

Monterey County Superior Court
VETERANS TREATMENT COURT INFORMATION SHEET

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Must be current or former member of the US military, which includes: U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserve, and National Guard, pursuant to Penal Code section 1170.9.
- VA must verify Veterans served in the Armed Forces- both combat and noncombat Veterans are welcome and participation is limited to either “Honorable” or “Other than honorable discharge”, not “Dishonorable” or “Bad conduct”.
- VA eligibility for benefit purposes.
- Veteran must be suffering from and received a diagnosis for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, Military Sexual Trauma, or Psychological and/or substance abuse problems requiring treatment as defined in P.C. section 1170.9.
- Veteran defendant must enter a plea in the alpha court.
- Must be a resident of Monterey County but would be allowed to receive treatment out of county.
- Veteran defendant must be willing and voluntarily participate in treatment and be drug and alcohol free and medication compliant.
- There is no “right” to be admitted or readmitted into Veterans Treatment Court.

DISQUALIFYING CRITERIA

- Offenses that include death, great bodily injury, permanent injury.
- Violent Felonies (P.C. 667.5)*
- Arson (P.C. 457.1)
- Serious Felonies (P.C. 1192.7)*
- Danger or substantial risk to others**
- 290 registrant
- Gang member (documented and or active participants)
- Exclude child/elder abuse*
- Furnishing to minors
- Convictions or prior convictions for drug trafficking, sales, or possession for sales

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QUALIFYING OFFENSES

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors

PROGRAM DISQUALIFYING FACTORS

- No mental health issue that would interfere with the ability to comply with program requirements.
- No prior failure to successfully complete a DTC, DUI, or Veterans Court Program.*
- May not already be in another deferred entry of judgment, Prop. 36, DTC, DUI, or CNC program.
- No parole holds, in-custody INS holds, or outstanding warrants unless the hold can be lifted forthwith.
- No personal circumstances which restrict the ability of the court to impose sanctions (informants).

**Extraordinary circumstances may be considered on an individual basis subject to review and recommendation of the Veterans Court Team.*

**Presumptively ineligible cases may be considered by the Veterans Court Judge on an individual basis if extraordinary circumstances exist on a case by case basis.*