

The Wall That Heals Escort





Building The Wall That Heals





This week, we welcomed **The Wall That Heals** as it arrived here, to NYC! The arrival began with a motorcycle and police escort headed by **Nam Knights Motorcycle Club**. Despite the rain, we traveled from Staten Island to Flushing Meadows Queens, where we built the apex of the frame for the next day's build out. Additionally, escort riders were given the opportunity to "ride" the Gold Star Bike: a Softail Custom Harley tribute bike donated by the American Gold Star Mothers in 2012 on behalf of all the mother's who lost sons to the Vietnam War.

On build day, the sun shone brilliantly and dried up most of the water that remained from escort day's showers. With help from **Vietnam Veterans**, Active Duty Servicemembers, **The Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City**, and a host of other team members, our build day ran like a well-oiled machine. 140 panels, some weighing over 80 lbs., were mounted into the staked down aluminum frame, and bracketed lights were run along the top to illuminate the 58,281 names of fallen heroes.

Visitation to The Wall That Heals is **SUSPENDED** for **Friday August 29th**, due to the State of Emergency. Visitors will be allowed back to the exhibit Saturday, August 30th, barring further complications from the storm.

Stay tuned to our social media accounts for updates regarding the weather.

The Wall That Heals Visit to NYC

 September 28th - October 1st

 Flushing Meadows Corona Park

131-04 Meridian Road, Queens, NY 11368

(The field on the southwest side of the World Ice Arena)

Learn more about The Wall That Heals and plan your trip at nyc.gov/vetwall.

[Read More About The Wall That Heals](#)

NYC Boss Up Veterans Entrepreneurship Program



The **NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program** focuses on veteran entrepreneurs living in New York City. SBS will provide the program's technical training components and all applicants will be provided with information about SBS's free business support services. SBS will provide the education, training, support, and mentorship necessary for professional growth and long-term success through its FastTrac® GrowthVenture™ for Veterans. This course helps veterans

apply skills they developed in the military to grow a successful and profitable business.

The **NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program** will provide seven to 10 veteran entrepreneurs each with a grant of \$20,000 and enrollment in SBS's small business mentorship program to help build and grow their businesses. Applicants must apply to the program through the [online portal](#) by **11:00pm on October 6th, 2023**. Applicants must be a military veteran and a current small business owner.

Eligible applicants will be reviewed in three rounds, culminating in a pitch and panel interview featuring SBS Commissioner Kim, DVS Commissioner Hendon, veterans, and stakeholders in the philanthropic and veteran communities.

[NYC Boss Up](#) is a philanthropic program committed to encouraging excellence in entrepreneurship across New York City. The Ron and Kerry Moelis Family Foundation committed \$200,000 to support the veterans' cohort, which follows the successful NYC Boss Up Entrepreneurship Program partnership with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) that provides \$1 million in grants over five years to budding entrepreneurs living in NYCHA residences.

The NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program builds on the successful recovery of the New York City economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. By connecting military veteran entrepreneurs with grants and access to the world-class FastTrac® mentorship program, NYC Boss Up will prepare selected business owners to take their enterprises to the next level.

[NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program Application](#)

Edge4Vets October Workshop



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Take our **FREE**
WORKSHOP ➔

NY EDGE4VETS

Lunch and WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 26, Noon to 4pm

Hosted by Wounded Warriors Project



➔ **Free in-person CAREER Workshop and Free Lunch!**

MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL – Get lunch with business mentors and support to prepare for jobs that can lead to great careers in New York City. Invest an afternoon and we'll get you started a personal **PLAN4SUCCESS** for an "edge" to get hired. Special thanks to Wounded Warriors Project for hosting – and to Edge4Vets partner companies, Dept of Veteran Services and NYC-SHRM for support.

3 STEPS TO LAND A JOB – LEADING TO A CAREER!

1. REGISTER:

IN-PERSON Workshop
Thursday, Oct 26

Lunch

Noon to 1pm

Workshop:

1pm to 4pm

2. PREP: Translate Military Skills

Business mentors will provide you with personal support to translate your military skills for an "edge" to get hired.

Hosted by:

Wounded Warriors Project
370 7th Ave, Suite 1802,
New York, NY 10001

3. FOLLOW UP

After the session we'll give you access to our "Edge4Vets" ONLINE course and connect you to HR reps at our partner companies.

VISIT - Edge4Vets.org

Click here to **REGISTER online**

Or register on our website at **Edge4Vets.org**

See full details on how the program works at edge4vets.org.
Any questions? Contact Tom Murphy at tom@edge4vets.org.

Edge4Vets is offered by the Human Resiliency Institute at Fordham University (Gabelli School of Business)

WHEN: Thursday, October 26th, 2023 @12:00 P.M.

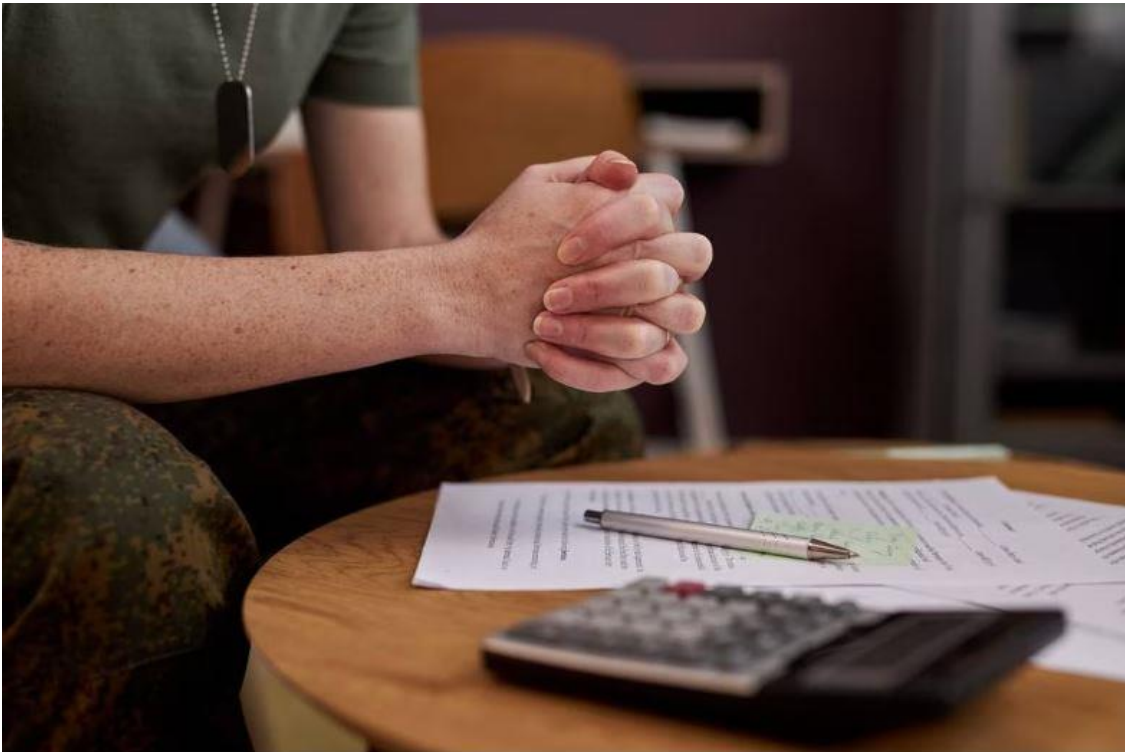
WHERE: *Wounded Warriors Project*

370 7th Ave, Suite 1802
New York, NY 10001

[Register Here](#)

VETERAN NEWS

VA officials sound alarm on uptick in veterans benefits scams



By: [Leo Shane III](#)

Published: Sep 25, 11:00 AM

[Veterans Affairs officials](#) this weekend launched a new effort to combat fraud tied to [department benefits](#), in response to fears that the rapid expansion of assistance in the last year could invite more scammers to prey on vulnerable veterans.

The work includes a new online page — www.va.gov/vsafe — outlining how veterans can spot scams, report suspicious actors and get benefits assistance for free. Department leaders said the information will also be woven into veterans' regular health care visits and [interactions with benefits processors](#), to frequently emphasize the resources available.

“We’re getting this into the hands of our regional office directors, we’re getting this into the hands of our medical center teams, so they can be talking to veterans in very plain language about this,” [VA Secretary Denis McDonough](#) said in a press conference with reporters on Friday.

So far this fiscal year, VA has investigated nearly 12,500 cases of potential benefits fraud and provided support to 1,164 victims of benefits scams. Some of that caseload is linked to the new military toxic exposure benefits legislation signed into law in August 2022, which for the first time provides financial compensation for a host of illnesses linked to war zone burn pit smoke inhalation. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

The City Life: [MTA TO PROVIDE SHUTTLE BUS TO VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IN QUEENS](#)

CNN (Video): ['For 22 years, I had been looking over my shoulder': Female sailor on hiding her sexuality](#)

Marijuana Moment: [House Committee Clears Psychedelics Research And Marijuana Pharmaceutical Labeling Amendments For Floor Votes](#)

Times Union (Video): [A battlefield in brushstrokes: The unseen art of Vietnam veteran](#)

Military.com: [You Can Now Own Air Force Vet Bob Ross' First Original Work from 'The Joy of Painting'](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

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

For decades, exclusionary, outdated zoning rules have made it far too hard to build housing in this city — and as a result, rents have gone nowhere but up. That’s why last week, our administration laid out our plans to make New York a ‘City of Yes’ — declaring proudly that we will build a little more housing in every neighborhood across the city and make it more affordable to live here. Because access to housing touches every part of our lives — from public safety, to job creation and security, education, and so much more. And here at DVS, we’re working with our partners at every level of government to provide more supportive housing to our city’s Veterans to help tackle our housing crisis.



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 Gives New Yorkers Ability To Use City-Funded Rental Assistance Vouchers Across New York State](#)

[What They Are Saying: New Yorkers Back Mayor Adams' Historic Effort to Build "A Little More Housing in Every Neighborhood"](#)

[Mayor Adams Appoints Elijah Hutchinson As Executive Director Of Mayor's Office Of Climate And Environmental Justice](#)



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.](#)

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](#)

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

Correction Officer - Correction Officers, under supervision, maintain security and are responsible for the care, custody, control, job training and work performance of sentenced and detained inmates within New York City correctional facilities. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

Police Communications Technician - Police Communications Technicians, working under direct supervision in the Police Department Communications Section, serve as 911 call-takers; obtain necessary information from callers in order to initiate emergency assistance; serve as radio dispatchers of police resources; view pictures, videos and listen to audio attachments sent via "Text to 911"; and perform clerical, administrative and other duties related to the provision of emergency service. 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.

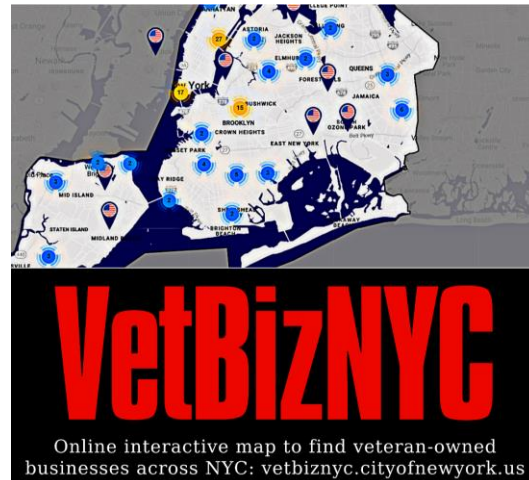
Empowering Veteran Business Owners



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.

Contact Us

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

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