

WWII Pvt. Wing Hom's Return Home After Nearly 80 Years







After a 79 year search, WWII U.S. Army Private Wing O. Hom of Brooklyn, New York and later Boston, Massachusetts has finally returned home--his remains now interred at the Evergreens Cemetery in his home borough.

Hom was a member of Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry

Division when his unit entered combat near the town of Cistera di Latina, Italy. His remains were interred in Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy until they were exhumed by [The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency \(DPAA\)](#) in September of 2021. According to the DPAA's records, 5,775 WWII Servicemembers with New York home addresses are still missing.

Private Hom is among a vanguard of approximately 20,000 Chinese Americans who served in the US Armed Forces during World War II – all winners (posthumously and otherwise) of the Congressional Gold Medal for their service. Private Hom and his comrades served in the face of overwhelming cultural and systemic racism.

Commissioner Hendon, alongside his counterpart from Boston's Veterans Services Agency, Robert Santiago, members of the Hom Family, and others, attended Private Hom's burial service this past Wednesday, October 11th.

Commissioner Hendon extended his condolences to the Hom family in a letter, writing, "Bob Dylan once said that 'a hero is someone who understands the responsibility that comes with his freedom.' Your uncle had less than freedom – compared to what we know it as now in the United States. Yet still, he appreciated what he did have. He understood how his service would advance a better tomorrow. And he gave everything. Private Wing O. Hom is a hero."

[DPAA Press Release](#)

[Private Hom's Personnel File](#)

VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD PUBLIC SESSION

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BROOKLYN PUBLIC SESSION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

For those joining **IN PERSON** the location is:

**New York City College of Technology-City Tech
275 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY
Academic Building in room A-517 on the 5th Floor**

For those choosing to attend via **ZOOM**, follow the link below. Meeting ID: 861 1325 9398 -- Passcode: 355418


ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86113259398?pwd=R1d2dk1BUWpLUVVlOXBsbnHo1ZFhRUT09>

BOTH SESSIONS (In-person & Zoom) will begin at 6pm sharp!

All Veterans, their family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend!
Please use the link below to gain access to the session.

If you are an organization that provides services that can assist NYC Veterans and their families, please contact the VAB to publicly share information about your organization to our veteran audience. If you have a question that you want answered at the public session, please use this **Email:** nycveteransadvisoryboard@gmail.com

 Wednesday, October 18th

 6:00 PM

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[Zoom Link to VAB Public Session](#)

Buddy Check Week—Talk to 10!

BE A BUDDY!

NATIONAL BUDDY CHECK WEEK

OCTOBER 16 - 20, 2023



TAKE THE
PLEDGE!
CHECK IN WITH
10 VETS



National Buddy Check Week encourages Veterans to connect or reconnect with their Veteran friends – just to check in.

Take the pledge to **#TalkToTen Veterans** at: [VA.gov/initiatives/national-buddy-check-week-talk-to-10-veterans/](https://www.va.gov/initiatives/national-buddy-check-week-talk-to-10-veterans/)

If you think that your Veteran buddy could use some help, tell them about the resources available to him or her.



1-800-MyVA411 is a great place to get started with VA, it's always the right number to call.



Veterans Crisis Line is available 24/7. Dial 988 then Press 1, Chat Online, or Text 838255.



Get the VA Welcome Kit to learn what VA offers and how to get started. [VA.gov/welcome-kit](https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit)



Scan this code for valuable training to recognize the signs of distress and learn about resources you can recommend to your buddy if needed.

In the military, we learned to rely on each other. Now that we're out, that hasn't changed. We all need help sometimes, but do you know when your buddies need help?

From October 16-20, 2023, we're joining the Veteran community in National Buddy Check week to encourage everyone to check in with their battle buddies or rekindle old friendships.

Many of your friends may be doing well, but others may need help from the community or VA in some way. Be a buddy.

[Learn More About Buddy Check Week](#)

[Take VA S.A.V.E. Training](#)

Amazon Warehouse Information Session

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Military vets, active duty, and spouses — get set for success on October 18th

You'll find reasonable accommodations, resources, and support across the hiring process and beyond, while getting all your questions answered regarding the work, pay, schedules, and more.

When:

Wednesday, October 18th
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where:

Manhattan Vet Center
519 8th Ave. Suite 2401
New York, NY 10018

Need an accommodation?

If you have a disability and need an accommodation during the application and hiring process, please visit amazon.com/accommodations or contact us by phone at **888-435-9287**, Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT.

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 Wednesday, October 18, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 A.M,

 Manhattan Vet Center

519 8th Ave. Suite 2401
New York, NY 10018

VETERAN NEWS

Cat accused of wiping US Veteran Affairs server info after jumping on keyboard

US govt confirms outage, leaves feline in quantum state of uncertainty



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By: [Thomas Claburn](#) | The Register

EXCLUSIVE A four-hour system interruption in September at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri has been attributed to a cat jumping on a technician's keyboard.

So we're told by a source, who heard the tale on one of the regular weekday calls held by the US government department with its CIO, during which recent IT problems are reviewed. We understand that roughly 100 people – contractors, vendors, and employees – participate in these calls at a time.

On a mid-September call, one of the participants explained that while a technician was reviewing the configuration of a server cluster, their cat jumped on the keyboard and deleted it. Or at least that's their story.

Kurt DelBene, assistant secretary for information and technology and CIO at the Department of Veterans Affairs, is said to have responded on the call with words to the effect that: "This is why I have a dog." There was laughter and not much more – it was a short incident report.

This is not an unheard of problem. [Anecdotes of feline data vandalism abound](#) in various online forums. This reporter has personal experience with typos introduced by an orange tabby conducting a keyboard crossing to reach a sunny spot by the window, and one of *El Reg's* editors has suffered similar issues. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

MeriTalk: [Kimberly Jackson Sworn in as VA Chief of Staff](#)

Fox News: [Veterans plagued by errors in health benefit system due to computer mishap](#)

ABC News: [Nonprofit seeks insight from devices left behind by veterans who died by suicide](#)

Playbill: [Real U.S. Military Veterans Will Take the Stage in *War Words* Off-Broadway](#)

QNS: [Councilman Holden pushes for VA Hospital signage on major roads and highways from DOT](#)

Hope For The Warriors Job Opportunity: Military and Veteran Program Coordinator



Full job description

BACKGROUND:

Hope For The Warriors® believe those touched by military service can succeed at home by restoring their sense of self, family, and hope. Nationally, Hope For The Warriors® provides comprehensive support programs for service members,

veterans, and military families that are focused on transition, health and wellness, peer engagement, and connections to community resources.

CORE VALUES:

Hope For The Warriors® understands the challenges, pride, and joy of being a military family. For today, tomorrow, and years to come, they will strive to meet the changing needs of service members and their families. Additionally, they value community. Through their grassroots philosophy of interacting with the communities Veterans live and work in, we establish and nurture the relationships that have become the foundation of our support.

OBJECTIVE:

The main purpose of the Military and Veteran Program Coordinator (MVPC) is to increase the visibility of the Hope For The Warriors® programs being offered to veterans, service members, caregivers and military families in their communities. Veteran MVPCs are their “forward deployed” staff and serve as the connectors between military families, the local communities and Hope For The Warrior program staff. In this frontline position, the MVPC serves a critical role as ambassador and liaison to military bases, civic and other veteran non-profit organizations, chambers of commerce, and local government agencies, and must be a visible and active presence in each.

Requirements

- Military Veteran (honorably discharged/retired)
- Military base access
- BA/BS degree preferred
- 2+ years prior veteran organization experience in events, veteran advocacy, and/or case management experience preferred
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) and database applications
- Salesforce knowledge is a plus

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

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

This is an on-the-ground administration, and we're not afraid of rolling up our sleeves and tackling long-term problems. That's why Mayor Adams traveled to Latin America last week, to understand the roots of the asylum seeker crisis and to learn more about how to solve it. And here at DVS we're actively engaging Veteran Service Organizations, attending chapter meetings and events, to gain insights into the needs of the New York City Veteran community.



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)

[Mayor Adams Announces Second Annual "Trick-or-Streets," Expansion of Car-Free Streets Across Five Boroughs](#)

[Mayor Adams, DSNY Commissioner Tisch Open New Front In War On Rats, Unveil Strategy To Containerize Trash At Nearly All Residential Buildings In NYC](#)

[Transcript: Mayor Adams Delivers Remarks at "New York Stands With Israel" Rally](#)



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 with a brief bio, an artist statement, art medium, and your affiliation to the Veteran community.

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.](#)

College Aide - IT Operations - DVS seeks a College Aide hire to play a key role in the agency's Information Technology team, while gaining IT experience during their college experience.

College Aide - HR Specialist - DVS seeks a College Aide hire to play a key role in the agency's HR team, while gaining HR experience during their college experience.

Community Outreach Assistant - The Community Outreach Assistant will help the Department of Veteran Services engage the roughly 210,000 Veterans and their families who reside throughout the five boroughs of New York City. This position will help the Assistant Commissioner of Outreach engage and educate the Veteran community about information and resources, develop and manage outreach programs, represent the agency

at outreach events, and plan public events.

Network Engineer - The Network Engineer will play a key role for DVS Information Technology (IT) Team and report directly to the Chief Information Officer. 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.

Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor - DVS seeks a highly qualified candidate to join the Client Services team as a Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor. The Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of a team responsible for processing Veteran's claims with the VA. This role will be a subject matter expert in processing VA claims for Veteran benefits and train up staff as well as provide guidance and advice in this area. VA accreditation to process claims will be provided by New York State Department of Veterans Services.

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](#)

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

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

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



Open Competitive Exams

Call Center Representative - Call Center Representatives, under supervision, in the Office of Information Technology and Innovation (OTI) New York City 24-hour 3-1-1 Call Center, provide a single point of contact for all non-emergency City services utilizing state-of-the-art telephone and interactive computer systems, respond to phone inquiries from the public, provide customer service and information to callers, take complaints and service requests and forward them for further action; enter inquiries, complaints and requests into appropriate computer systems, and perform related clerical and computer

support work. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

Emergency Medical Specialist Trainee - Emergency Medical Specialist Trainees attend a training program conducted by the New York City Fire Department. Emergency Medical Specialist Trainees receive Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and emergency medical service operations training and instruction covering basic anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology of emergency medicine, basic treatment modalities for health related emergencies, hazardous materials orientation, NYS Right to Know Laws, blood borne pathogens and infectious disease control, clinical assessment skills, multiple casualty incident (MCI) management, emergency vehicle operations, and related topics. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

Project Manager - Project Managers, under general supervision, coordinate and expedite the development or improvement of a number of simple capital engineering, architectural, or landscape architectural projects; may assist in expediting the development of more complex projects which are the immediate responsibility of an Associate Project Manager. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

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

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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.

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

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