

## **Mayor Adams Visits The Wall That Heal in Flushing Meadows Corona Park**



Over the weekend Mayor Eric Adams joined New Yorkers to visit The Wall That Heals at Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The VVMF's traveling memorial gives people the chance to honor all those who served during the Vietnam War.

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE  
EXTENDED TO 10/9 AT NOON  
NYC Boss Up Veterans Entrepreneurship Program**



The **NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program** focuses on veteran entrepreneurs living in New York City. SBS will provide the program's technical training components and all applicants will be provided with information about SBS's free business support services. SBS will provide the education, training, support, and mentorship necessary for professional growth and long-term success through its FastTrac® GrowthVenture™ for Veterans. This course helps veterans apply skills they developed in the military to grow a successful and profitable business.

The **NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program** will provide seven to 10 veteran entrepreneurs each with a grant of \$20,000 and enrollment in SBS's small business mentorship program to help build and grow their businesses. Applicants must apply to the program through the [ONLINE PORTAL](#) by **NOON** on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023**. Applicants must be a military veteran and a current small business owner.

Eligible applicants will be reviewed in three rounds, culminating in a pitch and panel interview featuring SBS Commissioner Kim, DVS Commissioner Hendon, veterans, and stakeholders in the philanthropic and veteran communities.

[NYC Boss Up](#) is a philanthropic program committed to encouraging excellence in entrepreneurship across New York City. The Ron and Kerry Moelis Family

Foundation committed \$200,000 to support the veterans' cohort, which follows the successful NYC Boss Up Entrepreneurship Program partnership with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) that provides \$1 million in grants over five years to budding entrepreneurs living in NYCHA residences.

The NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program builds on the successful recovery of the New York City economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. By connecting military veteran entrepreneurs with grants and access to the world-class FastTrac® mentorship program, NYC Boss Up will prepare selected business owners to take their enterprises to the next level.

**NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program Application**

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**2023 Mayor's Office Excellence  
in Customer Service Award**



We are thrilled to announce that our dedicated Constituents Service Team has been honored by the Mayor's Office with the 2023 Excellence in Customer Service Award. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to the hard work, commitment, and exceptional service they provide day-in and day-out.

Our Constituents Service Team consistently goes above and beyond to ensure our clients' needs are met with efficiency and care. Their unwavering dedication to excellence sets a shining example for us all. Their commitment to reshaping narratives aligns seamlessly with the agency's hands-on approach to enhancing the lives of New York City's Veterans and their families.

We extend our warmest congratulations to the entire team and express our deepest gratitude for their outstanding efforts. Their dedication to customer satisfaction is truly inspiring, and we are proud to have them as part of our team.

We thank them for their exceptional service!

The Mayor's Office Excellence in Customer Service Awards were established in 2008 to recognize outstanding City workers and teams that demonstrate their dedication and commitment to New York City through their customer service achievements.

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## **Women Veterans Empowerment & Thriving: October Workshops**

# Empowerment Workshops October 2023

Oct. 5th 6:30-8:30pm EST All Vets

Oct. 8th 1-3pm EST Women Vets

Oct. 10th 7-9pm EST Supporters of Vets

Oct. 22nd 1-3pm EST Women Vets (Hybrid)

Oct. 26th 6:30-8:30pm EST All Vets

A place to thrive and learn skills to apply every day.

[www.womenveteranempowered.org](http://www.womenveteranempowered.org)



## What is empowerment?!

At Women Veterans Empowered & Thriving (WVE&T), it's retraining the military brain to thrive in daily life after service! Keep what works and release what no longer serves you! This practice leads to thriving.

## What is an empowerment workshop?!

A workshop designed to invest time in yourself to retrain your brain for thriving. Learn skills in this workshop to apply to your everyday life. Freely write and share experiences with people who empathize with your service. You can pave the road to an empowered and fulfilling life!

Are you sick of just surviving through each day?! What if you could get skills to practice every day after your first empowerment workshop?! Show up for yourself, join a community of veterans striving to thrive! Freely write and share experiences with people who empathize with your service.

**Want to plan ahead?**

RSVP and pencil the date in! Free, Ongoing, Virtual Previous artistic/writing experience not necessary. Discover Empowerment within YOU! WVE&T facilitates workshops to practice skills of Empowerment ~Schedule time for yourself without apologizes ~Learn to empower yourself from within your experiences ~Practice observing without judgment Don't add another thing to your "to do" list! Join us and learn how to invest your time into replenishment and recuperation!

**WVE&T Empowerment Workshop RSVP** |

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**Veterans Smile Day: Serving Those Who've Served**

# HELPING SERVE THOSE WHO SERVED

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

**9:00AM - 4:00PM**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED (UNTIL 4:00PM)**

**FLUSHING HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC - 1ST FLOOR**

**4500 PARSONS BLVD., FLUSHING, NY**

**PLEASE CALL 718-670-5522 FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**DENTAL EXAM + X-RAYS + CLEANINGS, AT NO COST**

- ✦ **ALL VETERANS ARE ELIGIBLE - PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR DD214.**
- ✦ **WITH ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME, ONLY THE MOST EMERGENT TEETH WILL BE ADDRESSED - NO COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT.**
- ✦ **FOLLOW-UP CARE WITH OUR REGULAR DENTIST MAY BE NEEDED.**



The "Veterans Smile Day" mission is to provide free dental care and support to our military veterans as a small way of thanking them for their service. The



hope is that in the process, veterans will find a permanent dental home for themselves and their families.

The Veterans Smile Day Foundation was created to help raise awareness on the lack of dental care that veterans are facing across our nation. As a nonprofit 501(3)(c), their mission is to recruit dental professionals and corporate sponsorships to help fill in that void by “Serving Those Who’ve Served”. Since 2012, their volunteers have grown to include private dental offices, dental schools, hospitals, and dental societies.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating, email [veteranssmileday@gmail.com](mailto:veteranssmileday@gmail.com).

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## **VETERAN NEWS**

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**National Center for PTSD: The Safety Plan app is here!**



Safety Plan is a new app that helps Veterans create a personalized step-by-step action plan to keep themselves safe during a crisis. It is highly customizable and provides access to coping tools, self-assessment measures, and crisis support resources.

The Safety Plan app was developed by the National Center for PTSD Mobile Mental Health program with input from the Office and Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. The app can be recommended to any Veteran who is at-risk for suicide. The goal of this app is provide Veterans with options to access their Safety Plan in a format that works for them.

You can download the app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), or by pointing your device's camera at this QR code!"



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## **More Veteran-related Headlines**

Fox and Friends (Video): [Vietnam veterans honored with traveling memorial](#)

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Military.com: [Many Veterans Who Go Hungry Are Not Getting Help Through Food Stamps, Study Finds](#)

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New York Post: [Feds spent \\$3.3B on office furniture while employees worked from home during pandemic](#)

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Stars and Stripes: [Feds say indicted VA police officer beat man with baton 45 times in 41 seconds](#)

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Governor Kathy Hochul: [Governor Hochul Announces \\$2.6 Million to Support Critical Improvements for Veterans' Nonprofit Organizations](#)

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## **Edge4Vets October Workshop**



**Edge4Vets**<sup>SM</sup>

Vision • Values • Skills • Action



Take our **FREE**  
**WORKSHOP**



**NY EDGE4VETS**

**Lunch and WORKSHOP**

Thursday, October 26, Noon to 4pm

Hosted by **Wounded Warriors Project**



Free in-person **CAREER** Workshop and Free Lunch!

**MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL** – Get lunch with business mentors and support to prepare for jobs that can lead to great careers in New York City. Invest an afternoon and we'll get you started a personal **PLAN4SUCCESS** for an "edge" to get hired. Special thanks to Wounded Warriors Project for hosting – and to Edge4Vets partner companies, Dept of Veteran Services and NYC-SHRM for support.

**3 STEPS TO LAND A JOB – LEADING TO A CAREER!**

**1. REGISTER:**

IN-PERSON Workshop  
Thursday, Oct 26

**Lunch**

Noon to 1pm

**Workshop:**

1pm to 4pm

**2. PREP: Translate Military Skills**

Business mentors will provide you with personal support to translate your military skills for an "edge" to get hired.

**Hosted by:**

**Wounded Warriors Project**  
370 7th Ave, Suite 1802,  
New York, NY 10001

**3. FOLLOW UP**

After the session we'll give you access to our "Edge4Vets" ONLINE course and connect you to HR reps at our partner companies.

**VISIT - [Edge4Vets.org](http://Edge4Vets.org)**

Click here to **REGISTER** online

Or register on our website at **[Edge4Vets.org](http://Edge4Vets.org)**

See full details on how the program works at [edge4vets.org](http://edge4vets.org).  
Any questions? Contact Tom Murphy at [tom@edge4vets.org](mailto:tom@edge4vets.org).

Edge4Vets is offered by the Human Resiliency Institute at Fordham University (Gabelli School of Business)

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 26th, 2023 @12:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** *Wounded Warriors Project*

370 7th Ave, Suite 1802  
New York, NY 10001

[Register Here](#)

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## **A Message From Mayor Adams:**

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

Our city isn't just coming back – we're back. You can feel it - our streets are lively and vibrant, our theaters and hotels are full, and our subways are hitting new ridership records regularly. Here at DVS, we're empowering our Veteran entrepreneurs through programs like NYC Boss UP Veterans, a collaborative effort with the Department of Small Business Services (SBS), and the Ron and Kerry Moelis Family Foundation.



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*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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[Mayor Adams Visits Jewel Streets Neighborhood to Evaluate Flooding Impacts and Resiliency Infrastructure](#)

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[Mayor Adams Concludes Two-Day Summit on Fentanyl Crisis in America](#)

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[Mayor Adams, Governor Hochul Announce \\$38 Million for Asylum Seeker Legal Services and Case Management](#)



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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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## **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://www.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](#)
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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, under supervision, 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. To read more, visit the

posting [here!](#)

**Police Communications Technician** - Police Communications Technicians, working under direct supervision in the Police Department Communications Section, serve as 911 call-takers; obtain necessary information from callers in order to initiate emergency assistance; serve as radio dispatchers of police resources; view pictures, videos and listen to audio attachments sent via "Text to 911"; and perform clerical, administrative and other duties related to the provision of emergency service. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

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

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.

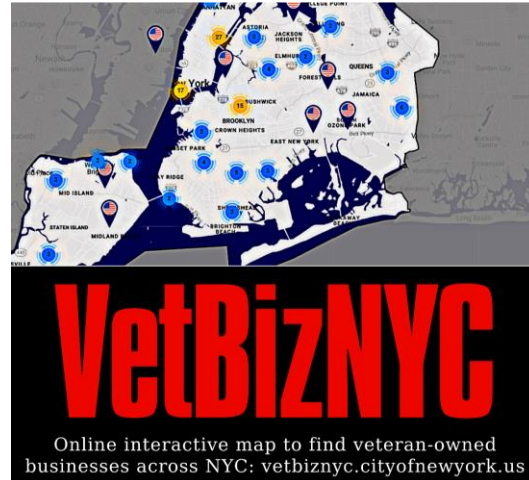
## **Empowering Veteran Business Owners**



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](http://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](#)

Stay tuned on our website [www.nyc.gov/vets](http://www.nyc.gov/vets) and social media platforms [@nycveterans](#), or via email at [connect@veterans.nyc.gov](mailto:connect@veterans.nyc.gov).