

# 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 **11:00pm** on **October 6th, 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. A virtual

information session will be held on **Friday, September 22, 11 am – 12 pm**. Interested applicants can [register on Eventbrite](#).

[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 Information Session  
Registration](#)

[NYC Boss Up Veteran Entrepreneurship Program Application](#)

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**The Wall That Heals: Join the Motorcycle Escort**

**THE WALL THAT HEALS**  
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICAS & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER  
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A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND  
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023  
TO  
OCTOBER 1, 2023

FLUSHING MEADOWS CORONA PARK  
131-04 MERIDIAN ROAD  
QUEENS, NY 11368

**NYC**  
Department of  
Veterans' Services





## RIDE WITH THE WALL THAT HEALS FROM STATEN ISLAND TO QUEENS!

**The Wall That Heals (TWTH)**, the official replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., will be on display in New York City from Sep 27 - Oct 1.

The trailer carrying TWTH will arrive in NYC on **Tuesday, Sep 26**. It will receive a **Motorcycle Escort** from Staten Island to its final destination at Flushing Meadows Corona Park. NYPD Highway will lead the escort.

### RIDE INFORMATION

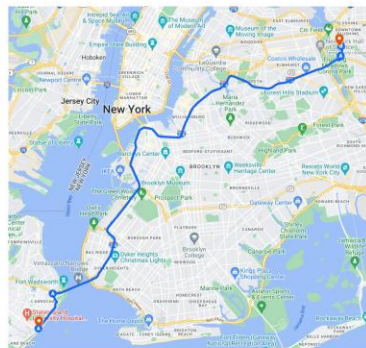
**MEETING TIME:** 11:30am, Tuesday, Sep 26

**START POINT:** Parking Lot 6, Father Capodanno Blvd, Staten Island (just north of Seaview Avenue)

**DEPARTURE:** 12:30pm SHARP

**ROUTE:** Over Verrazano Narrows Bridge, through Brooklyn, into Queens, via I-278 & I-495

**END POINT:** Behind the World Ice Arena, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens (131-04 Meridian Rd)



**TO SIGN UP, OR FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: [twthnyc2023@gmail.com](mailto:twthnyc2023@gmail.com)**

The **Nam Knights Motorcycle Club** is the lead coordinator for the Veteran contingent of the Escort.

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In two short weeks **The Wall That Heals** will finally arrive in New York City. In the lead up to its arrival in Flushing Meadows Corona Park it will receive a **Motorcycle Escort** on the afternoon of **September 26th** from Staten Island to its final

destination. If you are interested in joining the escort or have questions, reach out to [twthnyc2023@gmail.com](mailto:twthnyc2023@gmail.com).

**The Wall That Heals** is a traveling replica of the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial** in Washington D.C. and mobile education center that will be coming to Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queen this fall. The exhibit will be free and open to the public. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces during the Vietnam War.

The exhibit is a 3/4 scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., spanning 375 feet and measuring 7.5 feet at its apex. Over 58,000 names are inscribed on the wall with over 4,000 from New York State--including more than 1,700 hailing from New York City.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with visitor services and other aspects of the exhibition. If you are interested in volunteering, please click the corresponding button below to sign-up.

Stay tuned for updates as events and ceremonies will be planned as we get closer to the arrival date.

### **The Wall That Heals Visit to NYC**

 September 28th - October 1st

 Flushing Meadows Corona Park

131-04 Meridian Road, Queens, NY 11368

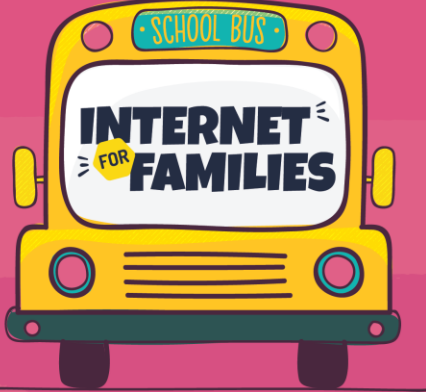

(The field on the southwest side of the World Ice Arena)

[Join The Wall That Heals Motorcycle Escort](#)

[Volunteer Registration Form for The Wall That Heals](#)

[Read More About The Wall That Heals](#)

## Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP): Back-to-School Edition



HELLO STUDENTS!  
DID YOU KNOW YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE

**\$30/MONTH OFF  
YOUR INTERNET BILL?**

with the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)?  
Thanks to the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law!

LEARN MORE AND APPLY NOW AT [GETINTERNET.GOV](https://getinternet.gov)

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) gives a discount on your household's monthly broadband internet service, if you are eligible. Participating broadband providers will apply this discount to your broadband plan.

If eligible, your household can receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (you will need to pay a copay between \$10 and \$50)

*Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household*

Your household may be eligible if someone in the household falls under just one of these criteria:

- If a household income is 200% or less than the federal poverty guideline (ex: at or less than \$35,775 for a household of 4)
- If you or your child or dependent participate in certain government assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, or other programs
- If you or your child or dependent already receives a Lifeline benefit
- If a child in your household attends an NYC public school that participates in the free or reduced lunch program (all NYC public schools do!)
- Note: You do not need to be a U.S. citizen to be eligible. If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), you can provide other documents.
- Note: Additionally, customers are not required to submit to a credit check.

### **How to Apply**

1. Go to [GetInternet.Gov](https://www.getinternet.gov) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.
  - a. Note: Enrollment is not complete until the provider confirms your plan.

Some providers may have an alternative application they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

More information on how to apply [can be found here](#) or by calling (877) 384-2575.

### **Get One-on-One Support with Brooklyn Public Library**

Need help with the application? Go to [bklynlib.org/home-internet](https://bklynlib.org/home-internet) for more information, including how to get one-on-one support with a Brooklyn Public Library Digital Navigator.

Register to attend one of [Brooklyn Public Library's workshops](#) or get one-on-one assistance from a BPL digital navigator located at participating libraries throughout Brooklyn. For more information, call the BPL ACP hotline at 718.230.2297 on Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am-5pm, or email them anytime at [digitalnavigator@bklynlibrary.org](mailto:digitalnavigator@bklynlibrary.org).

[Apply for Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#)

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## VETERAN NEWS

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### **Bradsher becomes first woman confirmed to VA's second-highest post**



By [Leo Shane III](#)

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Army veteran Tanya Bradsher will serve as the Department of Veterans Affairs [first confirmed female deputy secretary](#) after a 50-46 Senate vote on Tuesday finalized her nomination.

Bradsher, 53, has served as chief of staff to [VA Secretary Denis McDonough](#) since March 2021. The Iraq war veteran, who is Black, is also the first woman of color to ever hold the VA leadership post.

Tuesday's vote came almost two months after [Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, objected to her nomination](#) over concerns that she failed to protect personal information of VA whistleblowers during her duties as department chief of staff. The move was another in a long series of confirmation blockades by Republican lawmakers for defense and veterans posts this year.

But Senate Democratic leaders worked around Grassley's opposition to advance Bradsher's nomination. She is expected to be sworn into the post in the next few days.

"It is clear that she is qualified for the job and ready to hit the ground running to serve our nation's veterans," [Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jon Tester](#), D-Mont., said in a floor speech Monday night. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

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## **More Veteran-related Headlines**

**Politico:** [DOJ finds poor care at New Jersey state-run veterans homes during pandemic violated Constitution](#)

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**CBS News (Video):** [Actor Gary Sinise says there's still "tremendous need" to support veterans who served after 9/11 attacks](#)

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**NY Post:** [New York cannabis regulators opens pot licenses to disabled vets, women, minorities during legal battle: 'It's about time'](#)

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**Military.com:** ['Hundreds' of Service Members Are Being Solicited by China for Insider Info, Air Force Says](#)

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AXIOS: [Lawmakers make fresh push to cover fertility treatments for veterans](#)

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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.*

As our young people return to school this week, families should know that their city is doing everything we can to create a school system where every child can thrive because when we provide young people with a proper education, it not only keeps them in schools and off the streets, but it's how we keep our communities and city safe. That's why NYC DVS works to support and spread the word about educational support programs for military and veteran families—programs like the [VFW's Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Competition](#) and [Our Military Kids](#) which provide educational scholarships and funding.



*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, NYCEDC, Councilmember Hanks Double Down On Support For Staten Island's North Shore With New Action Plan](#)

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[Mayor Adams Announces Expedited Sprint to Identify Asylum Seekers Eligible to Apply for Work Permits](#)

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[Mayor Adams, DOT Commissioner Rodriguez Unveil Action Plan With Innovative Tools to Reimagine City's Curb Space](#)

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## **Weill Cornell Medicine and New York-Presbyterian Research Study**

# Have You Been Affected by Military Sexual Assault?

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for use  
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## If you experience:

- repetitive unwanted memories
- sleep problems or nightmares
- difficulty concentrating
- nervousness, jumpiness, or anxiety

You may be eligible to participate in a research study comparing two kinds of therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to military sexual trauma (MST).

For more information  
or if you're interested in  
participating, please call  
**212-821-0783**

Scan here



or visit [bit.ly/wcmmst](https://bit.ly/wcmmst)

The information discussed during sessions is completely confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of this research study.



**Weill Cornell  
Medicine**

WCM IRB #14-09015511

[Learn More About The Study](#)



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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 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.

**Transition Services Manager** - Each year, 3,000 to 5,000 out of the approximately 200,000 Service Members who leave active duty status globally begins their civilian lives, schooling, and / or careers in New York City. The larger goals of the Transition Services Manager are to: 1) increase the number of Veterans -- and Veteran family members -- who move to NYC after their military service; 2) maximize the extent to which transitioning Service Members who reside in NYC take advantage of all of the benefits, programs, and opportunities that are available to them; and 3) serve as a coordinating resource for new NYC Veteran community members on matters specific to education and employment.

**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.

**Special Assistant** - The Special Assistant will exercise full responsibility over the management and execution of administrative tasks as they relate to supporting the Executive Team, specifically, the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Chief of Staff. In collaboration with senior leadership, the Special Assistant will also coordinate project workstreams and track deliverables as assigned. The Special Assistant will be expected to work independently and take initiative, as needed, under the leadership and supervision of the Commissioner and Chief of Staff.

## **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**

**Accountant** - Accountants, under supervision, perform professional accounting work of moderate difficulty and responsibility internally in City agencies or in conducting field audits and investigations; work independently or with others in executing responsible



accounting assignments following prescribed rules of procedure. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

**Associate Inspector (Highways and Sewers)** - Associate Inspectors (Highways and Sewers), under general supervision, perform supervisory work in the inspection of construction, repair and maintenance of roads, sewers and appurtenances, pavements and sidewalks. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

**Police Administrative Aide** - Police Administrative Aides, under supervision, with some latitude for independent action, initiative or decision, perform responsible and difficult clerical, typing, word processing and data entry tasks in a police station or other department unit, command or office. 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](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).