

DVS Visits iHeart Radio HQ for the Holidays



This past week you may have heard a familiar voice cross your airwaves if you, like us, were jamming out to holiday tunes on [106.7 Lite FM](#). We are happy to share with our readers that your ears did not deceive you and it was, in fact, none other than our very own **Commissioner James Hendon** with a special message to NYC Veterans this holiday season.

As we head into the New Year, know that we intend to double our efforts to reach more of our brother-and-sisters-in-arms and ensure that they have access to all of the benefits and services they earned through their military service.

If you haven't had a chance to listen there is still time to tune to 106.7 Lite FM!

And please remember--you are not alone this holiday season! If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about a loved one, please reach out to the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) by dialing 988 and then pressing 1 to connect with a qualified professional.

**Be prepared.
Save the number.
Dial 988 then Press 1**



VA News: VA Immediately Processing Terminally Ill Veterans' PACT Act Claims



The VA is now processing **PACT Act** benefits claims for terminally ill Veterans **three weeks ahead** of the planned original start date. Out of the more than 175,000 claims already received by the VA, nearly 2,500 of them have been filed by Veterans who are terminally ill.

The decision to begin processing early was made by **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. "These Veterans have stepped up to serve our country in the times when we needed them most – and now, it's our job to step up for them," said Secretary McDonough.

The VA will begin processing all PACT Act benefits claims on **January 1st, 2022** and will prioritize terminally ill Veterans, followed by Veterans with cancer, Veterans experiencing homelessness, Veterans older than 85 years old, Veterans experiencing financial hardship, and Veterans who have received the Medal of

Honor or a Purple Heart.

To **file your claim**, call 1-800-MY-VA-411 or visit the VA website by clicking the button below:

File your PACT Act claim now!

If you need **assistance filing your claim**, we can help! The Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) has staff members trained to prepare and package VA-related claims. If you would like to learn more about how **DVS can assist you** in the claim process, please visit our website by clicking the button below:

Learn how DVS can help you file your VA benefits claim

Toy Giveaway with Devil Dog Inc.



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Devil Dog Inc. is hosting a toy giveaway on **Sunday** in the **Bronx**. Attendees will have the chance to receive two professional photos of their children with Santa

Claus and a gift. There will be a number of activities to enjoy as well including: face painting, arts and crafts, as well as a meet and greet with **Active Duty U.S. Marines**. This event is by appointment only.

To register please email ceo@devildogusainc.org or call (516) 515 - 0240

[Read more about Devil Dog Inc.](#)

Peer Resource Corner: Get Exercising with Team RWB



Looking for a group to help get you motivated and burn those extra holiday calories? **Team RWB** offers a number of health and wellness services for Veterans. Beyond hosting numerous in-person and virtual events throughout the year, Team RWB has an **app** to help find local workout leaders and events, while also tracking your workouts--you may even want to try your hand at topping their leaderboards.

A major priority of Team RWB is connecting Veterans so they can encourage one another to live healthier lives. Knowing you're not alone and having another Veteran invested in your well-being may offer the comfort and motivation you need to get off the couch and exercise this holiday season. After dedicating yourself to this country during your service, it's time you dedicate a couple hours every week to your own physical and mental well-being.

To start the new year Team RWB is hosting an event called "**Marching Orders.**" Its goal is to get Veterans moving! Experts recommended 5,650 steps or 60 minutes of adaptive movement every day to jump start a healthy routine. If you're interested in learning more, click the button below!

[Team RWB: "Marching Orders" event](#)

[Download Team RWB's app for Android](#)

[Download Team RWB's app for Apple](#)

[Learn more about Team RWB on their website](#)

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!



Being part of our team is a great way to continue to serve.

See below for current job openings at DVS:

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](#)
- [Communications Intern](#)
- [Data Analyst Intern](#)
- [Information Technology Intern](#)
- [IT Support Intern](#)
- [Legal Intern](#)
- [Outreach Coordinator Intern](#)
- [Veteran Business Promotion Intern](#)

[Check Here for VA Work-Study Postings](#)

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

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



You served your country. Now serve your city!

Do your part to keep the city running! The [NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services \(DCAS\)](#) makes City government work for all New Yorkers.

There are many diverse career opportunities with NYC DCAS.

Veterans are no longer required to pay application fees for NYC Civil Service examinations.

And Veteran Spouses are now eligible for a one-time application fee waiver for NYC Civil Service examinations.

See below for open competitive NYC Civil Service exam highlights:

Open Competitive Exams

Correction Officer - Officers 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.

Police Officer - Officers patrol an assigned area on foot or in a vehicle to prevent crime; apprehend crime suspects; intervene in various situations involving crimes in progress, aided cases, complaints, emotionally disturbed persons, etc.; respond to and investigate vehicular accidents; investigate specific offenses; interact with prisoners; operate and maintain patrol vehicles; issue summonses; obtain information regarding incidents by interviewing witnesses, victims, and/or complainants; safeguard and voucher found, seized or recovered property; provide information to the public; handle situations involving maltreated, abused, or missing children; interact with juveniles; may be assigned to crowd control for large-scale events such as demonstrations, rallies and parades; prepare forms and reports; and testify in court.

Traffic Control Inspector - Inspectors conduct field inspections and surveys of traffic-related conditions for the purpose of regulating and controlling traffic, and installing/removing traffic signs, traffic signals, and other traffic control devices; inspect the completed work of contractors to ensure compliance with established standards and specifications; prepare work orders based upon field conditions; investigate complaints relating to heavy trucking, improper parking, lack of traffic signals or loading zones; check volume of traffic and report on potential problems associated with visibility, grading and line of sight; study accident reports and make observations at the scene of accidents to determine causal pattern; study the effect of converting two-way streets into one-way streets; and drive a vehicle to work assignments.

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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VetConnectPro: A First-in-the-Nation Employment Tool

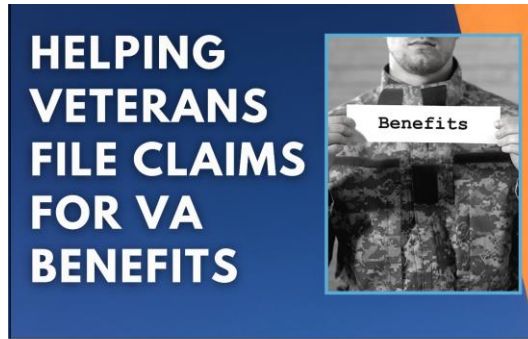


[VetConnectPro](#), is a new employment tool designed to help Veterans find employment within NYC government. The platform features a military skills translator that can match your service experience and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and 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](#).



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.

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- [Partner with DVS](#)
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