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(800) 273-8255

WEBSITES

Mental Health:

www.mentalhealth.va.gov

National Resource Directory:

www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov

VA Vet Centers:

www.vetcenter.va.gov

Returning Service Members:

www.oefoif.va.gov

Women Veterans:

www.womenshealth.va.gov

Veterans Employment and Training:

www.dol.gov/vet

The Soldier's Project:

www.thesoldiersproject.org

Suicide Prevention:

www.SuicidePreventionLifeline.org

PRESIDING JUSTICES

HON. SCOTT DUNN
HON. JEFFREY GERSHUNY

HOURS OF OPERATION

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

QUEENS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT

125-01 QUEENS BLVD
KEW GARDENS, NY

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THE HONORABLE MICHELLE JOHNSON
SUPERVISING JUDGE
QUEENS CRIMINAL COURT

QUEENS MISDEMEANOR VETERANS 'TREATMENT' COURT

INFORMATION GUIDE



QUEENS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT
125-01 QUEENS BOULEVARD
KEW GARDENS, NY 11415
QMVTC, ROOM G-6A, 718-298-0904

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Queens Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court (QMVTC) seeks to recognize the military service of eligible Veterans in the criminal justice system by providing an alternative to incarceration. By connecting Veterans with comprehensive and customized treatment programs, including those addressing substance abuse and mental health, and by establishing support networks, our goal is to assist veterans lead healthy and productive lives.

(R)ECRUITMENT

As an initial matter, all individuals with active military or veteran status may be considered for transfer to QMVTC. Cases may be referred from arraignment or from an all-purpose part.

(E)LIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the QMVTC, the individual must be at least 18 years of age at the time of referral, and an active member or veteran (regardless of discharge status), with a minimum completion of boot camp, of the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard. Certain criminal convictions or charges may render a person ineligible for QMVTC. As part of the eligibility determination, the individual will be assessed for various treatment options.



(E)NLISTMENT

A veteran or active military member found eligible for QMVTC may elect, as part of an arrangement with the District Attorney's Office and the Court, to participate in the QMVTC program. As part of the Enlistment, the participant must consent to participate in the QMVTC program, and may be required to enter into a conditional plea agreement with the District Attorney's Office and agree to follow a treatment program and abide by all the rules and regulations of the Court.



(D)EPLOYMENT

Every eligible veteran or active member will be assigned a court case manager who will work with the participant on the treatment program. The plan will be specifically tailored to meet the needs of the individual. The participant will also be assigned a peer mentor to support him or her throughout the process. The Court and the QMVTC team will closely work with each participant to assist the individual in program compliance and ensure that the treatment plan, as well as the rules and regulations of the Court, are being followed. If a participant is not compliant, the Court may modify the treatment program or determine that the individual may no longer participate in the QMVTC. Modification or termination of the treatment plan lies solely within the discretion of the Court.

(S)END OFF-SALUTE

Following successful completion of the QMVTC program, the veteran or active military member is ready to graduate from QMVTC. In recognition of that accomplishment, the veteran or active member is given a proper send off complete with a graduation certificate.