
One Year Later: Anniversary of U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan



Monday, August 15, 2022 marked one year since U.S. forces ended a 20-year military campaign in Afghanistan. The complexities of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Taliban's return to power have created a variety of mixed emotions and opinions based on individual experiences in the field. While all of us may look at the American withdrawal from different perspectives, let us use this anniversary to remember and honor the sacrifices made by our Veterans and servicemembers, and share comfort in these brave heroes finally coming home.

Mental Health in the Aftermath of Afghanistan



Some returning servicemembers are still struggling to reconcile their personal values and experiences with the events that have unfolded in the wake of the American withdrawal from Afghanistan.

We understand that this one-year anniversary could be a trigger for Veterans and active-duty servicemembers.

- If you are a member or Veteran of the [U.S. Armed Forces](#) who is seeking mental health resources, you can access more information about programs and benefits through the DVS website [here](#).

Get a Discount on your Internet Bill Through the Affordable Connectivity Program!



New Yorkers can now apply for the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) for up to \$30 off their monthly internet bill. Your household may be eligible if someone in the household falls under just one of these criteria:

- If a household income is 200% or less than the federal poverty guideline (ex: at or less than \$35,775 for a household of 4)
- If you or your child or dependent participate in certain government assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, or other federal benefits programs
- If you or your child or dependent already receives a Lifeline benefit
- If a child in your household attend a NYC public school that participates in the free or reduced lunch program (all NYC public schools do!)
- **Note:** You do **not** need to be a U.S. citizen to be eligible. If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), you can provide other documents.
- **Note:** Additionally, customers are not required to submit to a credit check.

[Learn more about how to qualify.](#)

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

Burials Coordinator

Help honor our Veterans who have passed on. Candidates are being considered for the Burials Coordinator. Submit your application through the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Director of Mental Health & Care Coordination Unit

Are you dedicated to improving the lives of Veterans by connecting them to resources and expert care providers? Applicants are being considered for the Director of Mental Health & Care Coordination Unit. Apply through the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Veteran Benefits Coordinator

Help Veterans receive the benefits they have earned! Applications for the Veteran Benefits Coordinator are under review. Complete your application via the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Department of Veterans' Services College Aide

Students interested in a new career as a Department of Veterans' Services College Aide can apply online on the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Human Resources Generalist

Do you have a knack for good employee relations? Applications for the Human Resources Generalist are being processed. Apply online on the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Digital Communications Manager

Do you have a love of social media and see it as a place where you could help others? Applications for the Digital Communications Manager are being accepted. Apply directly using the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Protect Your City! NYPD is Hiring!



Do your part to keep all New Yorkers safe! Join the the [New York City Police Department \(NYPD\)](#)!

The NYPD has a variety of uniformed and civilian positions.

See below for open competitive NYPD exam highlights:

Open Competitive NYPD Exams

Police Officer

Are you dedicated to public safety and controlling crime? Applications for the Police Officer will be processed until September 30. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Police Administrative Aide

Are you looking to start a career in law enforcement? Applications for the Police Administrative Aide are being processed. To sign up for the exam, click [here](#).

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



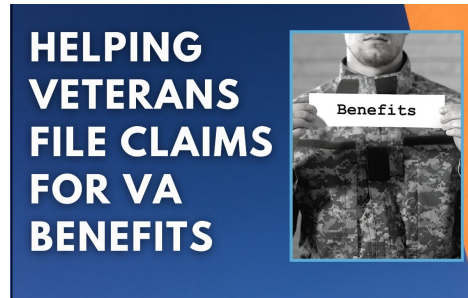
Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and get started today:

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.



Mission: VetCheck: An Aid to Veterans

[Mission: VetCheck](#) volunteers make check-in calls to Veterans throughout the five boroughs. Dedicated volunteers provide Veterans with information regarding vital public services, including free meals, information on COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, and mental health resources. To volunteer with [Mission: VetCheck](#) or request a check-in call, [click here](#).



MISSION:
VetCheck *Let Us Move Forward Together*

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.

Contact Us

- Complete the services request form at vetconnectnyc.org
- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)

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



New York, NY 10007

(212) 416-5250

www.nyc.gov/vets

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).