

A Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Overview

“Most veterans are strengthened by their military service, but combat experiences and other duties have unfortunately left a growing number of veterans with PTSD, other mental health issues, or brain injury. Left untreated, mental health disorders common among veterans can directly lead to involvement in the criminal justice system. Recognizing this problem, several local communities have developed special Veterans Treatment Courts that seek to provide veterans suffering from these issues assistance that will help keep them from slipping into real legal problems. Veteran treatment courts can provide many individualized benefits via the collaboration with the VA healthcare system, auxiliary treatment providers and volunteer veteran mentor/coaches.” Dearborn implemented their Veterans Treatment Court with the goal of diverting eligible justice-involved veterans from the traditional justice system and give them several unique treatments and tools for rehabilitation and readjustment unavailable elsewhere while typically avoiding unnecessary incarceration, etc.

The Dearborn Veterans Treatment Court works to provide unique treatment options to those who have served our country and who are involved in the non-violent criminal justice system. We provide a coordinated response and collaboration between the Court, community partners, treatment representatives, law enforcement, the veterans administration, and veteran mentors.



The Dearborn Veterans Treatment Court has served over forty-four (44) justice-involved veterans since its inception in late 2018 with an eighty-five percent (85%) graduation rate. Our current participant roster stands at twelve (9) for our 12–18-month probation program.

In addition to strict adherences to random drug/alcohol testing along with monthly court appearances, our veteran participants also have access to educational classes, a 10-week professional photography course and, most recently, professionally-taught classes and workshops in the creative Arts as auxiliary treatment offerings. Our VTC is recognized nationally as one of Michigan's successful veterans treatment courts.

Hon. Eugene Hunt,
Presiding Judge



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Dearborn 19th District Veterans Treatment Court

**A specialized problem-solving court for justice-involved military veterans
with a goal to provide successful treatment options for misdemeanor
criminal case resolutions**

Featuring

- ⇒ Special 12-18 month alternative court docket
- ⇒ Phased progress promotion system with monthly hearings
- ⇒ Individualized LS/CMI assessment & treatment evaluation program
 - ⇒ VA & non-VA auxiliary treatment providers available
- ⇒ Specially-assigned military veteran mentors including recreational field trips
 - ⇒ Expedited driving privileges reinstatement
- ⇒ Available Rideshare transportation to court appointments
 - ⇒ Available educational expenses assistance
- ⇒ Phase promotion and graduation recognitions
- ⇒ Classes: Professional Photography, Diverse Arts Programs, stand-up comedy, improv



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FREE

Arts & Comedy Classes

For VTC veterans in Wayne County



The **Dearborn Veterans Treatment Court** is partnering with the **Armed Services Arts Partnership** (ASAP) to provide auxiliary treatment options for veteran participants of the following Wayne County VTCs:

- 3rd Circuit Court
- 17th District Court
- 19th District Court
- 28th District Court
- 36th District Court



Acting



Comedy



Writing



Improv



Storytelling



Visual Arts

We're a creative community where veterans, service members, military families, and caregivers thrive through the arts.

ARMED
SERVICES
ARTS
PARTNERSHIP



The Seeing Lens

Therapeutic Photography Program

A Free 10 week Course

for Dearborn Veteran Treatment Court participants & graduates

- Professional Photographer Instruction
- Camera Equipment Provided in Session
- Therapeutic Application: Technical Processes & Aesthetics



Next Course Cohort d`UbbYX`zf` : U` 2024

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