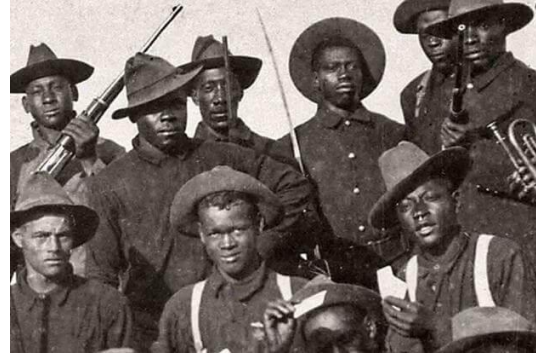


Everything You Need to Know About the U.S. Army's 'Buffalo Soldiers'



Military.com | By [Blake Stilwell](#)

Bob Marley first sang about Buffalo Soldiers in 1983, a little less than 120 years after the actual Buffalo Soldiers were formed in the U.S. [Army](#). Marley's song accurately depicts their story as a fight for survival in the prejudiced Army of the time period, but they also fought to survive the harsh conditions of the frontier, conflict with native tribes and Wild West outlaws as they sought to maintain law and order and protect settlers.

The Army units that would come to be known as "Buffalo Soldiers" were created during the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era. On June 28, 1866, Congress passed a legislation that allowed Black men to enlist in the peacetime army. Officially called "[An Act to Increase and Fix the Military Peace Establishment of the United States](#)," it created two regiments of all-Black cavalry and four regiments of all-Black infantry, commanded by white officers.

What Is a Buffalo Soldier?

The original Buffalo Soldiers came from these units. The U.S. Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry were the first. Then came the four infantry units. The 38th U.S. (Colored) Infantry Regiment and the 41st U.S. (Colored) Infantry Regiment, were eventually consolidated into the 24th Infantry Regiment. The 39th and 40th (Colored) Infantry Regiments were consolidated into the 25th Infantry Regiment.

They weren't the first Black men to serve in defense of the United States. Black men served in the Continental Army and state militias during the Revolutionary War. Black troops served in the War of 1812, and freedmen and former slaves fought in the Civil War for the Union Army. The 1866 legislation was the first to call for specific units composed of Black troops and recruited from Washington, Louisiana, Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

**The Wall That Heals | *In Memory* Program
Application Deadline August 28th**

WAS YOUR VIETNAM VETERAN'S LIFE CUT SHORT AFTER THEY RETURNED HOME?

HONOR THEIR SACRIFICE THROUGH THE **IN MEMORY** PROGRAM

Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have suffered each year due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD/ suicide, cancer and other causes related to their service. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's *In Memory* program honors those who returned home from Vietnam and later died.

**The Wall That Heals will be on display in
New York City, NY from September 28th -
October 1st.**

Apply to honor your veteran, through In Memory, by August 28th and their photo will be included as part of the mobile Education Center display when The Wall That Heals is on display in New York City.

To apply online , visit www.VVMF.org/In-Memory-Program



The VVMF's *IN MEMORY* program invites families and communities to remember those Vietnam Veterans whose lives were cut short by their service.

Honorees submitted before August 28, 2023, will be remembered on a special video display at The Wall That Heals during its visit to New York City from Sept 27 - Oct 1.

These veterans will also be included in a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. on June 15, 2024, and will be celebrated in a number of other ways by the VVMF. You can sign up or learn more at vvmf.org/InMemory

Thank you in advance for your help in honoring our Vietnam Veterans!

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

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

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

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1, 2023



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Join the NYPD and city officials at more than 70 locations citywide on National Night Out Against Crime, Tuesday, August 1st, 2023.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to help make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It seeks to strengthen the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, fostering a true sense of community. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

Enjoy barbeque and bounce houses, face painting, food, and fun. Meet leaders and personnel from your local precinct and interact with neighbors, community members, and local businesses with the common goal of partnership and safety.

[Click Here To See The National Night Out Against Crime Locations](#)

**Veterans Roundtable on the PACT Act
Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

VETERANS ROUNDTABLE ON THE PACT ACT

HOSTED BY CONGRESSMAN HAKEEM JEFFRIES

LAST YEAR, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT BIDEN, HOUSE DEMOCRATS DELIVERED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF BENEFITS FOR OUR VETERANS IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS BY PASSING THE PACT ACT.

THE LAW ENABLES THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) TO EXPAND HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR 3.5 MILLION VETERANS EXPOSED TO BURN PITS, AGENT ORANGE AND OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES WHILE SERVING OUR NATION.



***DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR BACKDATED BENEFITS IS
AUGUST 9, 2023. APPLY AT [VA.GOV/PACT](https://va.gov/pact)***

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
12:00 PM EDT**

**RSVP FOR LOCATION:
CONGRESSMANJEFFRIES08@GMAIL.COM**

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VETERAN NEWS

America Marks 70th Anniversary of End of Korean War



July 24, 2023 | By [David Vergun](#) , DOD News

On June 25, 1950, North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel and attacked South Korea. Three days later, North Korean forces captured South Korea's capital, Seoul.

The following week on July 1, the first U.S. ground troops, arrived in Korea to support South Korea.

The decision to aid South Korea was made by President Harry S. Truman. In his "Memoirs," published in 1956, Truman states: "If South Korea fell, the communists would attack other nations, resulting in World War III."

The communists he referred to, were the former World War II U.S. allies China and the Soviet Union, which now supported North Korea.

By early August 1950, the North Korean army had overrun most of South Korea except for a small pocket in the far southeast known as the Pusan Perimeter.

During the months of August and September, U.S. Soldiers and Marines, along with United Nations forces, landed in Korea to bolster South Korea's defense. [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

More Veteran-related Headlines

Military Times: [VA to review link between military toxin and additional cancers](#)

Federal News Network: [Group of military spouses plead with Senator Tommy Tuberville to release his hold on military appointments](#)

Stars and Stripes: [VA has processed 425,000 PACT Act claims since law enacted](#)

Soundings: [Veterans Will Sail Long Island Sound to Raise PTSD Awareness](#)

Military.com: [Barbie and Ken Went to War Long Before the 'Barbie' Movie](#)

Friday Movie Nights at the Intrepid Museum



Free Fridays are back! The Intrepid Museum is once again extending its hours free of charge on the last Friday of June, July and August from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Celebrate the ship's 80th commissioning anniversary and enjoy special programs, including our free summer movie series, featuring classic "ship" themed films.

Current and former service members and their guests are invited to use the Member line for priority entry. No registration required.

Friday, July 28: *Crimson Tide*

Friday, August 25: *Top Gun: Maverick* (also includes access to Cat Shot Café for free snacks and drinks)

MOVIE NIGHT GUIDELINES AND HELPFUL TIPS:

- **Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited.**
- Guests are invited to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets to view the films outdoors, free of charge, on a huge inflatable screen on the flight deck.
- Light concessions will be sold onsite, and visitors are encouraged to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages.

- Alcohol is not permitted.
- All exits are final; there is no reentry allowed.
- Movie will begin at sunset.
- The Space Shuttle Pavilion will close at 8:00pm.
- The bridge will be closed during free Fridays.
- All movies will have open captions.

[Learn More About Summer Movie Nights at the Intrepid Museum](#)



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.

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.

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)

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](https://www.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

Housing Assistant - Housing Assistants, under general supervision, with some latitude for independent action or decision, perform work of ordinary difficulty and responsibility in the administration and management of the NYC Housing Authority's public housing and leased housing program. All Housing Assistants perform related work.

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.

Youth Development Specialist - Youth Development Specialists under supervision, and with limited latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative, work as part of an interdisciplinary team to provide secure, safe care, and skill-based therapeutic interventions for pre-adjudicated and post-adjudicated youth in juvenile detention facilities and other ACS operated or managed juvenile justice facilities and programs. To read more, visit the full job description [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.

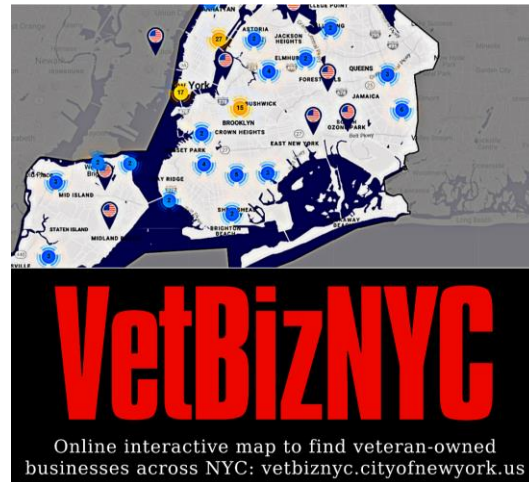
Empowering Veteran Business Owners



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.



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.

Contact Us

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- [Message the Commissioner](#)
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