

The Wall That Heals | Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 32 Designated Official Host Delegation



QUEENS, NY - This week, NYC's Department of Veterans' Services met with **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 32** to kickoff our community engagement efforts ahead of the upcoming visit of **The Wall That Heals**. As the exhibit will be in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, and considering VVA 32's long history of activity in the Veteran community, logistical execution, and proximity to the site, it was important for us to hear from them first. We look forward to our continued outreach within the community to ensure The Wall That Heals' stay in NYC is a success.

The Wall That Heals Comes to NYC

 September 28, 2023 to October 1, 2023

 Flushing Meadows Corona Park

131-04 Meridian Road

Queens, NY 11368

(The field behind the World Ice Arena)

What is The Wall That Heals?

[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 NYC 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.

New Yorkers will be able to experience the memorial by visiting, taking pictures, and even submitting the names of their Vietnam Veteran loved ones who have since passed to the accompanying "[In Memory Project](#)".

We are seeking volunteers to help with visitor services. If interested in volunteering, please email connect@veterans.nyc.gov.

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

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

[Submit Your Loved Ones to the In Memory Project Here](#)

[Volunteer to Help with The Wall That Heals](#)

**The Bridge Project | Solving Child Poverty in NY
Applications Open!**

THE BRIDGE PROJECT

Let's get cash in the hands of those who need it the most.

**NO CONDITIONS,
NO QUESTIONS ASKED.**



The Bridge Project is a 501(c)3 organization which seeks to solve child poverty in New York. Launched in June 2021 by [The Monarch Foundation](#), it is New York's first consistent, **unconditional cash allowance program**. The program supports **healthy development for babies** during their first 1,000 days of life by providing their mothers with consistent, unconditional cash on a biweekly basis for **three years**.

Mothers in the program receive up to **\$1,000 a month**, unconditionally, **for 36 months**. A portion of the program is a randomized control trial in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Guaranteed Income Research. All together, the efforts will result in 1,100 babies receiving an unconditional cash allowance.

Accepting Applications!

Requirements:

- **Be 18 years old or older**
- **Be 23 weeks pregnant or less with your first child**
- **Have an annual household income under \$52,000**
- **Live in an eligible zip code in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, or the City of Rochester:**
 - **Central Brooklyn:** 11203, 11205, 11206, 11207, 11208, 11212, 11213, 11216, 11221, 11225, 11226, 11233, 11236, 11237, 11239
 - **Queens:** 11102, 11103, 11105, 11106, 11354, 11355, 11358, 11368, 11369, 11370, 11372, 11373, 11432, 11433, 11434, 11435, 11436

- **North Shore of Staten Island:** 10301 (except Sunnyside), 10302, 10303, 10304 (North of S. Island Expressway), 10305 (North of S. Island Expressway), 10310
- **Rochester:** 14604, 14605, 14606, 14607, 14608, 14609, 14610, 14611, 14612, 14613, 14614, 14615, 14619, 14620, 14621

For more information, visit their website [here!](#)

Apply by Filling Out Their Interest Form Here!

PACT Act Enrollment Event

PACT Act Enrollment Event at VA New York Harbor



Friday, July 21st
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
St. Albans CLC
179-00 Linden Blvd
Queens, NY 11425



Under the new 2022 PACT Act Veterans may be eligible for new or enhanced health care benefits. Come learn more at our enrollment event.

For more information or questions about eligibility, please contact our eligibility offices:

Brooklyn VAMC: (718) 836-6600 ext. 6534
Manhattan VAMC: (212) 686-7500 ext. 3691

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

 Friday, July 21, 2023

 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

 St. Albans CLC, 179-00 Linden Blvd

Queens, New York 11425

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Journey Onward: Military Veterans' Experiences

A Veteran-curated exhibit of military Veterans' art and words



"Chrysl" Created by: Jessica Putnam-Phillips (U.S. Air Force) - Porcelain

As part of Salmagundi Club of New York's on-going dialogue with the military community, "Journeys Onward" is a powerful and inspiring exhibition that showcases the art and accompanying words of military Veterans or their family members, shedding light on their unique experiences, both shared and individual.

Curated by Omar Columbus, a U.S. Air Force Veteran and photographer, and Paul M. Murray, an award-winning photographer and son of two WWII Veterans, the 2023 exhibit includes about 100 works across many mediums from over 35 veteran artists. This year's

effort is a significant expansion of the successful 2020 and 2022 “Journeys Onward” shows hosted at the Salmagundi Club.

Salmagundi Club of New York

Rockwell Gallery

📍 47 Fifth Avenue @ 12th Street in Greenwich Village, NYC

📅 June 26th - July 28th (2023)

🕒 Weekdays: 1 PM - 6 PM Weekends: 1 PM - 5 PM

Exhibiting Artists

Jesse Albrecht; Kasse Andrews-Weller; Alex Angel; Gayle Blumenthal; Paul Bouchard; Steve Bowersock; Omar Columbus; Peter Damon; Sean Davis; Michael Day; David DeMelim; Robert Easton; Ron Erickson; Jim Fallon; Gina Herrera; Beth Johnston; Todd Kruse; Paul Landgraf; Angelo Marinosci, Jr.; Joseph McKay; Elize McKelvey; Philip Milio; Phyllis Thomas Miller; Ian Mohon; Laura Moorehead; Walt Nygard; Mark Oldland; Jessica Putnam-Phillips; Skip Rohde; Bill Schinsky; Ken Steinkamp; Michael Stricklin; Scott Suitts; Ehren Tool; Jason Turner; Clark Williamson



The art of exhibiting veteran artists Laura Moorehead, Jessica Putnam-Phillips, Ian Mohon, Steve Bowersock, Elize McKelvey, Jason Turner, Mark Oldland, Ehren Tool, and Todd Kruse is shown above from the top left.

[More Information from the Salmagundi Club Here](#)

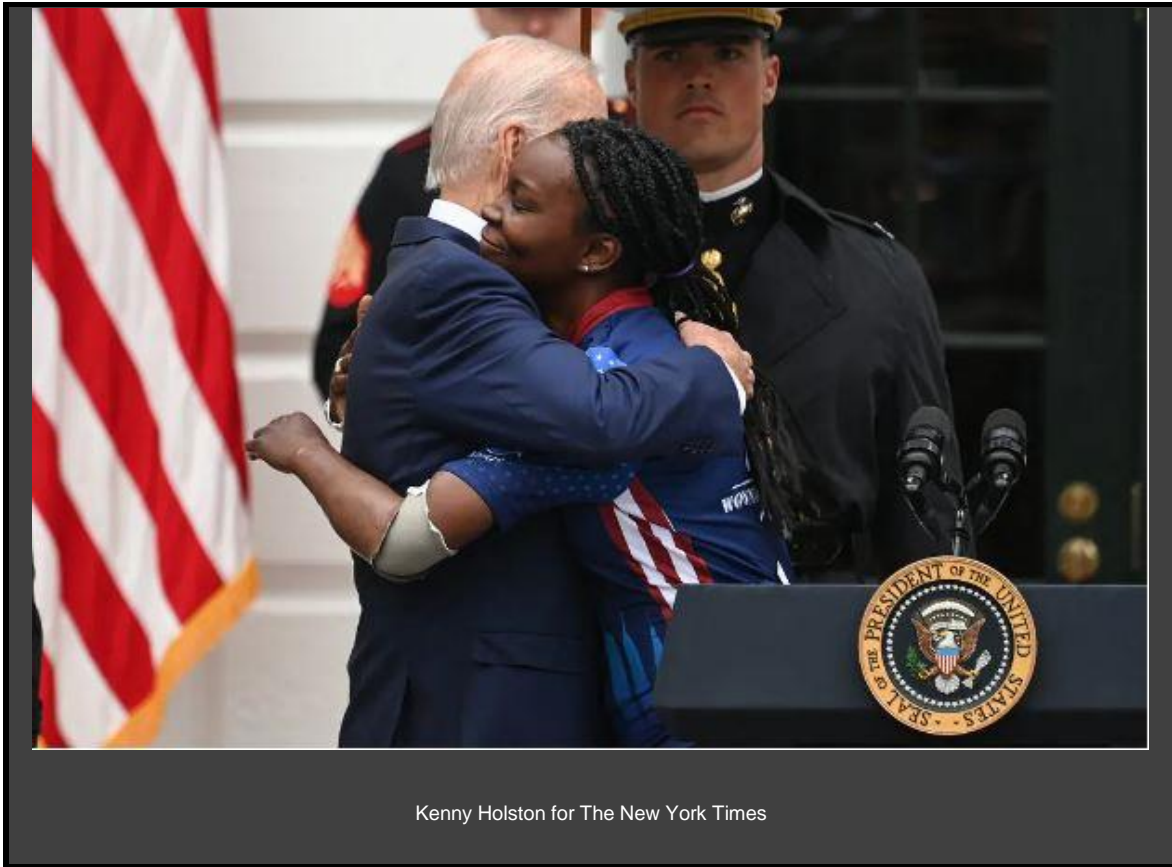
We are looking to highlight Veterans in the arts community! Whether it's an upcoming free exhibition, performance, or piece/installation you've created, we want to showcase your work and help spread the word. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis and promoted at our discretion. We want this 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.

VETERAN NEWS

A Survivor in New York, Cycling With Other Wounded Warriors

*Danielle Green, who lost much of her left arm in Iraq,
will participate in the "Soldier Ride" to Coney Island.*



By Christopher Maag
July 11, 2023

Danielle Green survived her mother’s addiction to crack on the South Side of Chicago in the 1980s. She survived five years playing basketball for the University of Notre Dame, including a year on the bench to heal a torn Achilles’ tendon. As an Army military police officer stationed in Iraq in 2004, she survived a grenade attack that led to the amputation of much of her left arm; back home, she survived the looks of neighbors, who stared openly at her new prosthetic arm, with its pointy metal hook.

This week, Green will ride a bicycle in New York City for the first time. Strangely, she’s a little nervous. She’s used to humidity and heat, living in St. Petersburg, Fla. But she’s not used to hills.

“I don’t know if New York is flat,” said Green, 46. “I don’t know what the humidity will be. It might start raining. And I hope it’s flat.”

Green flies into La Guardia Airport tomorrow. She'll receive a bike with special handlebars to accommodate her latest prosthetic arm, which grips the bars like an open wrench. On Thursday she'll participate in the Soldier Ride, an event organized by the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit that helps veterans recovering from physical and emotional traumas. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

The Packer: [New York offers programs to help low-income families access farm-fresh food](#)

Military Times: [Families seek answers 50 years after fire destroyed veterans' records](#)

ABC News: [Ambitious new campaign aims to reduce veteran suicide rate by half](#)

PBS News Hour: [Legacy of redlining linked to poor heart health among veterans, study finds](#)

Spectrum News 1: [Dream Flights takes veterans back with rides aboard biplane](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

Each week DVS will share a short update about how our administration is getting stuff done for New Yorkers.



The Adams administration is dedicated to cutting through the noise and delivering information directly to you and all New Yorkers.

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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.](#)

Client Services Manager - DVS seeks a highly qualified candidate to join Community Services as a Manager. The Manager will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of a team responsible for performing intakes and sending referrals within the VetConnectNYC system, a multi-provider network of participating organizations, government agencies, and other partners that provide direct services to Veterans. The Manager will also be a subject matter expert in claiming VA benefits through accreditation by New York State Department of Veterans Services.

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

New York City Bridge Exam Program - This examination is open to all candidates who wish to apply for and meet the requirements for any one or more of the titles indicated: Bookkeeper, Clerical Associate, Clerical Associate (PRO), Clerical Associate (NYC H+H), Clerical Associate (NYC H+H)(PRO), Computer Service Technician, Maintenance Worker (CUNY), Maintenance Worker (NYC H+H), Secretary, Staff Analyst Trainee.

Call Center Representative - Call Center Representatives, under supervision, in the Office of Information Technology and Innovation (OTI) New York City 24-hour 3-1-1 Call

Center, provide a single point of contact for all non-emergency City services utilizing state-of-the-art telephone and interactive computer systems, respond to phone inquiries from the public, provide customer service and information to callers, take complaints and service requests and forward them for further action; enter inquiries, complaints and requests into appropriate computer systems, and perform related clerical and computer support work.

Quality Assurance Specialist Trainee - Quality Assurance Specialist Trainees, under close supervision, receive training in and perform beginning level quality assurance work to determine the acceptability of various supplies, materials, products and/or services by ensuring that purchase or contract specifications, terms, conditions and related regulations are fulfilled.

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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.

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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