

DVS Hosts Furniture Build-a-Thon for Formerly Unhoused Veterans



This past weekend, the [NYC Department of Veterans' Services](#), in partnership with the

[Fuller Center for Housing](#), hosted a Furniture Build-A-Thon for formerly unhoused Veterans. On Saturday, July 9, nearly 40 tireless volunteers came out to build furniture for Vets, constructing a total of 37 tables, and countless chairs and stools.

We were honored to be joined by prominent community leaders, including New York City Council Member Eric Donowitz, who pitched in to help.

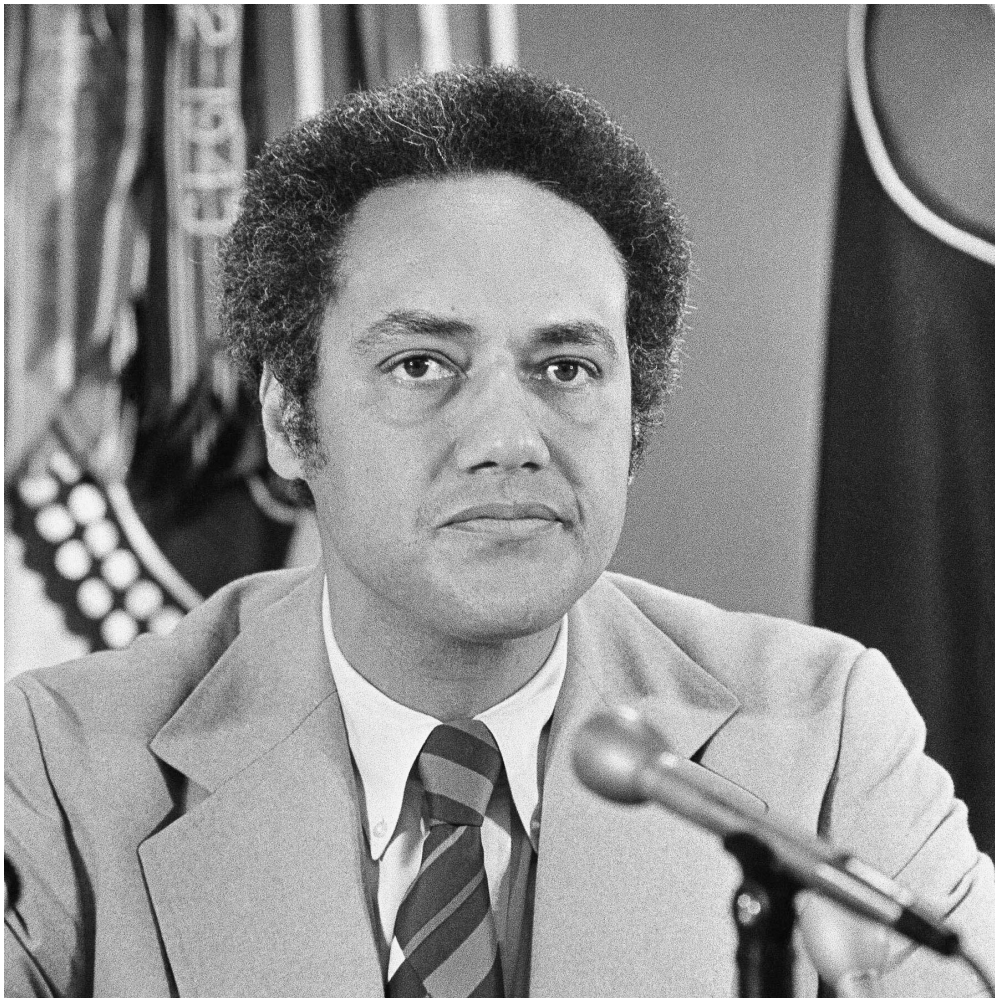
Our work was made possible by corporate sponsors PenFed Foundation and U-Haul thanks to their generous support.

To all of our volunteers, thank you so much for supporting a great cause!

Please join us for our next Furniture Build-A-Thon, which will be held on **Saturday, July, 23 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on the JFK High School campus at 99 Terrace View Ave in the Bronx.**

For more information, please email norlando@veterans.nyc.gov or call (646) 818-0289.

Remembering Clifford Alexander



Earlier this month, we lost a very special person to many. Clifford Alexander, the first Black Secretary of the United States Army, passed away on July 3 at the age of 88. Mr. Alexander saw his role as Secretary of the Army as a major extension of the civil rights movement, spending his career battling racial discrimination in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The longtime public servant, lawyer, and businessman helped shape the history of civil rights in the U.S. He helped draft the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits racial discrimination in voting, and other milestones of the civil rights movement.

Take a Civil Service Exam for Free!



Joining the civil service is a great way to continue serving your country while earning a respectable living.

Veterans can take [NYC civil service exams](#) for free! Sign up to take an exam today!

See below for current open competitive exam highlights:

Open Competitive Exams

Child and Family Specialist

Are you passionate about making a difference within the lives of children and families? Applications for the Child and Family Specialist Exam will be accepted through July 26. Click [here](#) to apply to take the exam.

Water Use Inspector

Do you have an eye for inspection management? Veterans interested in a new career as a Water Use Inspector can register for the civil service exam until July 26. To sign up for the exam, click [here](#).

Mechanical Engineering Intern

Gain hands-on experience applying physics to model, analyze, and design mechanical and energy systems. Applications for the Mechanical Engineering Intern Exam will be processed until July 26. Click [here](#) to register for the exam.

Upcoming Mental Health Programs for Veterans

In addition to [mental health resources](#), see below for upcoming programs for Veterans:

De-Cruit: Performing Health and Well-Being



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DE-CRUIT®

We were **recruited** and wired for war, but never **de-cruited** and rewired for society

WHAT IS DE-CRUIT?

DE-CRUIT is a veteran-led, nationally recognized program that uses techniques from theatre arts and verses from Shakespeare to support healthy and productive lives for military veterans

NEXT SESSION IN NYC:
Mondays at 6pm-9pm
JULY 18-AUG 22, 2022

No background in Shakespeare is necessary. We welcome all veterans!

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EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES \$200 FOR COMPLETION OF THE FULL PROGRAM!



[De-Cruit](#) is a Veteran-led program that uses theater techniques to support healthy, productive lives for military Vets. The one-of-a-kind free program pays Veteran participants \$200 for taking the stage.

The program offers Monday night theater art workshops from July 18 to August 22.

For more information, please email alisha.ali@nyu.edu.

Equine Therapy for Military Veterans





The Military Family Wellness Center at [NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital](#) and [Columbia University](#) is providing free equine therapy for Veterans with PTSD. To learn more about the Man O' War project, click [here](#).

To schedule an appointment, please call (646) 774-8104 or email anna.fisch@nyspi.columbia.edu.

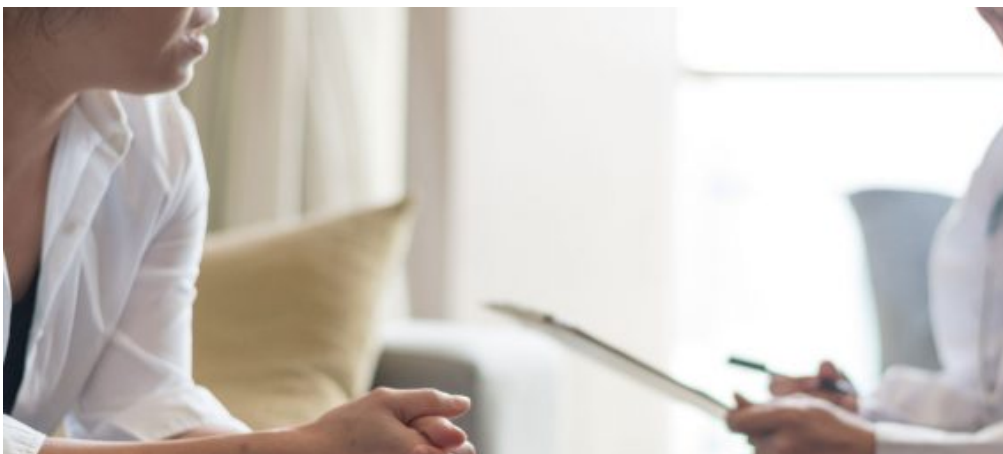
MST Research Study Participation Opportunity



If you are having difficulties related to Military Sexual Trauma (MST), you may be eligible to participate in a research study from [Weill Cornell Medicine](#).

Participants that qualify to be in the study will receive free MST treatment and be compensated for completing assessments (up to \$325). To learn more, please call (212) 821-0783.

Workshop for Mental Health Providers: Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories (RTM)





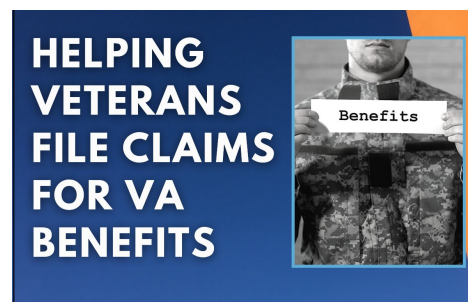
Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories (RTM) is a therapeutic intervention for people with PTSD that works to separate traumatic feelings from memories. RTM training will be held in July for mental health professionals looking to incorporate RTM into their clinical practice as well as graduate students interested in learning more about this effective intervention technique.

Licensed professionals can receive 21 Continuing Education Units for completing this training. Full-tuition scholarships are available. To register and learn more, click [here](#).

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](#).



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.

Mission: VetCheck: An Aid to Veterans

[Mission: VetCheck](#) volunteers make check-in calls to Veterans throughout the five boroughs. Dedicated volunteers provide Veterans with information regarding vital public services, including free meals, information on COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, and mental health resources. To volunteer with [Mission: VetCheck](#) or request a check-in call, [click here](#).



MISSION:
VetCheck *Let Us Move Forward Together*

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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