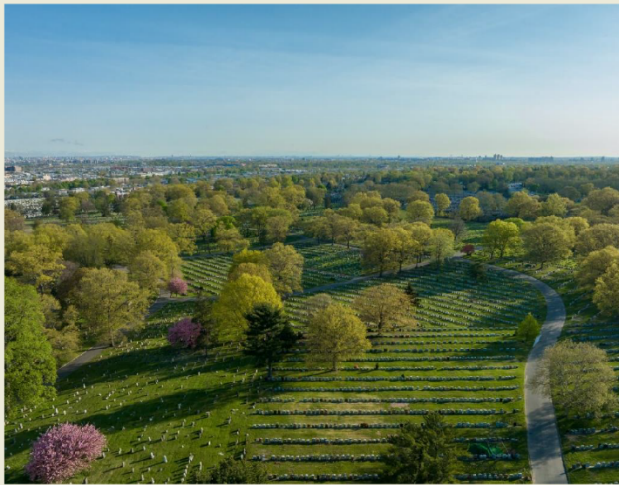


***Veteran Exclusive* — Paid Landscaping Training**

Evergreens Veterans Green Careers Landscape Training Program

This amazing paid training opportunity provides Veterans with skills needed to pursue a career in landscape care. If you are interested in working outdoors with plants and landscape, this career path training may be for you. Hands-on training and work experience as well as classroom instruction takes place on the beautiful grounds of the Evergreens, a 225 acre historic rural cemetery in Brooklyn and Queens. The Evergreens is a certified Arboretum, Level II, with rolling green hills, winding paths, open green terrain and 3,000 trees.



The Evergreens Cemetery
1629 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207
718-455-5300
www.theevergreencemetery.org

What is included:

- On site outdoors hands-on training
- Classroom instruction
- Weekly MTA pass
- Work and safety clothing and equipment
- Overall view of the landscape restoration profession
- Team labor techniques
- Virtual job readiness instruction
- Job placement assistance
- OSHA30 & Site Safety 10 Training
- Completion Stipend \$1,000

What is Required:

- Discharge status DD214 other than dishonorable conditions
- HS diploma or equivalent
- Reside in NYC (5 boroughs)
- Capacity for all weather outdoor work with physical activity
- USA work-eligible
- English language fluency
- Valid Driver's License Required

APPLY NOW!

Application Deadline: Tuesday, February 21, 2024

This year's program will run from March 4th to April 10, 2024 .

Send resume or for more information contact :

Veronica Willis – info@theevergreencemetery.org



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[Email Your Resume or to Learn More](#)

Queens Tech + Innovation Challenge



Queens Tech + Innovation Challenge is designed to help early-stage entrepreneurs grow their businesses with five \$20K grants, access to industry experts and founder network.

Presented by the Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and Queens Economic Development Corporation, the multi-week program offers high-level entrepreneurial classes, one-on-one office hours with QEDC mentors & advisors, networking events with startup founders, and cash prizes (five up-to \$20K awards).

Start your [application](#) by March 1st, 2024 to be considered for this year's awardees.

[Learn More and Start Your Application](#)

Edge4Vets February Session

Prepare for jobs and get business mentors to help you succeed in NYC. Edge4Vets offers **FREE** in-person career workshops with proven results. Check out their [website](#) for more info and to [register](#)!



We recently launched our [2024 Veteran and Military Community Survey](#) to help identify potential service gaps and better understand the needs of the NYC Veteran community.

The survey can be found at [nyc.gov/vetsurvey](#)

Your active participation is vital, and we believe that together we can make a significant impact. Help us build stronger advocacy for Veterans and military families!

[Take the Survey](#)

VETERAN NEWS

VA to ease benefits rules for vets exposed to Agent Orange in the U.S.



Photo Credit: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. Collection: Agent Orange; U.S. Army Operations in Vietnam, Huey Defoliation, National Archives. Texas Tech Image

Published: [Military Times](#) | February 9, 2024

By [Leo Shane III](#)

Thousands of veterans exposed to [Agent Orange](#) while serving in the United States will for the first time be eligible for fast-track disability benefits under plans unveiled by the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) on Friday.

The move represents another major expansion of [toxic exposure benefits](#) for veterans, this time for individuals suffering from illnesses dating back to the Vietnam War era. The changes follow mandates included in the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act — [better known as the PACT Act](#) — passed by Congress in August 2022.

Over the last two years, a combination of administration moves and new legislation opened access to disability benefits for millions of veterans who incurred injuries

from burn pit smoke, radiation contamination and other military toxic exposure events. [[READ MORE...](#)]

More Veteran-related Headlines

Stars and Stripes: [Easy access to virtual appointments, prescription refills are behind rising demand for online VA health care](#)

Senator Sherrod Brown: [BROWN INTRODUCES NEW BILL TO PREVENT VETERANS FROM LOSING THEIR HOMES](#)

Navy.mil: [Secretary Del Toro Honors Puerto Rican Veterans and Discusses Call to Service](#)

The Ledger: [More than 60 years ago, a doctor saved his life. 'Now his grandson's doing the same'](#)

GoFundMe: [15 Resources That Offer Financial Assistance for Veterans](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

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

New York City isn't just coming back — we're back. We have more private-sector jobs than ever in our city's history, tourists are back in our stores and our theaters, and our subway system is peaking at more than 4 million riders again. And to top it all off, FIFA announced this weekend that New York New Jersey will host the 2026 FIFA World Cup Finals — estimated to bring 1 million+ tourists to the region,

supporting over 14,000 jobs, and generating \$2 billion in economic impact for New York New Jersey.



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!

[Mayor Adams Launches "Chinatown Connections" Plan to add new Public Space and Improve Traffic Safety in Chinatown](#)

[Mayor Adams Launches Program To Create 1,500 Permanent Affordable Homes For New Yorkers In Shelter](#)

[Mayor Adams and Governor Murphy Celebrate New York New Jersey Selection as Host for Biggest Sporting Event in World History: FIFA World Cup 26™ Final](#)



We want to showcase Veteran work and help spread the word. 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.



One filmmaker will win up to **\$50,000**, plus **two months in a paid luxury Mint House apartment** and **two months' stipend** to produce, direct and edit a short

film in New York City's Lower Manhattan neighborhood.

The short film must feature Lower Manhattan, whether as a backdrop for a dramatic short, the subject of a documentary or simply a (visible) source of inspiration.

Submissions are from **January 16 – February 16, 2024** and full details can be found at filmdowntown.nyc.

[Submit Your Idea at filmdowntown.nyc](https://filmdowntown.nyc)

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://nyc.gov/jobs) and select "Veterans' Services" from the agency menu to learn more about and apply to the job below.

Site Reliability Engineer - 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.

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](#)
- [Communications Intern](#)
- [Data Science Intern](#)
- [Information Technology Intern](#)
- [Intake Aide](#)
- [Legal Intern](#)
- [Mission: VetCheck Intern](#)
- [Outreach Intern](#)
- [Policy and Strategic Partnership Intern](#)

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

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



Open Competitive Exams

[Landmarks Preservationist](#)

[Paralegal Aid](#)

[Supervisor of Electrical Installations and Maintenance](#)

To view all available job listings, visit the exam board [here!](#)

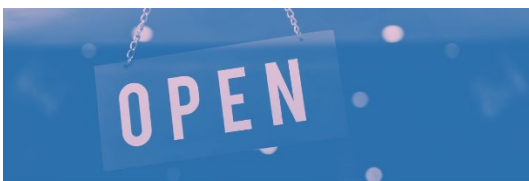
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Programs and Initiatives



Affordable Housing for Veterans

Resources to help veterans maintain and secure stable and affordable housing



VetBizNYC


Online interactive map to find veteran-owned businesses across NYC: vetbiznyc.cityofnewyork.us



HELPING VETERANS FILE CLAIMS FOR VA BENEFITS INCLUDING PACT ACT CLAIMS




nyc.gov/vetjobs
VETERAN-SPECIFIC EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES



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.

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