

NYC WELL: NYC's 24/7 Mental Health Helpline



[NYC WELL](#) is the City's comprehensive mental health hotline. NYC Well is an easy way to connect to counseling, crisis intervention, peer support and referrals to care. If you are in crisis or would like emotional support now, call 1-888-NYC-WELL (888-692-9355), text WELL to 65173, or click [here](#) to chat.

NYC WELL counselors are trained to provide care to NYC Veterans. Counselors are equipped to help returning Veterans and Veterans who experience PTSD. Counselors work with a large database to find appropriate and effective mental health care for military Veterans. NYC WELL helps NYC Veterans reach the Veteran mental health services and programs available to them.

If you are a Veteran seeking mental health care, [click here](#) to access the [NYC Department of Veteran Services' Veteran Resource Guide](#). Our [Veteran Resource Guide](#) offers information on NYC VA centers, the [VA New York Harbor Healthcare System](#), the [VA Bronx Healthcare System](#), and mental health clinics at VA community-based outpatient clinics in Manhattan, Staten Island, and Queens. For additional mental health resources, you can visit our [Mental and Behavioral Health webpage](#).

You can also connect to the [Veterans Crisis Line](#): Dial (800) 273-8255 or call 988 then press 1, text 838255, or chat online at veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat.

Honor and Remember: SAR Flag



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Nearly 18 Veterans a day die by suicide on American soil.

The Suicide Awareness and Remembrance (SAR) Flag honors and forever remembers those Veterans and Active Military lost to Veteran suicide. In addition to raising awareness, the SAR Flag honors, respects, and unites the families of Veterans and servicemembers lost to suicide.

Air Force Veteran Kevin Hertell constructed the flag. Hertell, a member of [American Legion Post 336](#) in Glendwood Landing, NY, created the flag in 2019 and started conducting outreach for support. He incorporated design elements of the POW and Gold Star Mothers Flags into his black and yellow SAR Flag. The black is a symbol of mourning and the gold represents the Veteran or servicemember who died by suicide. "Honor the fallen," the flag reads at the bottom.

The SAR Flag is an emblem of hope to living Veterans and Active Military. The flag shows America's brave we care as a nation and they are not alone.

Hertell is actively working with New York State as well as the Federal Government to annually recognize September 22 as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

As the POW/MIA Flag raised our nation's consciousness of those who are still missing in action, Hertel too hopes his SAR Flag will help accomplish this.

National Hispanic Heritage Month: Honoring

Hispanic Americans in the Military



During National Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, the U.S. government celebrates the innumerable contributions of more than 60 million Hispanic Americans, Latinos, Latinas, and Latinx-identifying people to our culture and society. Americans reflect on and recognize the powerful voices, resilient communities, and deep historical roots of Latino culture, a vibrant culture that has shaped America. As we pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have enriched our nation and vitalized our democracy, we affirm that diversity is one of country's greatest strengths.

Throughout U.S. history, Hispanic Americans have served with courage and valor in all branches of our nation's military. From the American Revolutionary War to today's War on Terror, Americans with heritage from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America have risked their lives in defense of the United States. 61 servicemembers of Hispanic heritage have been awarded the [Medal of Honor](#), the nation's highest decoration for valor under enemy fire.

Latino patriots are joining the military in record numbers. Today Hispanic Americans make up 16 percent of all active-duty military personnel, according to the [U.S. Department of Defense](#). Hispanic Americans continue to play a pivotal role in U.S. military history and their ranks continue to grow.

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!





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

Human Resources Generalist

Are you passionate about people? Applications are being processed for the Human Resources Generalist. Submit your application via the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Budget Director

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

Procurement Analyst

Do you have strong analytical and reporting skills? Applications are being evaluated for the Procurement Analyst. Submit your application to the [NYC Jobs Portal](#).

Burials Care Coordinator

Honor Veterans who have passed on. Applications are under review for the Burials Care Coordinator. Send 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](#).

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams





You served your country. Now serve your city!

Do your part to keep the city running! The [NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services \(DCAS\)](#) makes City government work for all New Yorkers.

There are many diverse career opportunities with NYC DCAS.

Veterans are no longer required to pay application fees for NYC Civil Service examinations.

See below for open competitive NYC Civil Service exam highlights:

Open Competitive Exams

Child Protective Specialist

Are you passionate about social work? Applications for the Child Protective Specialist will be processed until September 27. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Construction Laborer

Do you have the abilities and knowledge to complete physical labor on construction sites? Applications for the Construction Laborer are being processed until September 27. To sign up for the exam, click [here](#).

Inspector (Construction)

Are you driven to support and strengthen construction management and inspection? Applications for the Inspector (Construction) are being reviewed until September 27. To apply to take the exam, click [here](#).

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

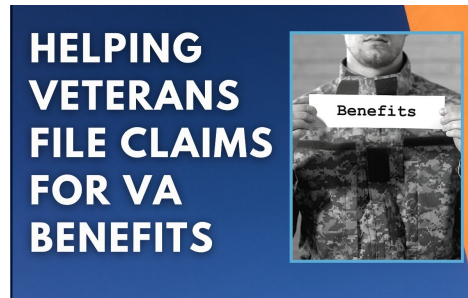


[VetConnectPro](#), is a new employment tool designed to help Veterans find employment within NYC government. The platform features a military skills translator that can match your service experience and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and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



To request claims support, visit [VetConnectNYC.org](#).



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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- Complete the services request form at vetconnectnyc.org
- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)

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