

About the Redford Veterans Court

The Redford Veterans Court is a specialty court established to provide treatment and compassion to those who have served our country and are struggling in the criminal justice system. Veterans Court offers a unique collaboration between numerous agencies: the Court, local and area Judges, a canine support dog, the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the Redford Police Department, a local veteran public defender's office, the Township Attorney's Office, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, the Probation Department, veteran mentors, and many other community organizations. These agencies coordinate efforts during a special veterans only docket, and a closely monitored system of phases throughout the required probationary period to assist veterans who are in the program.

The connection with the VA helps provide veterans in the program with enhanced access to benefits they are entitled to as a result of their service to our country. Participants are also supported by mentors and a variety of community organizations. A graduation ceremony is held for veterans who successfully fulfill the requirements of the program.

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800-273-8255

Seventeenth Judicial District Veterans Court



Presiding Judge
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Veterans Court Goals

- Protect the public
- Reduce participant contact with the criminal justice system
- Reduce costs associated with criminal case processing and re-arrest
- Introduce participants to an ongoing process of recovery, to help them become stable, employed, substance free, and to assist where necessary with housing and other benefit issues

Eligibility to Participate in Veterans Court

- Veterans with a general or honorable discharge who have served in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves.
- Veterans convicted of non-violent crimes who are in need of mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, or other assistance.
- Eligibility is determined at the time of sentencing when the judge reviews the pre-sentence investigation or alcohol assessment, and the treatment team believes the admission will assist the veteran and protect the public.
- A limited number of veterans from other jurisdictions may be transferred into the program with the agreement of both courts.

Our Mission

The mission of the 17th District Veterans Court is to promote a safer community by empowering our veterans to permanently emerge from the criminal justice system through a program providing specialized support and services to those who have bravely served our nation.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a psychological condition experienced by a person who has faced a traumatic event which causes a huge stressor outside the range of usual experience, such as war, rape, torture, or a natural disaster. PTSD has also been known as "shell shock" and "combat fatigue". It is estimated that twenty percent of soldiers deployed in the past six years suffer from PTSD.

If you have served in the military or have been through a traumatic event and are experiencing these symptoms, you may be suffering from PTSD:

- Irritability or outburst of anger
- Difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep or having nightmares
- Difficulty concentrating
- Hyper vigilance
- Exaggerated startle response
- Flashbacks
- Avoidance

Treatment for PTSD includes trauma-focused cognitive-behavioral therapy, family therapy, exposure therapy, and/or medication. Treatment for PTSD includes exploring thoughts and feelings about the trauma; working through feelings of guilt, self-blame, and mistrust; learning how to cope and control intrusive memories; and addressing problems PTSD has caused in your life and relationships.

