

GOALS OF VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

- Reduce recidivism
- Stabilize mental health
- Develop a substance free life and maintain sobriety
- Improve access to VA benefits & services
- Achieve stable housing
- Improve family relationships & social connections
- Advance employment & educational status



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PLYMOUTH COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Serving Southeastern MA



**A treatment-focused
specialty court
for individuals who
have served in the
Armed Forces of the
United States and are
court involved**

Judge Paula J. Clifford

***Brockton District Court
215 Main Street
Brockton MA***

WHAT IS A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT?

Veterans Treatment Court offers a voluntary, 18-24 month probation term intended to serve veterans struggling with mental health and/or substance use disorders. The program involves ongoing judicial and probation supervision with input from a multidisciplinary team of professionals. The Court promotes sobriety, recovery and stability through collaborations with VA and community-based treatment providers, as well as local educational and vocational rehabilitation services. In addition, all participants are matched with a veteran peer mentor who acts as an advocate and mentor.

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 criminal offense in Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable or Dukes County (which has not been indicted) and eligible for probation
- Currently experiencing mental health and/or substance use disorders.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION?

- Alternative sentencing options
- Access to a comprehensive treatment plan through the VA 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 success.



WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO ENTER THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT?

1. A referral is sent to the veteran court coordinator from the defense attorney, probation officer, or the veteran.
2. The veteran participates in an assessment to determine clinical eligibility.
3. The veteran attends a Veterans Treatment Court Session as an observer.
4. The Court Treatment team approves the veteran's legal and clinical eligibility.
5. If selected, Veterans review and accept the plea agreement with their attorney and sign the Veterans Treatment Court Contract.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Plymouth County Veterans Treatment Court is to reintegrate court-involved individuals who have served in the nations armed forces into society as honorable citizens. Admission into Veterans Treatment Court provides for complete assessment and treatment planning for both substance dependence and mental health disorders. The program includes supervision, monitoring, and support to veterans while protecting public safety.

