
VETERANS COURT IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES REPRESENTING KENOSHA, RACINE AND WALWORTH COUNTIES:

- Circuit Court
- District Attorney's Office
- Public Defender's Office
- Department of Corrections
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- WI State Department of Veterans Affairs
- County Veteran Service Offices
- Law Enforcement

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT MISSION

The mission of the Second Judicial District Veterans Treatment Court is to honor veterans by restoring them to a productive life by providing judicial support, treatment and supervision thereby enhancing public safety.

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT GOALS

- Reduce criminal recidivism
- Facilitate participant sobriety
- Improve health and well-being
- Increase access to VA benefits and services

VOLUNTEER AS A VETERAN MENTOR

The peer mentor component of VTC is an integral part of what makes the program work. If you served in U.S. Armed Forces and are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor and want to support veterans through their journey through the justice system, please contact:

Brad Behling, Mentor Co-Coordinator
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COURT TIME AND LOCATION

Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.
Racine County Courthouse, Third Floor
(730 Wisconsin Avenue)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF WISCONSIN
VETERANS TREATMENT
COURT**

**A court-supervised treatment program
for defendants who served in the
U.S. Armed Forces**



**KENOSHA COUNTY RACINE COUNTY
WALWORTH COUNTY**



WHAT IS VETERANS TREATMENT COURT?

A Veterans Treatment Court is a problem-solving court that is intended to serve veterans struggling with addiction, serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. The Court promotes sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response that involves collaboration with traditional partners

found in problem-solving courts, with the addition of the U.S. Department of Veterans



Affairs health care networks, Veterans Benefits Administration and volunteer veteran mentors. The program involves ongoing judicial monitoring and intensive probation supervision with input from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals led by a judge. The Court also assists participants in securing housing, employment opportunities, job training, education, transportation, disability compensation claims, discharge status and other benefits available at the local, state and federal level.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Resident of Kenosha, Racine, or Walworth County
- Served in the United States Armed Forces
- Diagnosed with a substance abuse or treatable mental health disorder
- Has a pending misdemeanor or felony level offense and is approved by the District Attorney's office from which the charges originated.
- Eligibility for benefits though the Department of Veteran Affairs is not required

APPLICATION PROCESS

Anyone may refer an individual to the Veterans Treatment Court. An applicant must complete a Veterans Eligibility Questionnaire and submit it to the Program Coordinator. The Assistant District Attorney determines legal eligibility and negotiates with the defendant's attorney to arrive at a plea agreement providing for participation in the program.

Admission to VTC is not automatic. If legal eligibility requirements are met, veterans seeking entry to VTC will undergo a substance abuse and mental health assessment to determine if they are clinically appropriate for the program.

VTC STRUCTURE

- The Veterans Treatment Court is made up of four phases which takes at least 18 months to complete.
- Participants must satisfy a set of pre-determined requirements to advance through each of the four phases.
- Incentives reward compliance with the program; non-compliance results in immediate sanctions.

WHILE IN VTC, PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Appear before the VTC judge for review hearings
- Meet regularly with probation agent
- Submit random drug and alcohol tests
- Attend community support groups
- Receive an individualized treatment plan which may include mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Complete a 20-hour service project
- Utilize the Veterans Benefits Administration to determine if they qualify for disability compensation, pension, education benefits, or vocational rehabilitation benefits.
- Establish connections with one or more Veteran Mentors.