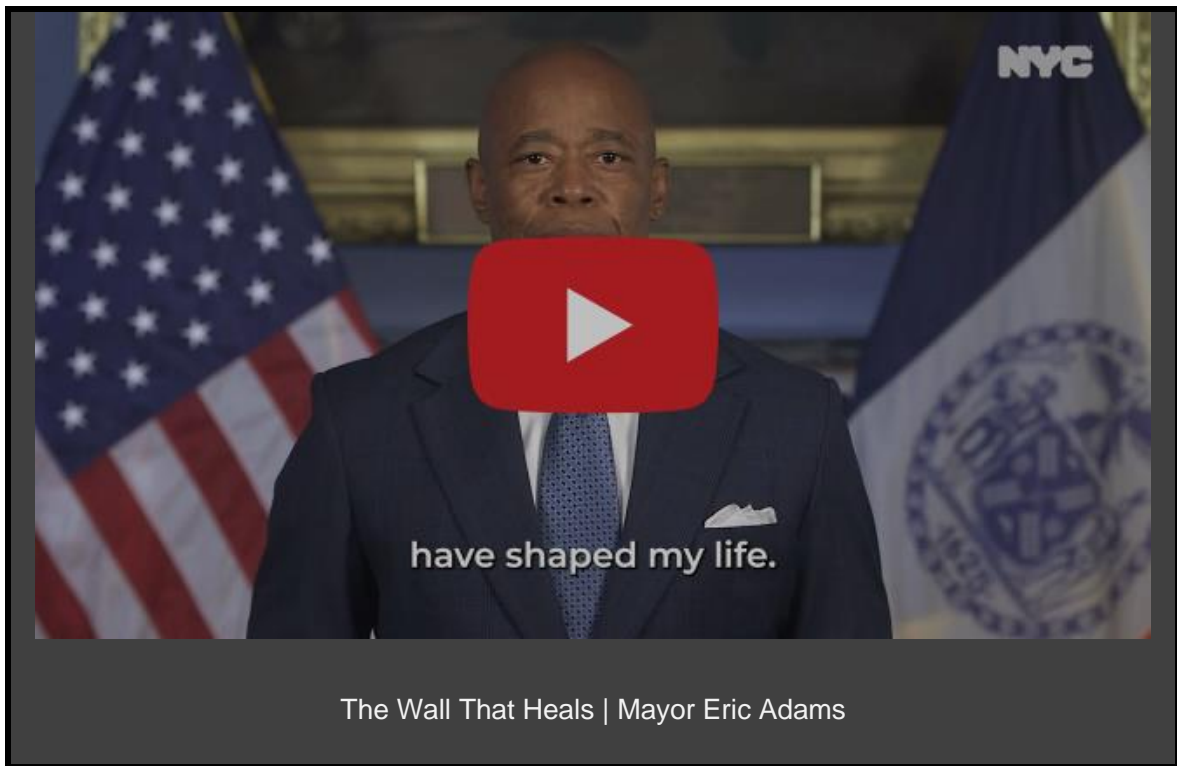


The Wall That Heals is Almost Here!



In **3** short weeks **The Wall That Heals** will finally arrive in New York City. Join us on a journey of remembrance, healing, and unity as we pay tribute to our Vietnam Veterans.

Watch this special message from **Mayor Eric Adams** calling on New Yorkers to make **The Wall That Heals'** stay in our city, a tribute that our Veterans truly deserve.

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 Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queen 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.

The exhibit is a 3/4 scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington,

D.C., spanning 375 feet and measuring 7.5 feet at its apex. Over 58,000 names are inscribed on the wall with over 4,000 from New York State--including more than 1,700 hailing from New York City.

We are seeking volunteers to help with visitor services and other aspects of the exhibition. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer registration form found [here](#).

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

The Wall That Heals Visit to NYC

📅 September 28th - October 1st

📍 Flushing Meadows Corona Park

131-04 Meridian Road, Queens, NY 11368

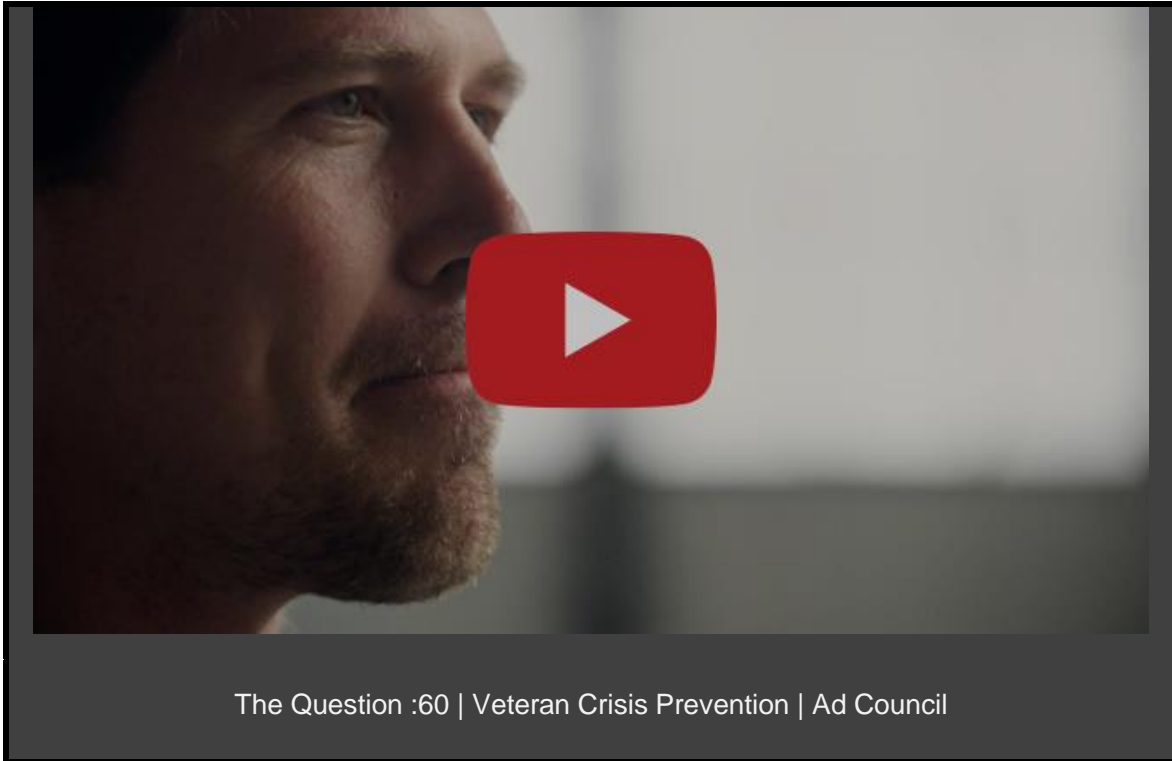
(The field on the southwest side of the World Ice Arena)



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

[Volunteer Registration Form for The Wall That Heals](#)

"Don't Wait. Reach Out."



Reaching out is tough. It is okay to ask for help.

As we enter Suicide Prevention Month, the VA and Ad Council have released a new public service advertisement (PSA) as a part of the ongoing national "Don't Wait. Reach Out." campaign. The new materials, informed by and featuring Veterans, encourage Veterans to reach out before life's challenges become overwhelming. Veterans were trained to put a mission or others before themselves, which can make it harder for Veterans to accept or ask for help. That's why the new PSA poses the question: "When was the last time you asked for help?"

We can all play a part in preventing suicide. Don't wait. Reach out. If you or a Veteran you know needs support, visit [VA.gov/REACH](https://www.va.gov/REACH) for resources today.

Patriot Day: National Day of Service and Remembrance



NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE



In Honor of 9/11, Patriot Day



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 | 10:00 AM

CYPRESS HILLS NATIONAL CEMETERY, 625 JAMAICA AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11208

Join thousands of volunteers as we clean headstones and beautify VA National Cemeteries across the nation to honor and remember those who served our country.

This is a great service opportunity for employee engagement, youth groups and individuals.

Dress is casual and respectful. No open toed shoes, tank tops, etc. We will be outside so be mindful of the weather. No pets please. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**



[CARRY THE LOAD.ORG/PATRIOT-DAY](https://www.carrytheload.org/patriot-day)

VETERAN NEWS

Biden awards Medal of Honor to Army Helicopter pilot who rescued soldiers in Vietnam firefight



BY [DARLENE SUPERVILLE](#)

Updated 5:50 PM EDT, September 5, 2023

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden awarded the [Medal of Honor](#) to [Capt. Larry Taylor](#) on Tuesday, honoring the Army pilot who risked his life during the Vietnam War by flying into heavy enemy fire to save four

members of a reconnaissance team from almost certain death as they were about to be overrun.

On the night of June 18, 1968, then-1st Lt. Taylor flew his Cobra attack helicopter to rescue the men after they had become surrounded by the enemy.

“It was pitch black. No moon. No stars. No light beyond the glow of Lieutenant Taylor’s cockpit control, when he heard a whisper coming through his radio, ‘We’re surrounded,’” Biden said, adding, “Lieutenant Taylor knew the risks, but he was ready.”

Taylor, a Tennessean who is now 81, recalled in an interview last week that he had to figure out how to get the men out, otherwise “they wouldn’t make it.” [\[READ MORE...\]](#)

Watch Medal of Honor Ceremony

More Veteran-related Headlines

Federal News Network: [VA vows ‘full review’ of website after IT issues impact disability claims for nearly 57,000 veterans](#)

Military.com: [How We Can Fix Food and Housing Shortfalls for Veterans and Military Families](#)

NY Post: [Marine vet accused of stealing more than \\$344K in benefits, lied on Purple Heart application: DOJ](#)

ABC7 Eyewitness News: [FDNY adds 43 names to 9/11 memorial wall, 2nd largest addition since inception](#)

Fox News (Video): [Video shows moment US Marine saves Jersey Shore swimmer from deadly rip current](#)

A Message From Mayor Adams:

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

As we celebrated Labor Day earlier this week and all that unions have done for our city, the city again showed it continues to have the backs of working people. The city negotiated contracts with some of the people who keep our city moving — our ferry workers — meaning that, over the last six months, our administration has reached agreements with more than 81% of the city’s workforce. Couple that with 99% of private sector of jobs lost during the pandemic recovered and you can see that the Adams administration continues to create opportunities and deliver for working-class New Yorkers. At the NYC Department of Veterans' Services, we continue to support our city’s economic recovery through inter-agency collaboration like our recent NYC Emergency Management Veterans Hiring Event.



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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!

[Mayor Adams, Governor Hochul, MTA Launch “Subway Surfing Kills – Ride Inside, Stay Alive” Public Information Campaign](#)

[Mayor Adams, NYPD Announce New Approach To Handling Protests, Resolve Litigation Stemming From 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests](#)

[Mayor Adams, DCP Director Garodnick Unveil Plan for new Affordable Housing, Open Space in Central Brooklyn](#)

**Weill Cornell Medicine and New York-Presbyterian
Research Study**

Have You Been Affected by Military Sexual Assault?

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If you experience:

- repetitive unwanted memories
- sleep problems or nightmares
- difficulty concentrating
- nervousness, jumpiness, or anxiety

You may be eligible to participate in a research study comparing two kinds of therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to military sexual trauma (MST).

For more information
or if you're interested in
participating, please call
212-821-0783

Scan here



or visit bit.ly.com/wcmmst

The information discussed during sessions is completely confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of this research study.



WCM IRB #14-09015511

[Learn More About The Study](#)



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.

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.](#)

College Aide - IT Operations - DVS seeks a College Aide hire to play a key role in the agency’s Information Technology team, while gaining IT experience during their college experience.

College Aide - HR Specialist - DVS seeks a College Aide hire to play a key role in the agency's HR team, while gaining HR experience during their college experience.

Community Outreach Assistant - The Community Outreach Assistant will help the Department of Veteran Services engage the roughly 210,000 Veterans and their families who reside throughout the five boroughs of New York City. This position will help the Assistant Commissioner of Outreach engage and educate the Veteran community about information and resources, develop and manage outreach programs, represent the agency at outreach events, and plan public events.

Network Engineer - The Network 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.

Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor - DVS seeks a highly qualified candidate to join the Client Services team as a Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor. The Senior Veterans Benefits Advisor will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of a team responsible for processing Veteran’s claims with the VA. This role will be a subject matter expert in processing VA claims for Veteran benefits and train up staff as well as provide guidance and advice in this area. VA accreditation to process claims will be provided by New York State Department of Veterans Services.

Special Assistant - The Special Assistant will exercise full responsibility over the management and execution of administrative tasks as they relate to supporting the Executive Team, specifically, the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Chief of Staff. In collaboration with senior leadership, the Special Assistant will also coordinate project workstreams and track deliverables as assigned. The Special Assistant will be expected to work independently and take initiative, as needed, under the leadership and supervision of the Commissioner and Chief of Staff.

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

Electrical Engineer - Electrical Engineers, under general supervision, perform responsible supervisory work, or difficult and responsible work in electrical engineering. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

Landmarks Preservationist - Landmarks Preservationists, under supervision, perform research, and technical, analytic and design services in the planning, restoration, renovation, enhancement, designating, survey, conservation and preservation of historic structures and sites; and perform regulatory functions to ensure compliance with the Landmarks Law. To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

Mechanical Engineer - Mechanical Engineers, under general supervision, perform responsible supervisory work, or difficult and responsible work in mechanical engineering.

To read more, visit the posting [here!](#)

To view more 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.

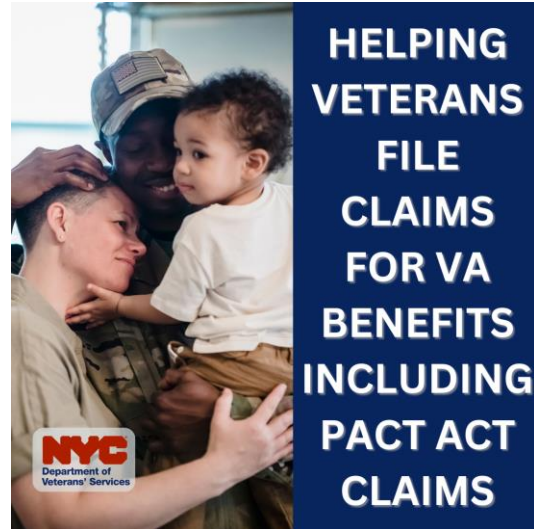
VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

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.



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

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

Stay tuned on our website www.nyc.gov/vets and social media platforms [@nycveterans](#), or via email at connect@veterans.nyc.gov.