

Kick off the New School Year at the VOC Back to School BBQ!

VETERANS ON CAMPUS
BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

- Cornhole Tournament
- Live DJ & Performances

September 10, 2022
 Fordham Lincoln Center Campus
 113 West 60 St. NY, NY 10023
 4-8pm

Covid Vaccinations+ Booster Required

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Welcome back to school, Student Veterans!

Veterans on Campus (VOC) is starting off the school year with a Back to School BBQ!

From cornhole tournaments to a live DJ, many activities await at this unique and fun way to bring the community together.

Enjoy fresh-from-the-grill hotdogs, burgers, and American classics at the VOC Back to School BBQ on September 10 from 4 pm-8 pm at the [Fordham Lincoln Center Campus!](#)

Crisis Intercept Mapping for SMVF Suicide Prevention





September is Suicide Awareness Month and we all know that crisis care for Veterans, service members, and their families (SMVF) requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach.

The [NYC Department of Veterans' Services](#) participated in the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Session for military, civilian, medical and behavioral health professionals, first responders, and policymakers on August 22 at [Bronx Community College](#). Led by the [Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance \(SMVF TA\) Center](#) of the Substance Abuse and [Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), the session helped community stakeholders visualize at-risk Veterans' need for support in a multitude of areas.

Eligible Veterans have a unique source of healthcare available through the [VA](#). However, more than half of eligible Veterans do not use Veterans Affairs benefits, instead seeking care in community settings. To bridge the gap, participants, including [Bronx Community College President Thomas Iskenegbe, PhD](#) and [DVS Commissioner James Hendon](#), created an SMVF crisis intercept map to trace out the crisis care system in the Bronx.

The mapping tool identified four key "intercept points" for diverting at-risk SMVF to effective prevention and support services: First Contact, Acute Care, Care Transitions, and Ongoing Treatment and Recovery Support. With the guidance of three expert facilitators, participants identified implementation strategies to improve crisis services for at-risk SMVF in New York City.

DVS looks forward to continuing this collaborative workshop series and invites local providers to join future meetings. If you are a local mental healthcare provider or community-based organization interested in helping to develop a coordinated approach to prevent Veteran suicide, please reach out to DVS Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Partnerships Ellen Greeley at egreeley@veterans.nyc.gov.

If you are a Veteran in need of mental health resources, visit nyc.gov/vethealth for information about programs and services. You can also complete a VetConnectNYC service request to get connected with our office. If you are experiencing crisis, dial [988](#) and press 1 for the Veteran Crisis Line.

Partner Spotlight: PsychArmor





Military servicemembers, Veterans, and their families have unique needs that require a culturally competent approach.

A leading provider for military cultural awareness, [PsychArmor](#) is on a mission to train the nation. PsychArmor is a not-for-profit organization that provides free education and training to Americans to engage effectively with the military community. PsychArmor is dedicated to offering critical resources for those who provide care for our nation's Veterans and servicemembers.

The national nonprofit bridges the civilian-military gap through education, providing online courses at zero cost on a wide range of topics that can broaden knowledge for caregivers, teachers, healthcare professionals, employers, volunteers, and all non-military Americans.

With over 250 courses free to individual learners, including popular courses like [Stress First Aid: Caring for Veterans](#), [Supporting Veteran-Owned Businesses](#), and [Networking for Military Spouses](#), PsychArmor provides critical information for members of every community.

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!

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Being part of our team is a great way to continue to serve. The [NYC Department of Veterans' Services \(DVS\)](#) empowers communities with Veteran talent, skills, and preparedness. Join us in serving again - your community.

See below for current job openings at DVS:

Current DVS Job Openings

Budget Director

Are you well-versed in financial planning? Applications are being reviewed for the Budget Director. Submit your application via the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Burials Care Coordinator

Help honor our Veterans who have passed on. Candidates are being considered for the Burials Coordinator. Apply through the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Director of Mental Health & Care Coordination Unit

Are you dedicated to improving the lives of Veterans by connecting them to resources and expert care providers? Applicants are being considered for the Director of Mental Health & Care Coordination Unit. Submit your application through the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Veteran Benefits Coordinator - Staten Island

Help Veterans receive the benefits they have earned! Applications for the Veteran Benefits Coordinator are under review. Complete your application via the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Department of Veterans' Services College Aide

Students interested in a new career as a Department of Veterans' Services College Aide can apply online on the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Protect Your City! NYPD is Hiring!



Do your part to keep all New Yorkers safe! Join the the [New York City Police Department \(NYPD\)](#)!

The NYPD has a variety of uniformed and civilian positions.

See below for open competitive NYPD exam highlights:

Open Competitive NYPD Exams

Police Officer

Are you dedicated to public safety and controlling crime? Applications for the Police Officer will be processed until September 30. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Police Administrative Aide

Are you looking to start a career in law enforcement? Applications for the Police Administrative Aide are being processed. To sign up for the exam, click [here](#).

VetConnectPro: A First-in-the-Nation Employment Tool



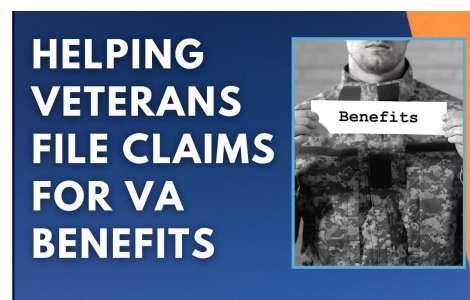
[VetConnectPro](#), is a new employment tool designed to help Veterans find employment within NYC government. The platform features a military skills translator that can match your service experience and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and get started today:

nyc.gov/vetconnectpro.

Programs and Initiatives

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



To request claims support, visit VetConnectNYC.org.



preferred service.

Our Fight to End Veteran Homelessness



Over the past five years, our [Housing Support Services \(HSS\)](#) team has found homes for over 1,000 formerly unhoused Veterans. Click [here](#) to learn more about DVS's efforts to end chronic homelessness among Veterans in New York City.

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.



Veterans Voices Project: Changing the Narrative of Veterans

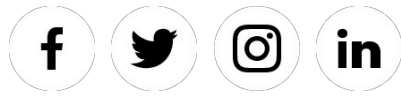


Administered by the [NYC Department of Veterans' Services](#), the [Veteran Voices Project \(VVP\)](#) is an oral history initiative designed to preserve the stories of New York City's Veterans across all military branches and service areas. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/vetvoices](#).

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