

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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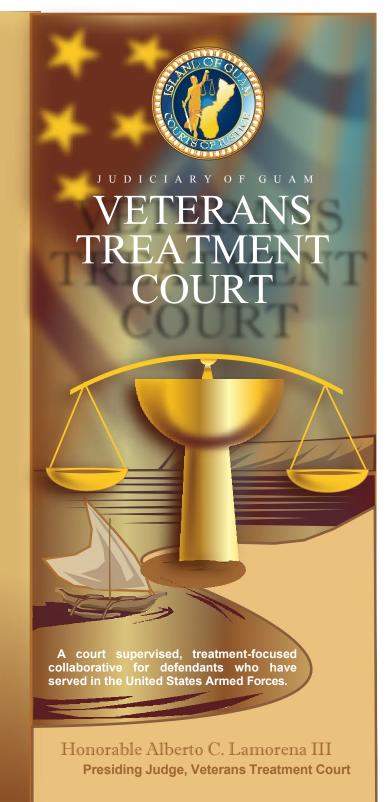
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### What is Veterans Treatment

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.



### Who is eligible?

The Veterans Treatment Court team evaluates potential participants on a caseby-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



# 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.



# What happens in the Veterans Treatment

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.

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