

## Who is Eligible for Veterans Court?

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- Service in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Eligible for Veterans Service Benefits
- Have a demonstrated treatment need that is treatable

## Disqualifying factors

- Dishonorable discharge
- Ineligible for VA Healthcare
- Not getting local VA Healthcare
- Defendant's refusal to participate
- Prosecuting or Defense Attorney do not agree with the referral.

## Why should I participate in Vets Court?

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- Treatment provided through probation instead of jail or prison
- Access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services through the VA and local providers
- Access to Veteran Mentors who provide ongoing support to participants during court sessions and in the community
- Potential dismissal or reduction of charges
- Achieve the goal of a life free of dependence on substances and/or recovery from mental health symptoms.



# ROCK COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT



LEAVING NO VETERAN BEHIND

# What is the Veterans Court Process?(logistics)

Veterans Court meets twice a month on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom A at the Rock County Courthouse., 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI. Every other week court is conducted by zoom.

## Phase 1: Stabilization

The goal of Phase 1 is to orient the participant to the requirements of the program, develop an individualized treatment plan, and engage with treatment. The length of this phase is approximately 3 months. The participant is expected to remain violation free for 30 days and sober for 14 days prior to promotion to Phase II.

## Phase 2: Prosocial

The goal of Phase 2 is to demonstrate compliance with and progress in the individualized treatment plan. The length of this phase is approximately 4 months. Progress addressing behavioral health issues and reducing risk to reoffend must be demonstrated. To advance to Phase III participants must remain violation free for 30 days, and remain sober for 60 days.

## Phase 3: Adaptive Habilitation

The goal of Phase 3 is to demonstrate compliance with and progress in the individualized treatment plan. The length of this phase is approximately 4 months. Progress addressing behavioral health issues and reducing risk to reoffend must be demonstrated. To advance to Phase IV, participants must remain violation free for 30 days, and remain sober for 60 days.

## Phase 4: Continuing Care

The goal of Phase 4 is to allow participants to stabilize within the individualized treatment plan. The minimum length of this phase is 3 months. Significant progress addressing behavioral health issues and reducing risk to reoffend must be demonstrated. Participants must remain sober for 90 days prior to graduation and violation free for 30 days prior to graduation.

## Graduation

Participants must successfully complete the four phases of the VTC and be in the program for the requisite minimum period of time (14 months) to be eligible for graduation. Any exceptions to the requirements must be approved by the VTC Team. In Phase 4, the participants will demonstrate compliance with the plan and readiness for graduation. Participants must be approved for graduation by the VTC Team.

## **Rock County Veterans Court Contact Information**

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## **Interested in becoming a volunteer veteran mentor?**

The peer mentor component of Veterans Court is an integral part of what makes the program work. If you served in the U.S. Armed Forces and are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor and want to support veterans through their journey through the justice system, please contact Denise Davidson, Mentor Coordinator, at 608-322-3194.