



# VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

The **Veterans Treatment Court** is a court supervised, comprehensive and voluntary treatment based program for justice-involved veterans charged with misdemeanors in the District Court. Veterans charged with these offenses who have had prior U.S. military service, whether eligible for VA benefits or not, are eligible for the Veterans Treatment Court.

In recognition of the toll on veterans that accompanies military service, the mission of the Veterans Treatment Court is to serve the community and increase public safety by integrating and incorporating a coordinated treatment response for justice-involved veterans with substance use and/or mental health issues with the goal of returning productive, law-abiding citizens to the community and thereby reducing recidivism and criminal justice costs.

The transition from active duty to civilian life can be overwhelmingly difficult for veterans to navigate. The most common struggles they face relate to employment, finances, legal matters, substance use, mental health, relationships and homelessness. Veterans Treatment Court brings together an array of service providers that connect veterans to the programs, benefits and services they have earned. These services provide both treatment to veterans as well as services to enable each veteran to live lawfully and independently. The veteran is also matched with a veteran mentor who will support the veteran as he/she progresses in the program. The Veterans Treatment Court program allows veterans to move toward self-sufficiency by removing numerous barriers to access, including minor legal issues.

The Baltimore City Veterans Treatment Court occurs the second, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Eastside District Courthouse, 1400 E. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21213.

The Anne Arundel County Veterans Treatment Court occurs the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Glen Burnie District Courthouse, 7500 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

*Veterans Treatment Court is a collaboration of Judge Halee Weinstein and Judge Thomas V. Miller III, and the District Court of Maryland, the Homeless Persons Representation Project, the State's Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, United Way of Central Maryland and many other service providers. This project is supported by a grant from the Maryland Judiciary's Office of Problem Solving Courts.*