

KINGMAN VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

The Kingman Division of the Kingman-Lake Havasu Regional Veterans Treatment Court began operating on December 9, 2015, under the direction of Judge Jeffrey Singer. The Kingman Division is modeled after the Lake Havasu Division as the two have partnered together in its efforts to provide our local Veterans a regionalized Veterans Treatment Court. This specialty program is designed to help Veterans who have run afoul of the law with whatever needs they may have. The Court understands that a Veteran has special needs that other Defendants do not have. This program is designed to connect Veterans with counselors and community providers who will work with them throughout its duration.

The goal of Veterans Treatment Courts is to prevent Veterans who are charged with misdemeanor offenses from falling into a life of crime by engaging them in rehabilitation. The Court does this by connecting the Veterans with area resources to help them better their lives. The Veterans Treatment Court has three phases and the program is expected to last between 6-18 months depending on the needs of that particular Veteran and how long it takes them to progress through the program. Upon graduation of the program many times a Veteran's charges will be reduced or dismissed against them. And beyond that hopefully they will be in a much better position in life than when they entered into the program.

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MENTORING PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Mission of the Veterans Mentoring Program is to support the Veteran through their readjustment while navigating the court system, treatment and the VA system, and to act as a friend and ally through this process.

VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of the Veteran Mentoring Program is that “No Veteran is left behind.” Having Veterans participate as mentors is an important part of the Kingman Veterans Treatment Court. We are committed to achieving a bond between the Veteran and their mentor based around the values that are shared and the sacrifices that have been made.

The Mentoring Program offers support and encouragement for the Veteran in the court system by spending one-on-one time with the Veteran. The initial mentoring session gives the Veteran the opportunity to bring up any concerns and get feedback and support from other Veterans. The mentor can refer the Veteran for a wide range of services, including medical aid for vets and family, food, clothing, civil services, employment opportunities, housing, legal contacts, etc. The mentor is a resource to the Veteran and not a counselor.

Training on how to lead a mentoring session, what to ask, how to ask it, how to listen to the answers that are offered as part of the orientation training. In addition, mentors are required to attend and complete specific training offered through the court system and the VA system.

The Kingman Veterans Treatment Court also offers support and supervision to all of the mentors from the Mentor Coordinator as well as from the mentors in the program. Support is the main component of the program for the Veterans involved with the court system as well as the mentors in the program.

The Mentoring Program is looking for a minimum of a six-month commitment from all volunteer mentors in order to maintain the program at a level that will be effective in supporting the Veterans in the court system. All potential mentors as required to fill out an application and complete an interview with the Mentor Coordinator before being accepted into the program. They will also have to complete various trainings before becoming a mentor. The applicant should be prepared to agree to a morals clause from the date of their acceptance. Any breach of this clause can lead to dismissal from the mentor program. Observational activities, including observing the court proceedings and having the Mentor Coordinator observe the mentor’s first mentoring session, will be required initially. We thank you for volunteering to join this program.

KINGMAN VETERANS TREATMENT COURT MENTORING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A MENTOR

1. Must be a Veteran
2. Must complete the mentor application form
3. Must have an interview with the Mentor Coordinator
4. Must attend and complete First Aid/Mental Health Training for Veterans
5. Must attend half-day training that includes watching the VTC video
6. Must sign and agree to the Mentor Agreement
7. Must attend at least one VTC session and take an Oath before the Judge

ASSIGNED MENTOR REQUIREMENTS

*The mentor will be assigned to a Veteran participant by the Mentor Coordinator. The mentor will meet with their assigned Veteran after their first court session after the assignment is made.

*The mentor's initial meeting with their assigned Veteran will be supervised by the Mentor Coordinator.

*The mentor will need to attend court hearings with their assigned Veteran as often as possible.

*The mentor will need to report any issues with their assigned Veteran promptly to the Mentor Coordinator.

*The mentor will send a written report documenting the number of contacts, length of each contact and any issues weekly to the Mentor Coordinator. The Mentor Coordinator will assess the reports for issues that need to be forwarded to the Veterans Court Clerk.

*The mentor will attend any scheduled mentor support meetings.

**KINGMAN MUNICIPAL COURT
VETERAN MENTOR APPLICATION FORM**

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____
PHONE: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____
BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____
PERIOD OF SERVICE: _____
RANK AT DISCHARGE: _____
TYPE OF DISCHARGE: _____

PRIOR CONTACT WITH VA OR ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICES:

_____ YES _____ No

PRIOR CONTACT WITH ANY COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS:

_____ YES _____ No

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL MATTER EXCLUDING TRAFFIC OFFENSES,
_____ No _____ YES IF YES, LIST OFFENSES AND OUTCOME OF THOSE CHARGES ON A SEPARATE
PAGE.

SKILLS AND/OR EXPERIENCE THAT WILL BENEFIT PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM:

Veteran Mentors will be required to participate in interviews prior to joining. If accepted into the program, they will be expected to complete training and participate in observation and shadowing prior to engaging in mentoring with Veterans. Mentoring requires regular communication with the Veteran participant, attendance at court appearances and participation in continuing training and feedback. Mentors should commit to staying through a minimum of six months. Please be prepared to submit a copy of your DD214 or Retirement Identification Card. We respect and protect your privacy. We are the sole owners of the information collected in this process.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING BELOW THAT I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Date

Signature