, they value community. Through their grassroots philosophy of interacting with the communities Veterans live and work in, we establish and nurture the relationships that have become the foundation of our support.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

The main purpose of the Military and Veteran Program Coordinator (MVPC) is to increase the visibility of the Hope For The Warriors® programs being offered to veterans, service members, caregivers and military families in their communities. Veteran MVPCs are their “forward deployed” staff and serve as the connectors between military families, the local communities and Hope For The Warrior program staff. In this frontline position, the MVPC serves a critical role as ambassador and liaison to military bases, civic and other veteran non-profit organizations, chambers of commerce, and local government agencies, and must be a visible and active presence in each.

### Requirements

- Military Veteran (honorably discharged/retired)
- Military base access
- BA/BS degree preferred
- 2+ years prior veteran organization experience in events, veteran advocacy, and/or case management experience preferred
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) and database applications
- Salesforce knowledge is a plus

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## **A Message From Mayor Adams:**

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

This is a five-borough city and a five-borough administration. The days of outer boroughs being left behind are over. This past week, the administration announced plans to develop 60 miles of additional greenway corridors in Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten



Island, and, on Sunday, the mayor announced the opening of the North Park section of Freshkills Park in Staten Island, which, once fully developed, will be the second-largest park in the five boroughs. Everyone deserves high-quality public spaces, and here at DVS, we're supporting projects that foster community, inclusion and second chances within the Veteran community, projects like the Cyclone Bagels in Coney Island --expected to open in 2024 on the ground floor of Surf Vets Place, a 135-unit residential building for veterans and low-income families.



*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)*

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[Transcript: Mayor Adams Appears Live on NY1's "Mornings on 1"](#)

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[Mayor Adams Signs Bills Conducting Dyslexia Screenings In City Jails, Helping EMS Workers Become Firefighters](#)

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[Mayor Adams, Governor Hochul, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Announce Nearly \\$300 Million For New Biomedical Research Hub In New York City](#)

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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](mailto:connect@veterans.nyc.gov) with a brief bio, an artist statement, art medium, and your affiliation to the Veteran community.

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

**College Aide - IT Operations** - DVS seeks a College Aide hire to play a key role in the agency’s Information Technology team, while gaining IT experience during their college experience.

**College Aide - HR Specialist** - DVS seeks a College Aide hire to play a key role in the agency's HR team, while gaining HR experience during their college experience.

**Community Outreach Assistant** - The Community Outreach Assistant will help the Department of Veteran Services engage the roughly 210,000 Veterans and their families who reside throughout the five boroughs of New York City. This position will help the Assistant Commissioner of Outreach engage and educate the Veteran community about information and resources, develop and manage outreach programs, represent the agency at outreach events, and plan public events.

**Network Engineer** - The Network 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.

**Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor** - DVS seeks a highly qualified candidate to join the Client Services team as a Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor. The Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of a team responsible for processing Veteran's claims with the VA. This role will be a subject matter expert in processing VA claims for Veteran benefits and train up staff as well as provide guidance and advice in this area. VA accreditation to process claims will be provided by New York State Department of Veterans Services.

## **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](#)

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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](mailto:VAWorkStudy@veterans.nyc.gov):

- Resume
- Job Specific Cover Letter
- Supporting Documents found in the Job Description

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

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## NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



### **Open Competitive Exams**

**Traffic Enforcement Agent** - Traffic Enforcement Agents patrol an assigned area in order to enforce laws, rules and regulations relating to movement, parking, stopping and standing of vehicles. They prepare and issue paper and electronic summonses for violations; prepare and issue summonses to vehicles and motorists; testify at administrative hearing offices and court; report inoperative or missing parking meters and traffic conditions requiring attention; prepare required reports; operate a motor vehicle; operate portable and vehicle radios and other electronic equipment; and perform related work. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

**Occupational Therapist (DOE)** - Occupational Therapists (DOE), under varying degrees of supervision, provide occupational therapy services to students with disabilities which may include the utilization of computer systems in connection with assignment. To read

more, visit the posting [here!](#)

**Physical Therapist (DOE)** - Physical Therapists (DOE), under varying degrees of supervision, administer professional and responsible physical therapy services to students with disabilities which may include the utilization of computer systems in connection with assignment. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

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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](https://nyc.gov/vetconnectpro).

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## **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](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
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