

Holiday Toy Drive (Toys for Tots)

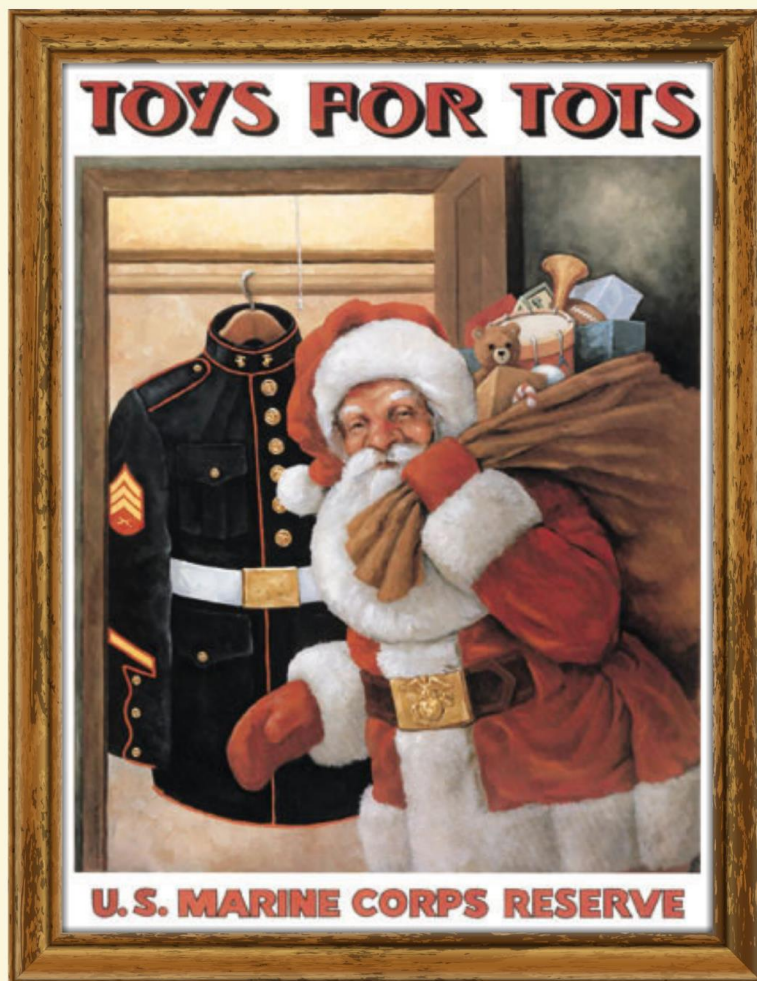


Holiday Toy Drive

Help make the holiday season merry and bright for the girls and boys in our community.

DVS will be accepting donations of unwrapped toys for children of all ages.

The last day to make donations will be December 20, 2023 by 4:00PM at 1 Centre Street, Suite 2213, New York, NY 10007



Our agency will be participating in Toys for Tots this holiday season in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve! We are inviting the community to drop off new, unwrapped toys at our main office in the Municipal Building (22nd Floor, Suite 2213) between now and Wednesday, December 20th. Official Toys for Tots boxes will be onsite to hold donated items.

There are many New Yorkers who need help this holiday season, and T4T is a great way to show support for our fellow neighbors—and ensure the Marines accomplish their mission!

📅 Ends Wednesday, December 20, 2023

🕒 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

📍 Municipal Building (1 Centre Street, 22nd Floor, Suite 2213)

Advance Movie Screening for NYC Veterans!




On behalf of Universal Pictures & Royal Court Sigma of Mu Beta Phi Military Fraternity Inc. Veterans in NYC are invited to attend a special advance screening of the upcoming animated adventure comedy MIGRATION. The film follows the 🦆 Mallard 🦆 family, a family of ducks, on their adventure to NYC.

The movie passes are first come, first serve! To download the passes, click the button

below and fill out the necessary info. <https://gofobo.com/MigrationRCS>

 Saturday, December 9th

 11:00 AM

 AMC Lincoln Square 13 (on Broadway)

The Mallard family is in a bit of rut. While dad Mack is content to keep his family safe paddling around their New England pond forever, mom Pam is eager to shake things up and show their kids—teen son Dax and duckling daughter Gwen—the whole wide world. After a migrating duck family alights on their pond with thrilling tales of far-flung places, Pam persuades Mack to embark on a family trip, via New York City, to tropical Jamaica.

As the Mallards make their way South for the winter, their well-laid plans quickly go awry. The experience will inspire them to expand their horizons, open themselves up to new friends and accomplish more than they ever thought possible, while teaching them more about each other—and themselves—than they ever imagined.

[Get Your Movie Passes](#)

Wreaths Across America: Cypress Hills National Cemetery (NYCHNB)



Next **Saturday, December 16, 2022 at 12:00 pm**, Wreaths Across America will be at [Cypress Hills National Cemetery](#) to Remember and Honor Veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

If you are interested in participating as a sponsor or would like to volunteer in the wreath laying ceremony at [Cypress Hills National Cemetery](#), click on the "Sponsor a Wreath or Volunteer" button below or visit [Wreaths Across America](#) for more information about the mission.

What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? It means you'll honor an American hero at one of more than 2,800 locations nationwide this year on Wreaths Across America Day. Your sponsorship will ensure that a wreath is hand-crafted of all-American balsam and hand-tied with a red velvet bow here in Columbia Falls, Maine. It will then be sent to one of our participating locations, where a volunteer will place it on the marker of a fallen hero. That volunteer will then "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice of that veteran is never forgotten.

What does it mean to volunteer? It means you'll honor an American hero by placing a wreath on the marker of a fallen hero. You will then "say their name" to

ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice of that veteran is never forgotten.

History of Cypress Hills National Cemetery:

Cypress Hills National Cemetery, established in 1862, holds the distinction of being the first and largest national cemetery in New York City. Stretching 18 acres, it is the final resting place for some 27,000 individuals, spanning from the American Revolution to the Vietnam War. Among those interred are 24 Medal of Honor recipients, including three who received the honor twice. Last year's wreath-laying ceremony saw the placement of 6,048 wreaths, honoring the legacy and sacrifice of those interred there.

[Sponsor a Wreath or Volunteer](#)

Credentialing and Military Job Translator through DOD COOL



Department of Defense (DOD) Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is the result of extensive inter-Service collaboration to facilitate credentialing of Service members. All Services recognize the important role that occupational credentials

can play in professionalizing the Force and in enhancing the Service member's ability to transition to the civilian workforce upon completion of military service. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard each have their own Service-specific COOL programs designed to match military occupations to civilian credentials (occupational certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships) and provide resources to help Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen attain these credentials. The Services disseminate this information on their own COOL websites. DOD COOL is the umbrella site providing a single point of access to the Services' COOL websites.

In addition, DOD COOL includes the following features:

- DOD Civilian COOL — Built from the same mold as its sister sites, DOD Civilian COOL helps federal civilian employees find detailed information on certifications and licenses related to their federal jobs. They can also use DOD Civilian COOL to get background information on credentialing and related topics.
- Military Occupations Explorer — Learn how military occupations related to each other among the military branches, to civilian occupations and to civilian credentials.

The COOL initiatives began in 2002 when the Army launched the first COOL web site. In 2006, the Army and Navy entered into an agreement to allow for collaboration on COOL for Soldiers and Sailors. The Navy launched its COOL web site in 2006, and the Marine Corps and Air Force joined the COOL Team and launched their own sites in 2014. In 2019, the Coast Guard and DOD Civilian sites completed the COOL team.

The collaboration among the Services in implementing their COOL programs is in keeping with Department of Defense guidance to the Services to realize potential future savings and attain greater efficiency and effectiveness by combining joint functionality.

[Learn More About DOD COOL](#)

VETERAN NEWS

Elected leaders push for more funding to assist New York Veterans



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By: News 12 Staff and [Brittany Cadet](#)

Bronx veterans gathered at the Throggs Neck Memorial Post American Legion on Sunday to learn about plans that will provide resources to New York's veterans.

Veterans like Phillip Cremins who served in the Army during the Vietnam War, participated in the event.

He says he was one of the lucky ones who have not had trouble navigating benefits programs as a veteran – however it hasn't been easy for

others. Across the country, 4.9 million veterans have service-connected disabilities and according to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, veterans with disabilities are disproportionately homeless.

Elected officials say they will be pushing to get the assistance veterans need.

"It's billions of dollars that are now available for these veterans," said the senator. "We think 3.5 million veterans are eligible. We'll combine that funding with the money that we got from the PACT Act." [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

Stars and Stripes: [‘Every bit of what I remembered’: Iraq War veteran with terminal cancer fires tank for last time](#)

VA | News: [No Veteran Dies Alone – Compassion and dignity in life’s final moments](#)

NY Post: [Veteran who claims George Santos stole thousands from dying dog’s GoFundMe said she’s ‘smiling from heaven’ over House expulsion](#)

Fox News: [World War II veteran, 103, returns to Pearl Harbor 82 years after Japan’s attack to honor fallen comrades](#)

CBS News: [Why are wounded veterans less likely to qualify for government housing?](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

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

Make no mistake: New York City is in tough financial times. The combination of the end of federal COVID-19 stimulus money, the rising costs of the asylum seeker crisis, and labor contracts that went years without being negotiated have meant that we've had to stretch your tax dollars as far as they can go. Here at DVS, we're working with our partners at all levels of government to protect taxpayer dollars while continuing to deliver the vital services New York City Veterans and others rely on.



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)

[Mayor Adams' Statement on Impact of Incident at Temple Israel in Albany on New York City](#)

[Mayor Adams Announces Allocation on new Opioid Settlement Funds to Staten Island to Expand Lifesaving Care](#)

[Mayor Adams Names Leila Bozorg As Executive Director For Housing, Launches Housing-At-Risk Task Force To Save Affordable Housing Projects](#)



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 with a brief bio, an artist statement, art medium, and your affiliation to the Veteran community.

First virtual National Military Veterans Artist Network Symposium

The **Virtual** Military Veterans Artist Network Symposium

Thursday, January 25
1:00—4:00 pm EST

Register at zoomto.me/uZmzo



THE ART
STUDENTS
LEAGUE
OF NEW YORK

The first virtual National Military Veterans Artist Network Symposium is happening next month! This forum is hosted by Americans for the Arts and the Art Students League of New York with multiple distinguished guest speakers. Whether you're a—professional who has been in the industry for years, artist beginning your career, individual who has artistic interests or looking to heal through artistic expression—this symposium can provide you with the tools you need to further your artistic journey.

This summit offers: an introduction to the legacy of Veterans in America's modern and contemporary art history, an introduction to government and private sector

entities looking to support you, networking with fellow artists and professionals in your desired field, discussing "decrutment" and the transition to civilian life, as well as tips and tricks to make a career in the arts sustainable.

📅 Thursday, January 25th 2024
🕒 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST
🔑 Zoom Meeting

[Register for Symposium](#)

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.](#)

Site Reliability Engineer - The Site Reliability 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.

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](#)

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:

- Resume
- Job Specific Cover Letter
- Supporting Documents found in the Job Description

[Check Here for VA Work-Study Postings](#)

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



Open Competitive Exams

Laboratory Microbiologist - Laboratory Microbiologists, under general supervision, perform scientific laboratory work of a routine technical nature with some exercise of independent judgment and initiative in accordance with the provisions of the New York City Health Code. View the full job description [here!](#)

Administrative Park and Recreation Manager - This is a management class of positions with several assignment levels. Administrative Park and Recreation Managers, under general direction, with varying degrees of latitude for the exercise of independent judgment, are responsible for maintenance and operations, technical services and/or recreation programs, projects and activities for various Parks and Recreation properties and facilities; and drive to and within various Parks locations. View the full job description [here!](#)

Bridge Operator - Bridge Operators, under direct supervision, assist in the operation, care and maintenance of a movable bridge. View the full job description [here!](#)

To view all available 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.



nyc.gov/vetjobs: Veteran-specific Employment Resources



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**VETERAN-SPECIFIC
EMPLOYMENT
RESOURCES**



Central to the agency's mission is our commitment to serving veterans who are looking for meaningful employment and opportunities to advance economically. DVS ensures that transitioning veterans receive access to the resources they need to start a new career in NYC.

Visit nyc.gov/vetjobs for veteran-specific job boards, vocational training programs, career fair listings, professional mentorship opportunities, and other employment resources.

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.

Contact Us

- Complete a service request form at vetconnectnyc.org
- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)
- [Event Request Form](#)

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