

# **Veteran's Court**

#### **HSAO Mission Statement**

Our mission is to empower individuals, families and communities by improving their quality of life through specialized, personalized, enhanced and effective service coordination.

#### **Resources:**

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Resolve Crisis Services 888-796-8226

Pathways to Care and Recovery (Support for substance abuse) 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

### **About Veteran's Court**

Veteran's Court is a treatment-focused court aimed at connecting veterans involved in the criminal justice system to services, support, and treatment to assist in their path to recovery and stability. Individuals in this court may be facing obstacles with mental health, substance abuse, homelessness or other challenges. Veteran's Court utilizes a team approach that includes the Court, Office of the District Attorney, Public Defender's Office, Duquesne University School of Law Veterans Clinic, Adult Probation, Allegheny County Jail-Veteran's Pod, VA-Veteran's Justice Outreach, Justice Related Services, Veteran's Leadership Program and the Vet Center. Veterans who are accepted into Veteran's Court will attend regularly scheduled review hearings before the Court and complete recommendations with the support of their treatment team.

# Who is eligible?

Individuals must either have qualifying past military service for which they were not dishonorably discharged or be a current military member in good standing

Veterans must have qualifying criminal charges, and either treatment needs (mental health, drug and alcohol, homelessness, etc.), or a military or combat deployment.

The District Attorney's Office must consent to case admission and vet the cases for victim and/or police officer consent.

Individuals who are accepted to Veteran's Court will either receive service coordination through the VA Veteran's Justice Outreach, Justice Related Services or Veteran's Leadership Program. This is dependent on whether they qualify for benefits through the VA



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# What documents are needed to refer?

Complete a referral form, which maybe obtained in person at the Allegheny County Courthouse or from the contacts below, who canalso answer referral questions:

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