

**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](#)

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## **Vets at The Met**

**THE  
MET**



The Metropolitan Museum of Art in collaboration with  
Congressman Jerry Nadler, Council Member Keith Powers,  
and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine invite you to

**Vets at The Met**  
**November 1, 2023**  
**12–4 PM**

The Metropolitan Museum of Art  
1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/VetsatTheMet>



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**Jerry NADLER**  
New York's 12th District



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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 Symposiums 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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## VETERAN NEWS

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**Here's How New House Speaker Mike Johnson Voted on  
Veteran and Military Issues**



The man who became speaker of the House on Wednesday after three weeks of GOP infighting has a solidly conservative voting record that includes opposing both the sweeping toxic exposure bill for veterans passed last year and the Pentagon's abortion policy.

Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., won the speakership Wednesday with every Republican vote. He was the GOP's fourth choice for speaker since Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., was ousted from the job at the beginning of October, effectively shutting down the House until a new leader was chosen.

The victory marked a rapid rise for Johnson, who joined Congress in 2017 and since 2020 has been the vice chairman of the House Republican Conference, a messaging job that made him the fifth highest-ranking Republican in the House. While he has generally kept a low profile for the last six years, he was perhaps most well-known before Wednesday for playing a [leading role in Republicans' efforts to overturn the 2020 election](#).

On veterans issues, last year he voted against the [PACT Act](#), considered the biggest increase of veterans benefits in a generation that expanded benefits and health care for those exposed to toxic substances during their military

service. While some top Republicans ended up supporting the version of the PACT Act that became law, more staunch conservatives continued to oppose it over the estimated \$278 billion price tag.

Johnson also voted against a year-end package of smaller veterans and military family measures last year. Among other provisions, the bill mandated that states recognize service members and [spouses](#)' valid professional licenses from other states and ensured veterans won't lose [GI Bill](#) benefits if schools have to close in a future emergency like they did for the COVID-19 pandemic. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

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## **More Veteran-related Headlines**

**NBC News:** [VA manager caught on hot mic unleashing profanities and insults at employees — in his underwear](#)

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**Military Times:** [Lawmakers push for burn pit benefits related to Kosovo deployments](#)

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**Fox News (Video):** [Senate passes Kennedy amendment protecting veterans' Second Amendment rights](#)

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**VA | News:** [Embrace rural living and thrive with a VA career](#)

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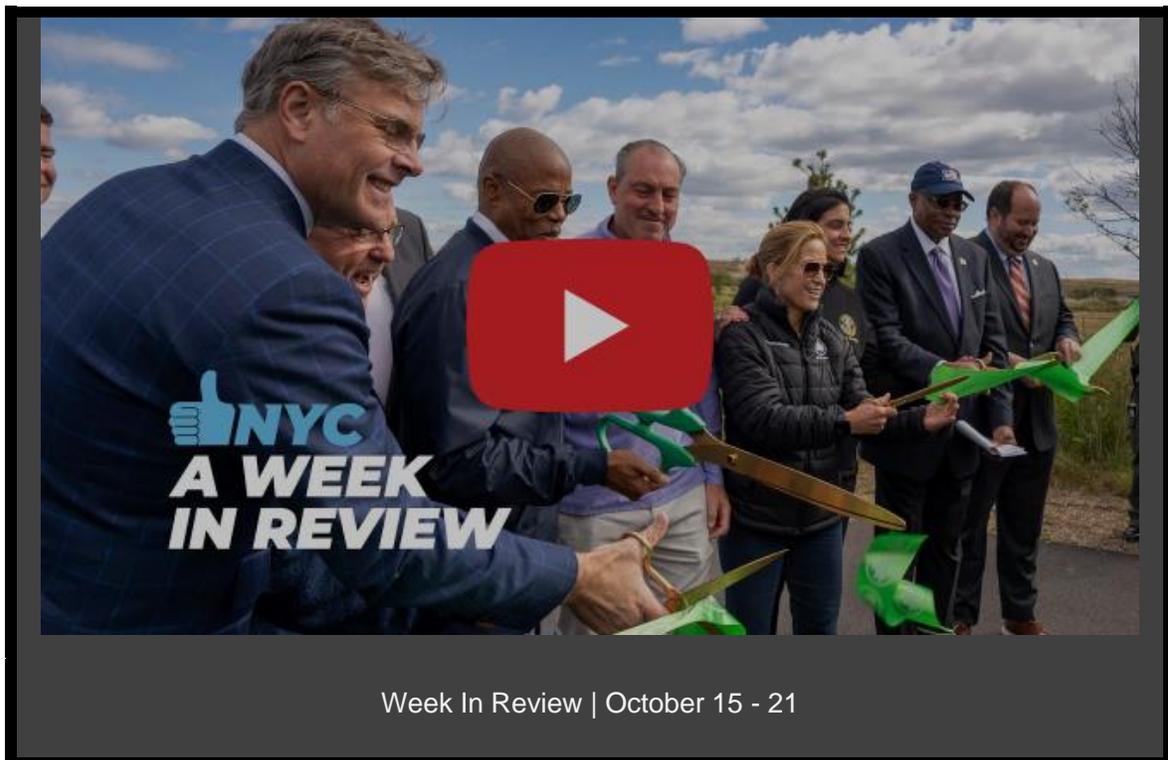
**Military.com:** [2023 Veterans Day Deals, Discounts and Freebies](#)

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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.*

Working people are the beating heart of this city — so as working New Yorkers go, so goes the city. We've secured billions of dollars for New Yorkers in childcare subsidies and earned income tax credits, issued more housing vouchers than any time in our city's history, and expanded our summer youth employment program to reach more than 100,000 young people. Here at DVS, we're supporting our Veteran Entrepreneurs through exciting initiatives like our Boss-Up Veterans program, which awards up to \$20,000 to Veteran entrepreneurs.



*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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[Mayor Adams Announces More Than 100 Car-Free 'Trick-or-Streets' Locations for Halloween](#)

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[Mayor Adams Celebrates Milestone of 5,000 new Nurses Trained by Citywide Nurse Residency Program](#)

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[Mayor Adams, NYCEDC, Partners, Community Leaders Break Ground On First-of-Its-Kind Film And TV Studio Campus In Manhattan](#)

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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](#)

## NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



### **Open Competitive Exams**

**Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT (FIRE)** - Emergency Medical Specialists - EMTs, under general supervision, perform tasks such as the following: provide timely, professional pre-hospital emergency medical care/Basic Life Support (BLS) to anyone who requests/requires it; provide transportation to the appropriate medical facility; operate department vehicles; receive, prioritize and dispatch calls for emergency medical assistance; and provide patient care under the authorization of the Medical Director. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

**Call Center Representative** - Call Center Representatives, under supervision, in the Office of Information Technology and Innovation (OTI) New York City 24-hour 3-1-1 Call Center, provide a single point of contact for all non-emergency City services utilizing state-of-the-art telephone and interactive computer systems, respond to phone inquiries from

the public, provide customer service and information to callers, take complaints and service requests and forward them for further action; enter inquiries, complaints and requests into appropriate computer systems, and perform related clerical and computer support work. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

**Traffic Enforcement Agent** - At Assignment Level I, under supervision, 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!](#)

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.

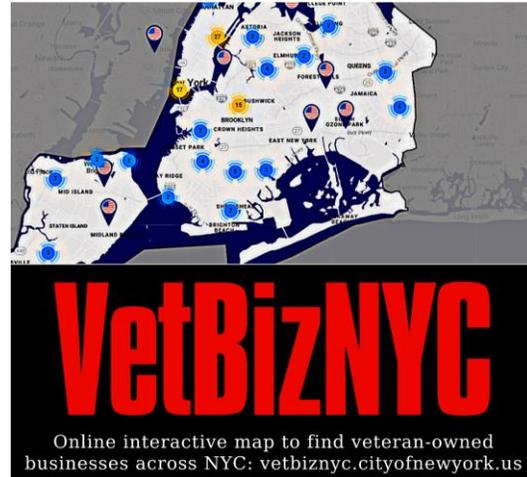
## **Empowering Veteran Business Owners**



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](http://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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## Contact Us

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

Stay tuned on our website [www.nyc.gov/vets](http://www.nyc.gov/vets) and social media platforms [@nycveterans](#), or via email at [connect@veterans.nyc.gov](mailto:connect@veterans.nyc.gov).

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