



Contact the VTC

What we look for in our mentors...

- ❖ Mentors must have served in any branch of the U.S. Military or their corresponding Reserve or National Guard branches
- ❖ Be an active listener
- ❖ Be supportive of the veteran
- ❖ Maintain appropriate boundaries with each participant
- ❖ Be a positive role model
- ❖ Provide your mentee with positive encouragement
- ❖ Be confident in sharing your personal experiences
- ❖ Act as an advocate in the best interest of your mentee

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VETERANS TREATMENT COURT MENTOR PROGRAM



Leave No Veteran Behind

The mission of the Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program is to ensure that each participant in the Veterans Treatment Court is matched with all the necessary supports. Through volunteer mentors, the program will be able to provide the opportunity to build valuable relationships to assist the veteran in navigating the system by acting as a friend and ally as they work their way through recovery and reintegration.

Why mentor a veteran?

Mentors serve a variety of roles, including coach, facilitator, advisor, sponsor, and supporter. Mentors listen to the concerns and problems of participants and assist them in finding resolutions. They observe participants and work with them to help set goals and action plans. Mentors provide feedback to participants and highlight their successes. Most importantly, mentors act as a support for the veteran participant in a way that only other veterans can.

The shared experiences of another veteran will be critical in assisting the participant to regain control of his/her life and successfully connect to and maintain treatment, which will lead to successful completion in the Veterans Treatment Court.

Many of our Veteran Mentors are drawn from a number of Veteran Service Organizations and government organization. Veteran Mentors include but are not limited to those who have served in Vietnam, Desert Storm/Shield, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Goals of the VTC Mentor Program

- ❖ Help our fellow veterans receive the services they need to reach their full potential as productive members of society.
- ❖ Help our fellow veterans navigate the court system, treatment systems, and the VA system.
- ❖ Assess our fellow veteran's needs and help them adjust back to civilian life.
- ❖ Build supportive relationships maintained throughout treatment to increase the likelihood that a veteran will remain in treatment and improve their chances of sobriety and law-abiding behavior.

How do we match our mentors with their mentee?

Mentors and participants will be paired by:

- 1) The time period they served,
- 2) Their branch of service, and
- 3) Their rank whenever possible.

This relationship will help to promote a positive attitude in the veteran while encouraging them to be self-motivated to accomplish their goals knowing that they are not alone and they have someone "in their corner who understands them."

Of you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer mentor, please contact Adam Nelson at (808) 441-8914 or Taryn Dean at (808) 927-9146 to request an application.

**Mentors are required to be able to commit to one hour per week with their mentee.*