
Partnering With the Veterans Administration, Justice for Vets, and Community Resources

Veterans Treatment Courts link veterans with the programs, benefits and services they have earned. The Veterans Health Administration's Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist is present during Veterans Court staffing meetings and the court docket. The Veterans Benefit Administration provides a representative to ensure that qualified veterans receive disability compensation, education and training benefits.

Partnering With Justice for Vets

Justice For Vets is a professional services division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Alexandria, VA. They assist in keeping veterans out of jail while connecting them to the benefits and treatment they have earned; saving their lives, families, and futures, while saving tax dollars for the American public.

**The University of Memphis
Psychological Research Center**
Provides Mental Health assessments
for Veterans in Veterans Court program

Why Do We Need Veterans Treatment Courts?

*One in five veterans has symptoms
of a mental health disorder or
cognitive impairment.*

*One in six veterans who served in
Operation Enduring Freedom and
Operation Iraqi Freedom suffer from
a substance abuse issue.*

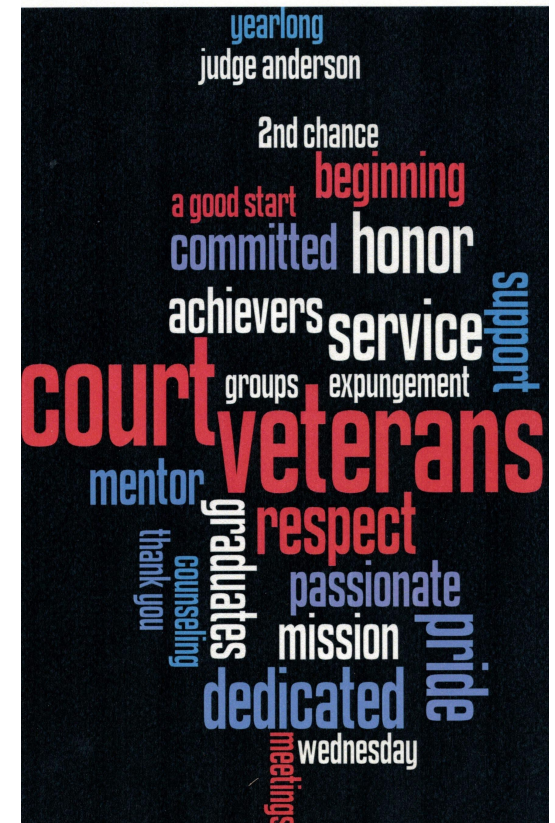
***“Veterans fought for our
freedom, now it’s our turn
to fight for theirs.”***

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Shelby County Veterans Court



What is a Veterans Court?

Much needed treatment instead of Jail time.

Most veterans are strengthened by their military service, but the combat experience has unfortunately left a growing number of veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. Research continues to draw a link between substance abuse and combat-related mental illness. Left untreated, mental health disorders common among veterans can directly lead to involvement in the criminal justice system. Veterans Court Addresses these issues within the justice system

The Shelby County Veterans Treatment Court requires:

- Regular court appearances (a bi-weekly minimum in the early phases of the program)
- Mandatory attendance at treatment sessions
- Frequent and random testing for substance use (drug and/or alcohol)
- Life Skills training (Career or Job Training, Financial education, Professional Development, Community Service, etc).

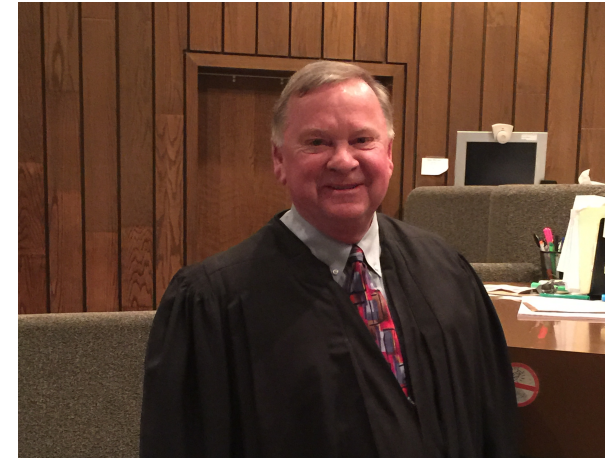
The Shelby County Veterans Court Mission

The mission of the Shelby County Veterans Court is to have a coordinated community response through collaboration with the veterans' service delivery system and the criminal justice system. The program provides a means to successfully habilitate veterans by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system and providing them with the tools needed to lead a productive and law abiding life.

Admission into the Program

Admission into the Shelby County veterans Court is voluntary, but not automatic. The treatment court and the prosecutor must agree that the veteran and the Criminal Court case qualify. Once approved the veteran must attend a orientation and undergo a treatment and mental health assessment.

Who is Eligible?



Judge Bill Anderson, Veterans Court Judge

The Veterans Court staff evaluates potential participants on a case by case basis.

In general participants must have:

- Served in the U.S. Armed forces
- Service-connected misdemeanor or felony charges in Shelby County
- Current mental health or substance abuse problems, or other co-occurring disorders related to their service

“Justice is Treatment, Treatment is Justice”