

The Lake County Veterans Treatment Court utilizes the following services or referrals:

Veterans Administration

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- PTSD Treatment
- Medical

Mentoring Program

Thinking for a Change

GED Classes

State ID Assistance

Employment Assistance

Housing Assistance

Family Assistance

- Family Readiness
- Marital Services
- Survivor Outreach Services
- Crisis Intervention

*Additional services will be added as they become available.

If there is an individual currently incarcerated or has pending cases that you would like to refer to the Lake County Veterans Treatment Court, please contact Dustin Bothwell at (219) 755-3850, extension 338.

How You Can Help

Participate in the Mentoring Program*

The Lake County Veterans Treatment Court continually seeks individuals to mentor its participants. Mentors are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Must complete an application for approval to the court.
- Must be honorably discharged or on active duty.
- Must meet with the participant 4 times per month, two of those meetings are to be face to face.
- Must provide a monthly report to the court either in person or writing prior to the monthly court date.

*For an application or for more information, please contact Jo Ellen Ormes at (219) 755-3601.



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Lake County Veterans Treatment Court

**When our perils are past,
shall our gratitude sleep?**

-Michel de Montaigne

The Lake County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) was established to provide alternative sentencing to offenders who are veterans of the United States Armed Services and received an honorable, less than honorable, or general discharge. Participation in Veterans Treatment Court is a privilege and defendants do not have a right to participate in problem solving court.

Program Overview

Veterans will be required to complete at least 18 months of supervision. The level of supervision is dependent on factors such as risk/need level determined by the IRAS (Indiana Risk Assessment System) or as recommended by the VTC judge and prosecutor. Supervision is monitored through Lake County Community Corrections and includes residing at work release or at home with or without electronic monitoring. Participants are also required to report to their case manager as scheduled.

The program is comprised of three phases. Movement between phases is dependent on the participant's progress and compliance and can result in reduced court appearances and/or level of supervision.

Program completion can result in reduced charges or dismissal.

Who is eligible*?

The prospective candidate must:

- Must have received an honorable, less than honorable, or general discharge from the United States Armed Services.
- Must have a substance abuse and/or co-occurring mental health disorder.
- Must have a non-violent misdemeanor and/or felony (up to level 2) offense.
- A veteran can be considered for VTC eligibility regardless of the court of original jurisdiction.

*Each case requires individual review by the judge and prosecutor.

*Ineligible offenses include Murder, Level 1/Class A Felonies, Violent Level 2/Class B Felonies, and crimes against children.



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