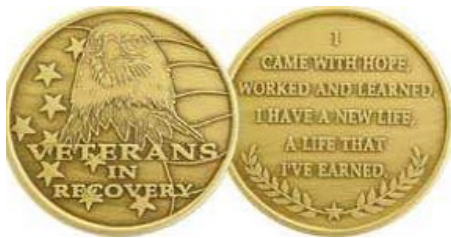


Our Mission:

To provide a full range of direct treatment and collateral services to justice-involved service members, past and present, so as to prevent their recidivism and incarceration, enable their reintegration into their communities, and ensure their lifelong success.

Goals of the Veterans Treatment Court:

- Reduce criminal recidivism
- Stabilize mental/physical health and support compliance with treatment
- Facilitate and support sobriety
- Provide access to veterans benefits and services
- Achieve stable housing
- Improve employment and/or educational status
- Improve family relationships and social support connections



“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy



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

Judge Michael Fabbri, Presiding Justice

**Framingham District Court
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Framingham, MA 01702**

**2nd Floor, Courtroom 2
Mondays at 2:00pm**

What is a Veterans Treatment Court?

The Middlesex County Veterans Treatment Court is a 18-24 month voluntary program intended to serve veterans who are struggling with addiction, mental health issues and/or other co-occurring disorders. The program involves ongoing judicial and probation supervision with input from a multidisciplinary team of professionals led by Judge Fabbri. The Court promotes sobriety, recovery and stability through collaboration with the VA, DVS and community-based treatment providers. In addition, all participants are matched with a veteran peer mentor who will act as an advocate and ally.

Who is eligible?

Eligibility is evaluated by the Veterans Court team on a case-by-case basis. General requirements include:

- Served in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Charged with a misdemeanor or felony in Middlesex County and eligible for probation (straight or part of a suspended sentence)
- Currently experiencing mental health or substance abuse problems, or another co-occurring disorder
- Certain felony offenses do not qualify.

What are the benefits of participation?

- Alternative sentencing options
- Access to a comprehensive treatment plan through the veteran service system and/or community providers
- Vet-to-Vet peer mentor program
- A team of support and case management to help reduce any barriers to your success!

What is the process to enter the Veterans Treatment Court?

- 1) The veteran completes an intake in person at the Framingham/Natick Court.
- 2) The VTC team determines the veteran's legal eligibility based upon criminal history and current charges.
- 3) The veteran participates in an assessment to determine their treatment needs and attends a Veterans Treatment Court session.
- 4) The court approves the veteran's legal and clinical eligibility.
- 5) The veteran reviews and accepts the plea agreement with their attorney and signs the Veterans Treatment Court probation contract.



Thank You For Your Service What Happens in Veterans Treatment Court?

The Veterans Treatment Court is composed of five different phases which will take a minimum of one year to complete. Participants must satisfy a set of pre-determined requirements to advance through the various phases. Incentives are offered to reward compliance. Immediate and predictable sanctions will be implemented for non-adherence.

While in the Middlesex County Veterans Treatment Court, veterans will:

- Appear regularly before the Veterans Treatment Court judge for review hearings
- Meet regularly with a probation officer
- Participate in random and frequent drug and alcohol screens
- Develop an individualized treatment plan, which may include mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Be assessed for needs such as housing, medical, dental, childcare, etc. and receive assistance with those needs
- Be assessed by the Veterans Administration or court clinician to determine whether they qualify for disability compensation, pension, education benefits, or vocational rehabilitation benefits
- Be connected with one or more peer mentors.

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