

## **DVS Celebrates Jewish American Heritage Month: A Statement from Commissioner James Hendon**



As we commemorate Jewish American Heritage Month, we pay tribute to the countless contributions made by Jewish Americans to our nation and our military. This month is a celebration of the rich and resilient history of Jewish Americans who have endeavored to hold this country accountable to the principles of our founding, with unwavering dedication.

This month, we are reminded of those Jewish Americans who answered the call to serve—soldiers like Brigadier General Julius Klein, an esteemed intelligence officer, who exemplified the spirit of Jewish American service and sacrifice. His remarkable achievements during World War II helped shape military strategies and ensured the safety and freedom we cherish today. General Klein's steadfast loyalty to his country and his commitment to justice and equality continue to inspire us.

This month serves as a reminder that Jewish Americans have played a pivotal role in shaping our nation's past and continue to contribute to its present and future. As we reflect on their enduring legacy, let us also reaffirm our commitment to building a society that values diversity, embraces the richness of our multicultural heritage, and ensures that every individual is given the opportunity to thrive.

So, as we observe Jewish American Heritage Month, let us honor the brave Jewish American servicemembers who have dedicated their lives to defending our

freedoms. Let us remember their sacrifices, which are woven into the fabric of our nation, and let their stories serve as a reminder of the indomitable spirit that resides within us all.

Happy Jewish American Heritage Month!



James Hendon  
Commissioner  
NYC Department of Veterans' Services

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## Big Apple TAP: New York Mets Military Transition Summit in Partnership with NYC DVS



**Mets**  
**MILITARY TRANSITION SUMMIT**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24 9:30AM**  
**CITI FIELD SEAVER ENTRANCE**

**REGISTER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **NYC**  
Department of Veterans' Services

New York Mets Military Transition Summit

 Saturday | June 24, 2023

📍 CitiField | 41 Seaver Way, Queens, NY 11368

🕒 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**Theme: *"Tools & Resources for Hacking Your Transition"***

The session will feature breakout rooms and discussion panels on the following topics:

- Navigating NYC
- NYC Community and Resources
- Financial Security
- Career and Education Networking
- Entrepreneurship
- Resources for Women Veterans
- Job Preparation
- Housing
- Health and Emotional Wellness

***Lunch & refreshments will be provided, along with a chance to meet Mr. & Mrs. Met, a tour of Citi field, giveaways, and more.***

***Scan the QR Code above to register! Space is limited! RSVP to secure your spot! Admission will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis!***

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**About the NYC DVS Big Apple TAP Initiative**

The New York City Department of Veterans' Services now offers a Transition Assistance Program for recently separated service members and any Veteran interested in calling the Big Apple their home. This information session will serve as an introduction to our agency and highlight how we can serve as a resource for you and your loved ones during your transition and beyond. The information you receive during this session will help you take advantage of the benefits you earned while in uniform as well as get you acclimated to life in New York City.

This is not your "run-of-the-mill" Transition Assistance Program—this is Big Apple TAP—designed for the select few who are interested in settling down in New York City. At your last duty station, you were told about a suite of programs and services

at the federal and state level as a part of your out-processing, but what about at the city level? Lucky for you, New York City has an agency dedicated to providing you and your family with information about the many programs and services unique to the Big Apple. Whether you plan to stay for a few years or a lifetime, we can help ease your landing!

To learn more about NYC DVS's Transition Assistance Program and to stay up-to-date with future sessions, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Register for the New York Mets Military Transition Summit**

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## **USS Cooperstown Commissioning Ceremony**



Last Saturday, New York City welcomed the USS Cooperstown into the Navy's fleet of ships. Politicians, Service Members, and Baseball Legends all spoke on the inseparable ties between military service and the game of baseball.

### **Why Baseball?**

In times of national crisis, brave men and women across America nobly sacrifice their occupations and home life to defend their country in the U.S. military. Baseball players are no different. During WWII, hundreds of ballplayers enlisted during their major league careers, many of them bypassing some of their prime

seasons on the diamond. Others joined the armed forces after their playing days came to an end.

Announced in 2015 by then-United States Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, the Navy's 23<sup>rd</sup> Littoral Combat Ship was named the USS Cooperstown to honor the military Veterans who are members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

70 of the 342 elected Hall of Famers interrupted their playing careers to serve in the military, including 27 Navy Veterans. Each of the 70 Veterans, which represents more than 20 percent of all Hall of Famers, is honored with a medallion in the Plaque Gallery that reflects their branch of service.

### **The Ceremony**

The commissioning ceremony marks a ship's entry into active service in the United States Navy. At the moment the commission pennant breaks the masthead, USS COOPERSTOWN will become a Navy command in her own right, and take her place alongside the other active ships of the fleet.

### **The Motto**

The ship's motto, "AMERICA'S AWAY TEAM," evolved from remarks made by then-Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable Ray Mabus. Secretary Mabus expressed that Sailors and Marines seldom get to play a home game, since their missions take them all over the world.

In the words of the current Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, "LCS-23 honors the baseball greats, who in service of our nation, sacrificed their baseball careers for us. I have full confidence that the officers and crew of this great ship will continue to honor their legacy."

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**AmeriCorps/NYC VISTA Program**



### **What is AmeriCorps?**

AmeriCorps is the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all backgrounds to serve their country, address the nation's most pressing challenges, and improve lives and communities.

### **What is AmeriCorps Vista?**

VISTA members serve at New York City government agencies (known as host sites) full-time from **July 31, 2023 to August 2, 2024** to address critical city issues related to poverty by engaging in capacity-building work. Capacity building refers to tasks and activities that create, expand or strengthen the systems and processes that help an organization carry out its anti-poverty work. These tasks and activities include the transfer of knowledge/skills, products, and relationships.

For more info about AmeriCorps VISTA, visit [here!](#)

### **DVS VISTA Job Opening:**

The **NYC Veterans Support VISTA Member** will manage the DVS/ NYC Cares Mission: VetCheck program. The program connects Veterans to fellow New Yorkers through supportive check in calls. The VISTA Member will manage a robust volunteer effort where trained volunteers provide information on essential public services and other resources to Veterans.

For more info on DVS's job, visit our posting [here!](#)

### Who is eligible?

- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States
- Have successfully obtained a High School diploma or its equivalent prior to the start of the program
- Agree to and pass a criminal background check
- Ability to serve full time for the program term (generally M-F 9AM - 5PM)

### How to apply:

To apply, create an [AmeriCorps account](#) and select apply now on our [job listing](#).

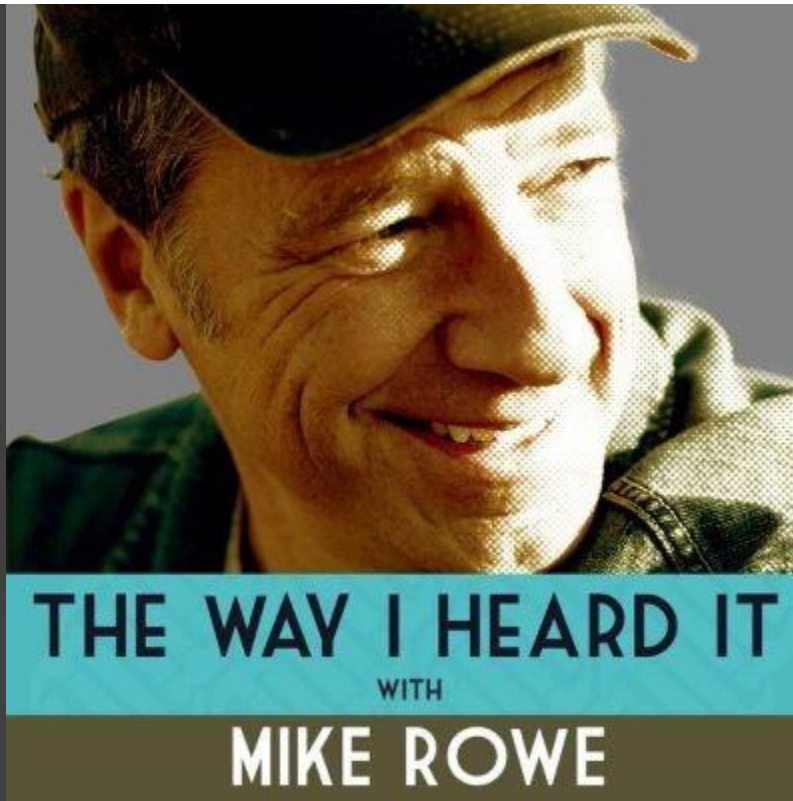
To learn more about **NYC Service**, visit their website [here](#).

To learn more about benefits of working for **AmeriCorps** visit their website [here](#).

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**VETERAN NEWS**

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DAV Chief Communications and Outreach Officer Dan Clare sat down with “Dirty Jobs” TV show host Mike Rowe to discuss the health impact of burn pits on “The Way I Heard It with Mike Rowe” podcast. While serving in Iraq, Clare saw a Department of Defense memo detailing the dangers of toxic burn pits on those serving at his base. Though ordered to keep quiet, Clare couldn’t stay silent, knowing the continued health ramifications it would have on his fellow service members.

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## **More Veteran-related Headlines**

CBS Austin (The National Desk): [Veterans will keep access to telehealth prescriptions with extension of pandemic-era rule](#)

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Military Times: [Who counts as a veteran? Not the latest Texas shooter](#)

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Huntington Now: [Stern’s Legislation to Aid Veterans on Home Ownership, Business](#)

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Federal News Network: [VA EHR leader calls for ‘accelerated delivery’ in fixes to pharmacy disruptions](#)

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NBC WMGT: [Oldest living WWII nurse passes away at 108](#)

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## Memorial Day Weekend Flag Planting at Cypress Hills National Cemetery



Remember the Wreath Laying we did in December at Cypress Hills? On May 27th, for Memorial Day weekend, we'll be honoring our Veterans by planting flags at their graves. There are over 27,000 Veterans buried at [Cypress Hills National Cemetery](#) and we will be sure to honor every last one, so no hero is left behind.

 **May 27 (rain or shine)**

 **9am Start**

 **Cypress Hills National Cemetery**

**625 Jamaica Avenue**

**Brooklyn, NY 11208**

### Things to Consider:

- Wear comfortable clothing and dress accordingly for the weather.
- We suggest you wear gloves as the flags are on wooden poles and can give you splinters as you insert the flags into the ground.
- Feel free to bring little carts or backpacks to carry as many flag bundles as possible.

- **Bring water/hydration.**

For questions or concerns, please reach out to Carlos Varon via email at: [lcvaron@gmail.com](mailto:lcvaron@gmail.com) or by phone at: 718-374-1926

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We are looking to highlight Veterans in the arts community! Whether it's an upcoming free exhibition, performance, or piece/installation you've created, we want to showcase your work and help spread the word. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis and promoted at our discretion. 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](mailto:connect@veterans.nyc.gov) with a brief bio, an artist statement, art medium, and your affiliation to the Veteran community.

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## **The Neon Nutrition Kitchen: Veteran-Only Pantry Days**

Attention NYC Veterans! [The NeON Nutrition Kitchen](#) will be hosting Veterans-only Pantry days on Staten Island and The Bronx, providing non-perishable foods as well as a meat/fish to Veterans and their families.

There will also be a Veterans Benefit Coordinator on site to help with claims and benefits.





**FREE HEALTHY FOODS**

**WHAT** NeON Nutrition Kitchen Veterans Only Day  
Free Packaged Groceries, Produce and Dairy

**WHEN** Every Friday - 10am to 1pm  
from March 3 - May 26

**WHERE**  
**Staten Island**  
340 Bay Street



For requests regarding accessibility or language interpretation services please email [disabilityfacilitator@probation.nyc.gov](mailto:disabilityfacilitator@probation.nyc.gov) or call 212-510-3882.





**FREE HEALTHY FOODS**

**WHAT** NeON Nutrition Kitchen Veterans Only Day  
Free Packaged Groceries, Produce and Dairy

**WHEN** Every Monday - 9:30am to 12:30pm  
from March 13 - June 6

**WHERE**  
**Bronx**  
198 East 161st 10451



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## A Message From Mayor Adams:

Each week DVS will share a short update about how our administration is getting stuff done for New Yorkers.



*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!](https://nyc.gov/hearfromeric)*

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## **DCAS Civil Service Pathways Fellowship**



Ready to start your career working for the City of New York? NYC Citywide Administrative Services is accepting applications for their Civil Service Pathways Fellowship. This **two-year program** is designed to create a pipeline from college to a career in civil service.

The **Fellowship** is set to begin in **August 2023** and is subject to the requisite approvals for city agency placement.

### **Applicants**

The Fellowship position for the NYC Department of Veterans' Services highly encourages student Veterans and student Veteran spouses to apply!

### **How to apply**

Fill out DCAS's application [here](#)!

If you have any further questions about the program, please reach out to the **Department of Citywide Administrative Services** ([DCAS](#)).

For questions about the prospective role at DVS, please reach out to **Assistant Commissioner of Operations & Administrative Services**, [Jason Parker](#).

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## May 2023 - Citywide Hiring Events



### Wednesday, May 17, 2023

**Event:** Citywide Hiring Pool

**Location:** Municipal Building – 1 Centre Street

**Time:** 9 AM – 4 PM

**Featured Title:** Computer Specialist (Software) (including vacancies in other comparable titles)

### Saturday, May 20, 2023

**Event:** NYC Government Hiring Hall

**Location:** Manhattan – 31 Chambers Street

**Time:** 9 AM – 4 PM

**Featured titles:** Engineering titles, Inspector titles, Maintenance Worker, Assistant City Highway Repairer, Apprentice (Construction Laborer), Case Manager, Eligibility Specialist, Job Opportunity Specialist, Clerical Associate, and community titles

### Thursday, May 25, 2023

**Event:** NYC Government Hiring Hall

**Location:** TBD

**Time:** 9 AM – 4 PM

**Featured titles:** TBD

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**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 and select "Veterans' Services" from the agency menu to learn more about and apply to the job below.](#)

**Veteran Housing Coordinator** - The NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) Veteran Housing Coordinator (VHC) program provides peer-to-peer housing assistance for homeless veterans living within the five boroughs of New York City. This program is designed to help NYC reach and sustain "functional zero", the point at which veteran homelessness has effectively ended and there is a system in place to rapidly rehouse any new veteran entering the homeless system. The VHCs are at the front line in the ongoing citywide commitment to providing safe and affordable housing to every veteran that becomes homeless.

## **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](#)
- [Data Analyst Intern](#)
- [Information Technology Intern](#)
- [IT Support Intern](#)

- [Legal Intern](#)
- [Outreach Coordinator Intern](#)
- [Veteran Business Promotion Intern](#)

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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](mailto:VAWorkStudy@veterans.nyc.gov):

- Resume
- Job Specific Cover Letter
- Supporting Documents found in the Job Description

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

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## NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



**Open Competitive Exams**



**Correction Officer** - Correction 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. They supervise inmate meals, visits, recreational programs, and other congregate activities; inspect assigned areas for conditions which threaten safety and security; conduct searches in order to detect contraband; complete forms and reports; maintain appropriate log books; communicate with other area Correction Officers to exchange pertinent information; issue verbal orders, announcements and explanations to inmates; observe inmates and make recommendations concerning medical and/or psychiatric referrals; safeguard Department supplies and equipment; escort inmates within and outside of the facility including their transportation in Departmental vehicles; respond to unusual incidents and disturbances; enforce security procedures in accordance with Department guidelines; request medical assistance for inmates when necessary; count and verify the number of inmates present in assigned areas; verify identification of inmates; supervise inmates of either sex; operate a motor vehicle; and perform related work.

**Procurement Analyst** - Procurement Analysts assist procurement personnel in purchasing goods, services, construction and/or construction-related services, and/or in processing procurement documents and contracts; confer with, advise and assist operational, technical and professional staff in the procurement process and manage contracts for services as assigned.

**Associate Project Manager** - Associate Project Managers are responsible for project management work in planning, coordinating, and directing the implementation of the design and construction of capital projects of moderate size and complexity. They maintain a management information system to provide data for the planning and control for project development; establish project time and cost schedules; determine and coordinate the activities required between the persons, agencies and departments responsible for project completion; review all schedules, reports and orders prepared by consultants, contractors and agencies to assure conformance with project completion dates; check work performance and prepare management reports which stress significant problems; resolve problems that arise in meeting schedules and costs; meet with City agencies, contractors

and citizen groups; advise and make recommendations to client agencies in formulating project needs, options, and consequences, assuring that functional requirements are adequately articulated and that proposed projects fulfill these requirements; assist client agencies in developing scope of project, drawing upon own agency's technical resources to develop conceptual estimates and schedules; oversee the consultant selection and contracting process, and manage these contracts, or retain in-house design and construction management staff; with the client agency, conduct a post-occupancy evaluation of facilities; supervise subordinate employees; in the temporary absence of immediate supervisor, may assume the duties of that position; may incidentally perform duties of subordinates; and may drive a motor vehicle.

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.

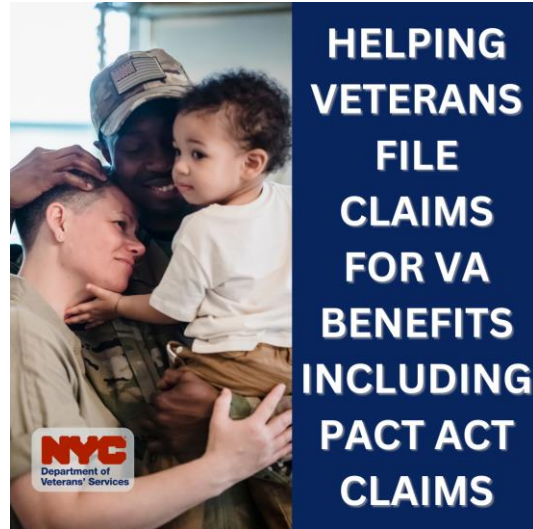
## VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

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](#). Our team is also qualified to assist with PACT Act related claims. If you had a toxic exposure during your service, time is crucial for you to get the benefits you deserve. To file a claim, fill out the [VetConnectNYC.org](#) form and select **Benefits Navigation** as your preferred service.



## **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](https://nyc.gov/vetconnectpro).

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## **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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## Contact Us

- Complete a service request form at [vetconnectnyc.org](http://vetconnectnyc.org)
- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)
- [Event Request Form](#)

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