

Welcome to the New Year!



We have all heard the phrase "new year, new you" in some form or another when the New Year rolls around, and 2023 is no exception. For some, the phrase may serve as the backdrop to a resolution or goal for the year. For others it may serve as a mantra that helps break old habits and build new ones. Regardless of how you approach the New Year, we wanted to take a moment to make you aware of some of the many offerings available when it comes to staying informed on Veteran issues, as well as, staying mentally and physically fit in 2023.

**Check Out the Latest Episode of the Jedburgh
Podcast With Commissioner Hendon**



This past Veterans Day, Commissioner Hendon sat down with Fran Racioppi, the host of the [Jedburgh Podcast](#) and a former Special Forces Green Beret. The two Army Veterans covered issues facing Veterans in NYC across the nation and what our agency is doing to face those challenges head on.

Excerpt from the Episode:

FRAN: *Talk about the meaning of the parade here today. We've been talking about it and why in your role as the Veterans Department of New York City, how do we keep the military front and center as we come out of this global war on terror era and we move on to the next phase?*

HENDON: *I think a lot of this is making sure that our brothers and sisters know that we see them, that we appreciate them and that we love them. And so things like this, they're so symbolic, but they move mountains emotionally for a lot of our men and women who serve and their families. Just to know that you're not forgotten right now, when we look at the larger numbers, about 33.1% of all veterans, according to the*

Gross Domestic Expenditure report from the VA, use VA services. Of those who are eligible, that means the remaining more than 65% don't use the services. We know. That number comes down to 29.7% in New York State. It comes down to 24.6% in New York City. In other words, I like to tell people when you see me, there are two to three brothers and sisters who you don't see. And so a lot of it is creating an environment where you have the psychological safety to feel comfortable coming out saying, hey, in need of some help, I need some services.

Check out the [Jedburgh podcast](#) for more coverage from Veterans Day including their two previous episodes with CBS's SEAL Team lead actor David Boreanaz, Grand Marshall of the parade Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Vince Patton, and NYC's most famous entertainer the Naked Cowboy!



More Podcasts on Veterans' Issues

[Veterans Corner Radio](#) focuses on what Veterans and their families need to know to maximize the services and benefits due to them. No matter if someone is currently serving or left the military 50 years ago, the program provides answers to questions that Veterans didn't even know they should be asking. Each show is roughly a 15-minute investment in the future of Veterans and that of their families. The podcast's [web site](#) includes a library of shows featuring more than 140 interviews.

Air Force Veteran Bill Hodges hosts Veterans Corner Radio, which airs on four radio stations in Florida: Sun Radio WSCQ FM 96.3; New Beginning Radio WKOT FM 102.1; Phoenix Community Radio WPHX FM 101.9; and Power 901 WYPW FM

90.1. The show is also available on podcast apps including Apple, Google, Pandora and Spotify.

[The Veterans Voice](#) is aimed at giving a voice to Veterans and improving the lives of Veterans, active-duty military and their families in a weekly, one-hour format presentation. The podcast highlights transition, employment, housing, financial, food, health, wellness and recreational resources available to all members of the military-connected community. The Veterans Voice is a service of Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is presented by the United States Automobile Association (USAA).

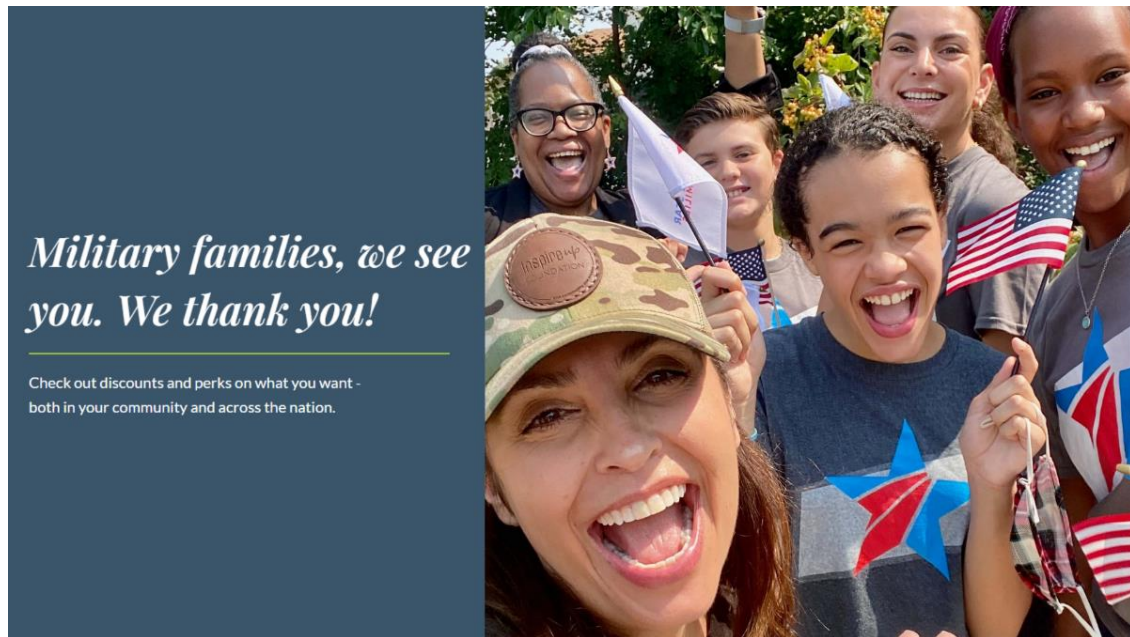
Two hosts of The Veterans Voice are Mike Lewis, a 30-year Veteran of the Navy Reserve, and Ted Robertson, who was raised in an Army family and raised a Marine. Their broadcast airs on KRDO 105.5 FM, 1240 AM and 92.5 FM in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Army Veteran Cassime Joseph hosts The Veterans Voice on KTSC 89.5 FM in Pueblo, Colorado. The show is also streamed on Wreaths Across America Radio and is available on more than a dozen podcast apps, including Amazon Music, Spotify, iHeartRadio, iTunes and Google.

[Oscar Mike Radio](#) is a show about real-life stories of active-duty military and Veterans, hosted by Marine Veteran Travis Partington. For more than six years, the show has been raising awareness about the people and programs that support the military and Veterans. Oscar Mike Radio has interviewed Veteran business owners, musicians and athletes, and has covered pressing issues like PTSD, military sexual trauma and Veteran advocacy.




Oscar Mike Radio is part of the [Veteran Podcast Network](#) and is available on SoundCloud, iTunes, Google Play, Stitcher, Spotify, YouTube and Facebook, among other platforms.

[Visit the VA Radio Outreach Initiative for More Podcasts](#)

Operation Family Resilience (OFR): Advancing Holistic Health for Military Families



[Blue Star Families](#) is committed to advancing military and Veteran families' holistic health to help you thrive no matter where the military takes you. They have teamed up with [Humana Military](#), [Team RWB](#), and [Military Family Advisory Network](#) to form [Operation Family Resiliency \(OFR\)](#). Thanks to OFR servicemembers, Veterans and their families, can enjoy a series of health and wellness applications as part of their [Blue Star Perks](#) for **FREE!**

		
<p>FREE SUBSCRIPTION (Value \$99)</p> <p>The Headspace meditation app offers 1,000+ hours of mindfulness and sleep content for adults and kids.</p>	<p>FREE SUBSCRIPTION (Value \$299)</p> <p>The Spiritune app personalizes science-driven playlists to help you feel great, focus better, and relax easily.</p>	<p>FREE SUBSCRIPTION (Value \$59)</p> <p>Thrive Market's online store gets you up to 30% off organic groceries and healthy food options.</p>

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DAV: Victories for Veterans Challenge



Ever wanted to hike a trail, swim a mile, participate in a yoga class or even run a 10K? Take those ideas and turn them into goals! Join our [Victories for Veterans Challenge](#) — set a goal, challenge yourself, and fundraise for America’s veterans just like you would an average 5K run/walk. You will help fuel services that connect veterans to the health care, education, and financial benefits they've earned through their sacrifice for our country. Every victory created and every dollar raised goes towards DAV's free services that help over a million veterans in life-changing ways every year.

REGISTER TODAY

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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
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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

Deckhand: Deckhands, under supervision, perform deckhand duties in compliance with agency standard operating procedures, the Safety Management System (SMS), the Combined Security Plan (CSP) and applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations on a municipal ferry vessel and at a ferry terminal.

Deckhands clean the vessel and/or terminal area; perform lookout and emergency duties of the assigned duty station, such as: launching and manning rescue boats and life rafts, operating firefighting equipment, and assisting in vessel to vessel transfers, under the direction of an Officer; operate boarding doors, gates, aprons and bridges; handle gangways and mooring lines; direct passenger and authorized vehicle traffic, as assigned; patrol deck and assigned duty station and make minor maintenance updates to ensure that all is in a safe and clean condition; assist passengers, as needed; report any suspicious circumstance or object to an Officer or Ferry Terminal Supervisor; perform heavy manual labor, such as: handling vessel and terminal supplies and trash, loading and unloading freight, and snow and ice removal on vessels, terminals and docks using shovels, snow throwers and utility vehicles; participate in safety meetings, fire and lifeboat drills, steering, propulsion, anchor and abandon ship drills, and SMS and CSP training; and make announcements on vessels and in terminals. All Deckhands perform related work.

Dental Assistant: Dental Assistants (NYC Health + Hospitals), under direct supervision, assist dentists in providing dental services to patients in clinics and hospitals. They prepare patients for examination and treatment; assist dentists by handing them required instruments for the treatment of patients; prepare instruments for sterilization, disinfect surface areas, and maintain clinic and clinic equipment in a hygienic condition in accordance with proper infection control procedures; prepare examination room for procedures; take and upload dental digital imaging; mix amalgams, cements, composites, and related materials; perform laboratory procedures such as pouring and packaging models from impressions for prosthetics; maintain records of instruments and models; maintain clinic equipment to ensure that it is in working order; report shortages in supplies and materials and necessary equipment repairs; assist dentists in patient management; schedule patient appointments; enter and retrieve data and information into computerized systems; interact with patients and the public. All Dental Assistants (NYC Health + Hospitals) perform related work.

Forester: Foresters implement professional forestry plans regarding the selection, planting, pruning, repairing, spraying, removal, and inspection of city trees; collect data for work load planning and computer model simulation of work to be done by contractors for stump removal, tree pruning, tree planting and related urban forestry contracts; serve as borough liaison to central office staff for assigned contract work; prepare detailed specifications of agency forestry contracts; attend preconstruction meetings to discuss contract specifications, schedules and payment procedures; monitor daily progress of agency contractors and prepares daily status reports on agency contract work; report results and recommendations to supervisors; collect statistical data concerning mensuration measurements, silvics indicators, and physiological parameters in order to maintain a complete and accurate borough or citywide tree inventory update; modify micro and macro EDP software programs as required; provide professional support and follow-up on consultancy with private and municipal agencies and private individuals on forestry-related matters; conduct research and provides entomological and pathological surveys required for the development of plans and programs regarding forestry methods, practices and procedures; as a member of a team, participate in the preparation of reports for proposals, analyses and budget requests; may supervise subordinate employees involved in professional forestry activities; operate and maintain technical and professional instruments, kits and tools in the performance of the above mentioned professional research and survey duties; operate motorized equipment and vehicles incidental to the performance of these duties. All Foresters perform related work.

Traffic Device Maintainer: Traffic Device Maintainers, under direct supervision, prepare, install, maintain and repair vehicular traffic control devices; and drive motor vehicles. All Traffic Device Maintainers perform related work. Some of the physical activities performed by Traffic Device Maintainers and environmental conditions experienced are: curbside walking to inspect muni meters; bending and stooping during inspections; climbing ladders to inspect, remove and/or replace traffic control devices; heavy lifting of 50 pounds or more; operating all kinds of hand and motorized tools; driving boom trucks and tower trucks reaching heights up to 30 feet or more; driving a motor vehicle; and working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

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.

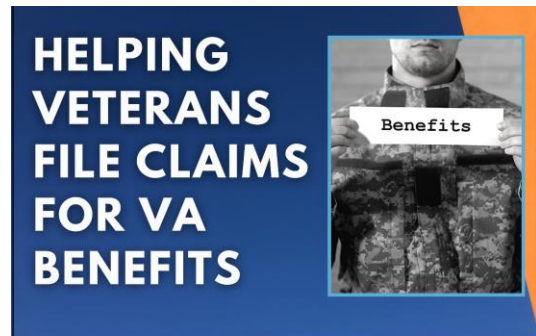
VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

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](#). 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](#).



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.

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- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)
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