

Get Retrained with VRRAP!



If you are a Veteran who has become unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a program for you.

The [Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program \(VRRAP\)](#) provides education and training towards an Associate's degree, non-college degree, or certificate that leads to a high-demand job. VRRAP covers education and training courses approved under the [G.I. Bill](#) as well as [Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses \(VET TEC\)](#) designed to train Veterans for designated high-demand jobs. Eligible Veterans participating in VRRAP can receive up to 12 months of tuition, and monthly housing allowance payments based on Post-9/11 G.I. Bill rates.

[Find out which jobs are considered high-demand.](#)

Building for Our Troops: Furniture Build-a-Thon Recap





NYC Mayor Eric Adams, DVS Commissioner James Hendon, and [New York City Council Member Eric Dinowitz](#) say 'thank you' to Veterans and volunteers at DVS's second Furniture Build-a-Thon last weekend.

This past weekend the [New York City Department of Veterans' Services](#), Veteran community leaders, and volunteers joined together to build furniture for formerly unhoused Veterans who have moved into permanent housing. Veteran allies and supporters flocked together at the JFK High School Campus in the Bronx to chip in for a great cause.

Working under tents for protection against the summer Sun, Team Red, White & Blue, Team Rubicon, and a large group of local volunteers produced 36 tables and countless stools - from scratch - alongside Mayor Adams.

Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, and partners who helped to make this event possible!

Head to our next Furniture Build-a-Thons on Saturdays August 6 and

August 27 from 9 am - 1 pm at Juniper Valley Park in Queens at 80th St between Juniper Blvd S and Juniper Blvd N!

For more information, please email Nicole Orlando norlando@veterans.nyc.gov or call [\(646\) 818-0289](tel:(646)818-0289).

FURNITURE BUILD-A-THON

Help build foldable tables and stools for formerly homeless Veterans!

LOCATION:
Juniper Valley Park in Queens, NY
(80th St. btw. Juniper Valley S.
Blvd and Juniper Valley N. Blvd.

DATES & TIMES:
Saturday, August 6 | 9 am - 1 pm
Saturday, August 27 | 9 am - 1 pm

PUBLIC TRANSIT:
Q47 & Q38 Buses
M,R Subway Lines

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact the NYC DVS:
norlando@veterans.nyc.gov |
(646) 818-0289

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Presented by: **NYC** Department of Veterans' Services

Supplies and materials will be provided courtesy of: **PENFED** Foundation

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The Fuller Center for Housing Greater New York City

Office of Council Member Robert Holcomb

Lt. Gen. Michael Langley Makes History as Marines' First Black Four-Star General



On Tuesday evening, August 2, the [Senate](#) confirmed Lieutenant General Michael E. Langley to promotion as the [Marines'](#) first Black four-star general.

This marks a historic moment for the U.S. Marines; for the first time in its 246-year history, the Marines will have a Black four-star general. Lieutenant General Langley will be leading all U.S. forces in Africa as chief of its Africa Command.

Military officials say the Shreveport, Louisiana native earned his stripes at every level.

Commissioned in 1985, Lieutenant General Langley commanded the [Battery K, 5th Battalion](#), and the [11th Marine Regiment](#) in support of Operation Wildfire in the Western U.S. [The University of Texas at Arlington](#) led at every level - from platoon to regiment.

Lieutenant General Langley, who has served more than 35 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and more recently assumed command of the [U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa](#) a year ago.

[NYC Department of Veterans' Services](#) Commissioner James Hendon was joined by Lieutenant General Langley and other distinguished military leadership in attendance at [NYC Fleet Week 2022](#) - NYC's annual bash that honors seafaring folk.

Thank you for your service, General Langley!

Senate Passes PACT Act to Support Veterans



On Tuesday evening, August 2, the [U.S. Senate](#) passed the "[Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act](#)" or [PACT Act](#) to expand healthcare and benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances while in the

line of duty. One of the largest expansions of [VA](#) benefits in history, the PACT Act is a bill enhancing healthcare and disability compensation for millions of Veterans exposed to toxic chemicals while they served. As the PACT Act clears the final hurdle to the [President's](#) desk, the [NYC Department of Veterans' Services](#) celebrates this historic victory for our Veterans.

Red, White, and You! Harlem Vet Center Family Day Picnic



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**Harlem Vet Center
Family Day Picnic**
Saturday Aug 6, 2022
10:00AM to 3:00PM

Morningside Park
West 116th Street BBQ Area 4
US Department of Veterans Affairs
Community Partners

BBQ – Giveaways -Games
VA Health Screenings – VA Benefits Help
Discharge Upgrades

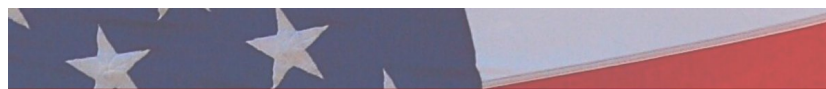


Open to Veterans and their Family
Bring copies DD 214 – VA ID CARD
Sponsor: Harlem Vet Center
RSVP by July 29 : (646) 273-8139
Richard.Cartagena@va.gov

Travel: Train **B C 2 3** | 116th St Bus: M116, M3,M7

The [VA](#) will host the [Harlem Vet Center](#) Family Day Picnic on Saturday, August 6 from 10 am - 3pm. The day of family fun will take place at [Morningside Park near W 116 St BBQ Area 4](#). DVS will also be on hand to share resources.

NYC Veterans Advisory Board Public Meeting



NYC VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING

SEND QUESTIONS TO:

UPCOMING DATE: nycveteransadvisoryboard@gmail.com

- Wednesday,
August 10th

HOW TO JOIN:

All sessions begin at 6pm sharp
and are held on Zoom.



To join the Veterans Advisory Board public meeting by Zoom on August 10, at 6 pm, [click here](#).

NYC Civil Service Information Session



New York City Civil Service 101 Information Session

Sponsored by: [Center for Women's Veterans](#)

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Tuesday, August 9, 2022
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

To register, please visit:
<https://bit.ly/Aug9CWV>

For more information, please contact:
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DCAS Office of Citywide Recruitment at
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Join the [VA Center for Women's Veterans](#)' NYC Civil Service Information
Session on August 9, 2:30 pm-4 pm to learn more about public
employment with [NYC Government](#)!

To register, please visit:

<https://bddy.me/3vAnUb0>

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

Department of Veterans' Services College Aide

Have a passion for helping students? 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](#).

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



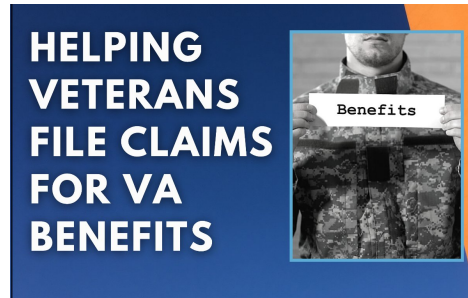
Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and get started today:

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](#)

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