



To support veterans and their families through a coordinated effort among veterans services, community based providers and the Court, improving public safety while leaving no veteran behind.

Goals of the Veteran Treatment Court

- Reduce criminal recidivism
- Stabilize mental health and increase compliance with treatment
- Facilitate participant sobriety
- Improve access to VA benefits & services
- Achieve stable housing
- Improve family relationships & social connections
- Advance employment & education status

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A court supervised, treatment-focused collaborative for defendants who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Honorable Maria T. Cenzon
Judge, Veterans Treatment Court



Justice For Vets



What is Veterans Treatment Court?

The Judiciary of Guam's Veterans Treatment Court is a voluntary program for veterans who are struggling with service related addiction, mental health issues and/or other co-occurring disorders.

Veterans in the program receive ongoing Judicial and Probation supervision, with input from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals led by the VTC Judge.

The Court promotes sobriety, recovery and stability through a collaboration with VA and community based treatment providers.

All participants are matched with a veteran peer mentor who will act as an advocate, mentor and ally.



What are the program benefits?

- Alternative sentencing options
- Access to a comprehensive treatment plan through the VA service system and/or community providers
- Vet-to-Vet peer mentor program
- Team of support and case management help increase your chances of success.



How does someone enter the Veterans Treatment Court program?

- 1) After submitting a referral form, the veteran completes an intake interview at the Court with the VTC Team Coordinator, Case Manager or Probation Officer.
- 2) The Attorney General assesses the veteran's legal eligibility based upon criminal history and current charges.
- 3) The veteran submits to a clinical evaluation to determine if the offense was related to service-connected substance abuse or mental health issue and/or co-occurring disorder.
- 4) The veteran participates in an assessment to determine treatment needs and observes a Veteran's Treatment Court session.
- 5) The Court then approves the veteran's legal and clinical eligibility.

7 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 2, §2101(c) (1) Established the creation of the Veteran Treatment Court.



What happens in the Veterans Treatment Court?

The Veterans Treatment Court is made up of four different phases which take at least 18 to 24 months to complete.

Participants must satisfy a set of predetermined requirements to advance through each of the four phases.

Incentives reward compliance with the program; non-compliance results in immediate and redictable sanctions.

While in the Veterans Treatment Court, veterans will:

- ➔ Appear often before the Veterans Treatment Court Judge for review hearings.
- ➔ Meet regularly with a case manager / probation officer.
- ➔ Participate in random and requested drug and alcohol screens.
- ➔ Receive an individualized treatment plan, which may include mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- ➔ Participate in assessment for needs such as housing, medical, dental, childcare, etc., and receive assistance with those needs.
- ➔ Utilize the Veterans Benefit Administration to determine if they qualify for disability compensation, pension, education benefits, or vocational rehabilitation benefits, etc.
- ➔ Establish connections with one or more peer mentors.



Who is eligible?

The Veterans Treatment Court team evaluates potential participants on a case-by-case basis.

In general, participants must have:

- Served in the US Armed Forces
- Service-connected misdemeanor or felony charges in Guam
- Current mental health or substance abuse problems, or other co-occurring disorders related to their service

