

Vietnam War Commemoration Rings The NYSE Closing Bell



NEW YORK - In honor of the **50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War**, the **New York Stock Exchange** welcomed the **U.S Vietnam War Commemoration** and the **New York City Department of Veterans' Services** to join in the ringing of *The Closing Bell*. The event's featured guest was former U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration advisor and U.S Naval Commander retired, Everett Alvarez, Jr.

The celebration started with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments followed by a friendly welcome video and speech from the NYSE and Commander Alvarez. Everyone was then ushered to the trading floor where the Vietnam Veterans received a raucous standing ovation. A special selection of 11 Veterans, were then escorted to the bell and rang in the close of the trading day, with some special gavel action from Commander Alvarez. Everyone was then offered the opportunity to sign and take photos with the historic guest book, which has been used by every distinguished guest since [1956](#). With the end of the trading day cemented, the

event wound down and guests were presented with unique coins, mementos of their trip to the World's financial heart.



About Commander Alvarez

Commander Everett Alvarez Jr., a distinguished Naval officer, attorney, and former government executive, is best known to the public as the first American aviator shot down over North Vietnam. He was taken prisoner on August 5, 1964 and held in North Vietnam as a POW for **8 ½ years**, until the general release of American prisoners on February 12, 1973.

In July 1982, he was nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the Senate as Deputy Administrator (Deputy Secretary) of the Veterans Administration (Department of Veterans Affairs) and served in the post until 1986. In 1986, Hospital Corporation of America hired Mr. Alvarez as Vice President for Government Services. In 1987, he founded Conwal, Inc. of McLean, Virginia. In 2004, Commander Alvarez founded Alvarez & Associates, a consulting company headquartered in Tysons Corner, VA with offices in Denver, Colorado.

To learn more about Alvarez and to view the full event, visit the links below.

[Alvarez's Bio](#) | [The Closing Bell](#) | [The Closing Bell Explained](#)

CUNY Civil Service Pathways Fellowship



The Civil Service Pathways Fellowship is a joint effort between CUNY and NYC DCAS to put you on the fast track to becoming a City employee. Open only to CUNY graduates, the Fellowship is a two-year program in which you will work full time at a City agency, receive training and become eligible to take the civil service exam after the first year. Unlike other fellowships, the Civil Service Pathways Fellowship helps to prepare and facilitate a seamless transition from fellow to a City employee.

The Fellowship is set to begin in August 2023 and is subject to the requisite approvals for city agency placement.

The Civil Service Pathways Fellowship has three distinct career tracks that are in high demand at City agencies.

THREE TRACKS

- Policy and Program Analysis
- Data and Digital Services
- Procurement and Finance

REQUIREMENTS

- Graduated from CUNY with a Bachelor's
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Prior work, internship or project experience related to your chosen track
- This program is only open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.
- ***The fellowship position for the NYC Department of Veteran Services' highly encourages student veterans and student veteran spouses to apply!***

Application Deadline: Monday April 24, 2023

Fellowship Placement at NYC Department of Veterans' Services

The CUNY Pathways Fellow will build upon the work established by the previous Affordable Housing Coordinator. If selected, then the CUNY Pathways Fellow will be administratively assigned to DVS' Housing and Support Services Team. That team falls under DVS' Director of Housing Support Services. That being said, the CUNY Pathways Fellow will take strategic guidance and check in on a weekly basis with the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Services.

The Housing and Support Services (HSS) unit within DVS focuses on assisting housing-insecure NYC Veterans and their families (www.nyc.gov/vethousing ... www.nyc.gov/vetladder). HSS currently has three core tasks:

#1: Helping Veterans who are in the shelter system (or who are unsheltered) obtain stable housing. That housing is typically either low-income housing and / or supportive housing. In either case, the housing is subsidized by government vouchers.

#2: Identifying landlords who will accept the Veteran clients whom we endeavor to house per Task #1. A component of this includes providing monetary incentives to landlords -- when available -- and ensuring that said landlords will accept certain subsidies.

#3: Performing check-ins on those whom we have housed six, eleven, and eighteen months after they have been placed into housing -- at a minimum. This is

known as aftercare. The main purpose of aftercare is to ensure that our Veterans do not regress backwards towards housing insecurity.

This Fellow will focus on enhancing our services in an area that we have begun to explore in-depth as an agency. That area is aiding Veterans who have traditional affordable housing needs. We have a very strong idea of what the road map looks like to promote these services ourselves. In the past, we have closely coordinated with representatives from the NYC Department of Housing and Planning Development, the NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal, and the VA's Loan Guaranty Department. Based on those experiences, we see the need for providing Housing Navigator-style counseling with a specific emphasis on offerings that are unique to the Veteran community. Ideally, the DVS CUNY Pathways Fellow will, during their nine months with the agency, help us create a service blueprint in this space that we will build upon in years to come.

How to Apply

Applications for fellowships are posted at various times throughout the year. To receive notifications when the applications open, create an account on our application portal by completing the below steps:

1. Click here to register: [CIP Portal](#)
2. Check your email and the job board often for notifications that a fellowship has been posted.
3. Follow the application directions listed in the posting.

Where to Direct Inquiries

For program-specific questions, please email the program [here](#). You can also attend the remaining information sessions between now and the application deadline, listed [here](#).

For questions about the role, please reach out to the Affordable Housing Coordinator at DVS, Ivy Allotey at iallotey@veterans.nyc.gov.

**ATTENTION: Upcoming VAB Public Session Wednesday,
April 19th at York College**

NYC VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD PUBLIC SESSIONS



QUEENS PUBLIC SESSION

Wednesday, April 19th

Wednesday, June 7th (Staten Island)

Wednesday, August 9th (Bronx)

Wednesday, October 18th (Brooklyn)

For those joining **IN PERSON** the location is:

York College
The Academic Core Building
94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11451

Refreshments will be served.

For those choosing to attend via **ZOOM**, follow the link below. Meeting ID: 861 1325 9398 – Passcode: 355418

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86113259398?pwd=R1d2dk1BUWplUVVlOXBsbHo1ZFhRUT09>

BOTH SESSIONS (In-person & Zoom) will begin at 6pm sharp!

All Veterans, their family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend!
Please use the link below to gain access to the session.

If you are an organization that provides services that can assist NYC Veterans and their families, please contact the VAB to publicly share information about your organization to our veteran audience. If you have a question that you want answered at the public session, please use this **Email:** nycveteransadvisoryboard@gmail.com

The NYC Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) will hold its second hybrid meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at York College in Jamaica, NY.

Visit www.nyc.gov/vetboard for the zoom link to the session and more information about the VAB.

Additionally, if you are an organization that provides services that can assist NYC Veterans and their families, please contact the VAB to publicly share information about your organization. If you have a question that you want answered at the public session, please use this Email: nycveteransadvisoryboard@gmail.com

Earth Day Jones Beach Clean-Up



NABMW Brooklyn Chapter members (Veterans, associates, and our families) are invited to participate in this year's **American Nurses Association – New York (ANA-NY)** Earth Day Beach Clean-up at Jones Beach.

Recognizing that climate change affects and impacts our health and communities, this is an excellent opportunity to provide civic engagement, raising awareness of the need to protect our Earth's natural resources for future generations.

📍 Jones Beach State Park, 1 Ocean Parkway, Wantagh, NY 11793

📅 April 22, 2023

🕒 12:00PM - 3:00 PM

How to Register:

RSVP via **call**, **text**, or **email**

Contact: Annie Suggs

Email: alstrans1@aol.com Phone: 917-975-8052

VETERAN NEWS

VA waives copayments for eligible Native American/Alaska Native Veterans



The American Legion
April 03, 2023

On April 3, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that eligible American Indian and Alaska Native veterans are no longer required to make copayments for health care and urgent care received through VA. The [rule](#) is estimated to impact approximately 25,000 American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

Under this new policy, VA will reimburse copayments paid on or after Jan. 5, 2022, and waive future copayments for eligible American Indian and Alaska Native veterans.

Beginning Tuesday, April 4, veterans can submit documentation to qualify for the copayment exemption. Eligible veterans include any veteran who [meets the definitions of “Indian” or “urban Indian”](#) under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act – including veterans who are members of an American Indian Tribe, certain veterans who are descendants of Tribe members, Alaska Native veterans and [more](#). [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

VA News: [New VA practice simplifies care for Veterans: Veteran doesn't need to reach out to multiple providers](#)

Air Force Times: [Veteran hires keep rising as US unemployment falls to 3.5%](#)

Roll Call: [Veterans health accounting move a new headache for appropriators](#)

Norwood News: [Health Care Fair for Bronx Families Held at La Central YMCA in South Bronx](#)

QNS: [Holden partners with NYC Veterans' Department to provide informational services to veterans in the community](#)



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.



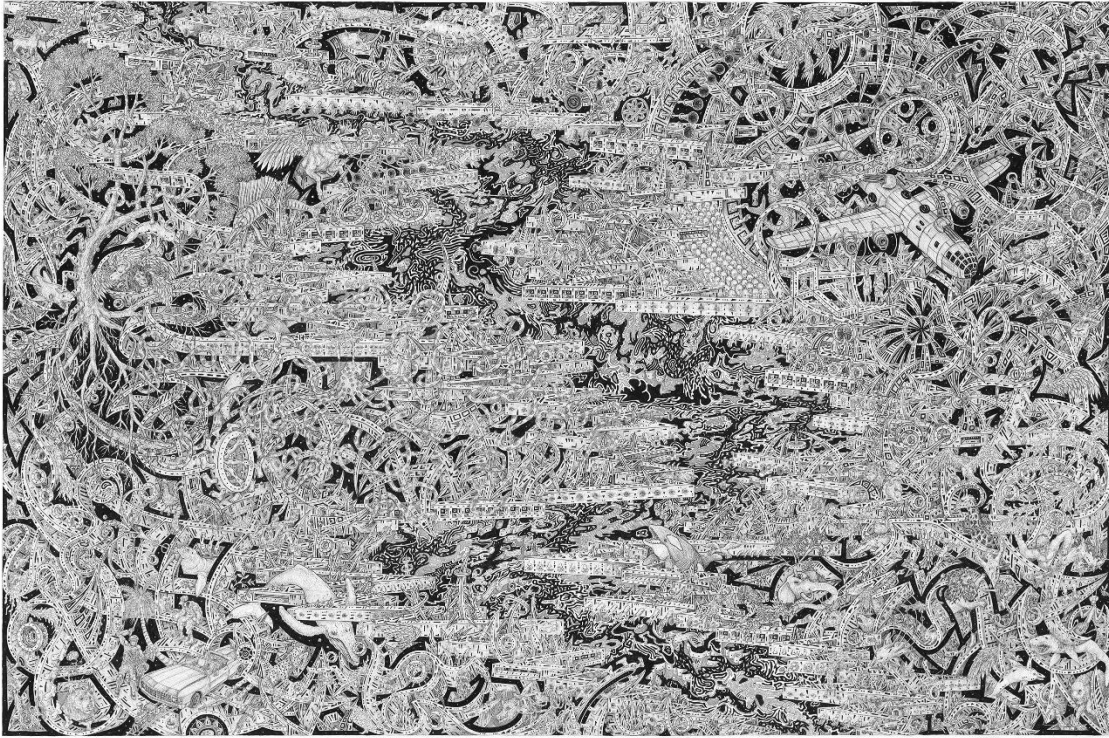
This week's artist highlight is **Alex Angel**. Alex was born in California and raised in Hawaii. While in Hawaii, Alex studied drawing and painting as well as digital art at *Kapiolani Community College*. Alex then served in the United States Marine Corps from 2012 to 2018 as an Infantryman and Security Guard. Alex received a BFA in Design from the *School of Visual Arts NYC* in May of 2020, and in 2022 he received an MFA in Fine Arts from the School of Visual Arts NYC. Currently, Alex is living and working in Brooklyn as a Fine Artist and as an educator for the *Department of Education*.

Art Medium:

Ink on Paper
40x60 inches

Title:

“ACFXROLXT”



Artist Statement:

ACFXROLXT is an acronym for All Consuming Fire, River of Life, & Truth. In the large drawing, various ideas and thoughts combine to form a mindscape. Memories of flying to Okinawa on an MEU merge with current fears of potential WW3. The past few years have been strange and tumultuous, causing strange dreams and ideas to brew. These are rendered in the mindscape while taking the meaning of the acronyms as 3 north stars in my journey to its completion.

To contact or view more of Angel's work, email: artist.angel.alex@gmail.com, or visit his [website](#) and [Instagram](#) below.

 Website

 Instagram

The Neon Nutrition Kitchen: Veteran-Only Pantry Days

Attention NYC Veterans! [The NeON Nutrition Kitchen](#) will be hosting Veterans-only Pantry days on Staten Island and The Bronx, providing non-perishable foods as well as a meat/fish to Veterans and their families.

There will also be a Veterans Benefit Coordinator on site to help with claims and benefits.



The flyer for Staten Island features a blue background with orange and white accents. It includes the NeON Nutrition Kitchen logo at the top right. The central image shows a person in a blue uniform bagging groceries. Below this, the text reads 'The NEON Nutrition KITCHEN' in a stylized font. Underneath, it says 'FREE HEALTHY FOODS' and 'NeON Nutrition Kitchen Veterans Only Day Free Packaged Groceries, Produce and Dairy'. A 'WHAT' icon is next to this text. The schedule is 'Every Friday - 10am to 1pm from March 3 - May 26'. A 'WHERE' icon is next to the location: 'Staten Island 340 Bay Street'. At the bottom, logos for NYC Department of Veterans Services, NYC Young Men's Initiative, Food Bank, and NeON are displayed. A small disclaimer at the bottom reads: 'For requests regarding accessibility or language interpretation services please email disabilityfacilitator@probation.nyc.gov or call 212-510-3852.'

Staten Island:

 Fridays, March 3 - May 26

 340 Bay Street

 10a-1p



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The Bronx:

 Mondays, March 13 - June 6

 198 East 161st

 9:30a-12:30p

A Message From Mayor Adams:

Each week DVS will share a short update about how our administration is getting stuff done for New Yorkers.



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)

Critical Financial Assistance Programs



Financial assistance support for post-9/11 New York veterans and their families

We believe warriors can thrive with access to integrated services focused on their individual and collective well-being.

Critical Needs Program

Hope For the Warriors Critical Needs program serves as a short-term financial bridge for post 9/11 veterans and their families, and for survivors of traumas as they navigate through long-term recovery.

Support includes financial education and financial assistance to help offset income loss due to:

- Delays in disability claims processing
- Combat related loss of income
- Homelessness and homeless prevention
- Increased care due to injury progression
- Housing support for veteran to engage in intensive outpatient and/or inpatient psychiatric treatment for PTSD, MST, depression, anxiety, or equivalent mental health diagnoses
- Assistance in the form of financial grants, resource referrals, supportive counseling and financial literacy training



To learn more about these services visit hopeforthewarriors.org/connect-to-services

For questions, please contact: jsooklal@hopeforthewarriors.org



SCAN ME



This program is supported by a grant from The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of vulnerable communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. Named after a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation funds programs and initiatives across New York State that either provide direct healthcare services or address the social determinants of health. For more information, visit www.cabrinihealth.org.



Elizabeth Dole Foundation

CARING FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Goal: The Hope Fund for Critical Financial Assistance provides financial relief to all eras of military and Veteran caregivers through a grant that aims to put you and your family on the path to financial wellness. These grants aim to provide high-impact financial assistance to prevent or address a significant crisis or to improve the quality of life of the caregiver family. These grants fill the gaps that other programs may not cover.

Who is eligible for the grant program?

- Adult caregiver, (18 years and older), for a military service member or veteran
- Demonstrates financial assistance need
- Vendor or name of Company is legally able to receive taxable income in the U.S., this includes they're being a citizen, green card holder, and/or permanent resident who can provide a W9 and SSN or (TIN)

Amount: Depending on need, grants will be made on a case-by-case review at the discretion of EDF staff. These are grants that aim to assist with larger needs to put you on a path of financial wellness.

How do you define “financial assistance needs”?

If you are experiencing an unforeseen emergency with life-changing consequences, we encourage you to apply.

Examples of grants:

Natural Disaster Assistance

Medical/Dental bills not covered by insurance

Home repairs/additions due to safety of Veteran

Car modifications needed for the Veteran

Certificate program to build job readiness skills for caregiver

Transportation

Hope Fund for Critical Financial Assistance Program through the
Elizabeth Dole Foundation

April 2023 - Calendar of Citywide Hiring Events



Thursday, April 13, 2023 - (This date may be subject to change. Alternate Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023)

Event: NYC Government Hiring Hall

Location: Manhattan – Location TBD

Targeted Titles: Inspector, Maintenance Worker, Case Manager, Eligibility Specialist, Job Opportunity Specialist, Apprentice (Construction Laborer) Clerical Associate, City Park Worker and City Highway Repairer, and community titles

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Event: NYC Government Hiring Hall

Location: Bronx - Monroe College

Time:

Targeted Titles: Clerical Associate, Maintenance Worker, Inspector, Assistant Highway Repairer, Case Manager, Eligibility Specialist, and Clerical Associate

Friday, April 28, 2023

Event: NYC Government Hiring Hall

Location: Queens: Location TBD

Targeted Titles: Engineer(Civil, Electrical, Environmental), Inspector, and Project Manager

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.

Veteran Housing Coordinator - The NYC Department of Veterans’ Services (DVS) Veteran Housing Coordinator (VHC) program provides peer-to-peer housing assistance for homeless veterans living within the five boroughs of New York City. This program is designed to help NYC reach and sustain “functional zero”, the point at which veteran homelessness has effectively ended and there is a system in place to rapidly rehouse any new veteran entering the homeless system. The VHCs are at the front line in the ongoing citywide commitment to providing safe and affordable housing to every veteran that becomes homeless.

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

Forensic Mortuary Technician - Forensic Mortuary Technicians oversee the administrative disposition of deceased persons; may supervise and assist a group of City Mortuary Technicians who retrieve and receive deceased persons, and who prepare for and assist in autopsies.

Oiler - Oilers, under direct supervision, are responsible for the lubrication of power plant, pumping and/or construction equipment. They lubricate and clean pumps, engines, blowers, compressors, motors, gears, ejectors, bridge cables and other operating equipment; assist in the operation, maintenance and repair of this equipment; read meters and gauges; keep logs; operate lubricant filtering and purifying equipment; maintain lubricant inventory; and may operate a motor vehicle in the performance of assigned duties.

School Computer Technology Specialist - School Computer Technology Specialists (DOE) perform work related to the instructional and administrative information systems located within a school in the areas of computer maintenance and repair, mainframe, server and/or mini computer operations, software and technical support, and training. School Computer Technology Specialists (DOE) may drive a motor vehicle.

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.

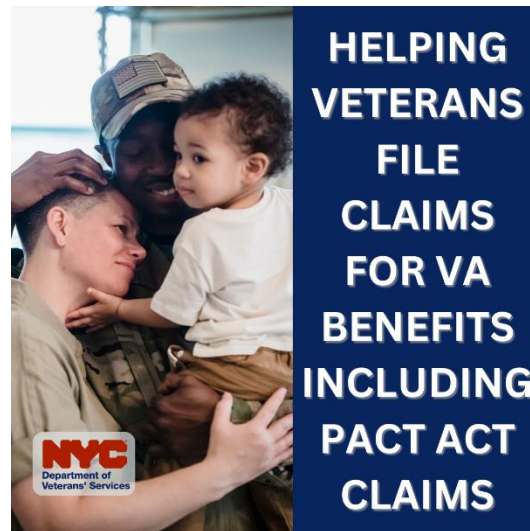
VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

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](#)

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