

To qualify for the VTC a defendant MUST:

- ✓ Be charged with a criminal offense in Galveston County
- ✓ Be a veteran, on active duty, or in the Reserves, or National Guard
- ✓ Have an Honorable Discharge, or General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions, (if separated or retired)
- ✓ Be a resident of Galveston County or a county adjoining Galveston County
- ✓ Have a mental illness or disorder, substance abuse disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or traumatic brain injury related to military service

All applications are reviewed on a case by case basis and not all criminal charges are eligible for Veterans Treatment Court. Note: prior convictions for some felony offenses will make a veteran ineligible for admittance into the VTC.

The VTC program is voluntary and involves at least twelve (12) months of treatment. There are two tracks offered in the VTC Program:

- Track 1 – Pre-Trial Diversion
- Track 2 – Probation

There is a standard VTC Program Fee of up to \$1,000. This fee takes the place of all fines and costs. Collection of fees can change depending on the participant's financial situation.

Compliance with probation conditions and treatment conditions are mandatory. The staffing committee determines whether or not an applicant is eligible. The presiding judge of the trial court makes the final determination on whether or not an applicant is able to participate in Veterans Treatment Court.

Veterans participating in VTC are given access to appointed defense counsel for the duration of proceedings.

If you believe you are a qualifying veteran and would like to apply to the VTC program, please notify Court Staff or a Galveston County Veterans Service Officer immediately.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court is to assist Veterans and their families to become integral and productive members of the community through a collaborative effort, and to honor them and restore their dignity for their selfless service to our country; we shall leave no veteran behind.

ADMINISTRATION

The Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court is a non-adversarial treatment program. Veterans accepted into the program have their cases administratively transferred to Veterans Treatment Court for the duration of treatment proceedings; however, the case remains under the jurisdiction of the District Court or County Court at law in which the case was originally assigned. Veterans Treatment Court is administered by County Judge Mark Henry.

Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court does not discriminate based on color, ethnicity, religion, sex, disability, or age, in the delivery of services.

Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)



Eligibility and Program Requirements

Galveston County
VETERANS TREATMENT COURT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:		
Date of birth:	SSN:	Phone:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email:	Defense Attorney:	

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current employer:		
Employer address:		How long?
Position:	Hourly Salary (Please circle)	Annual income:

PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES / VICTIMS RESTITUTION

Charge:		Arrest Date:
Cause #:	Disposition:	Court:

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Charge:		Arrest Date:
Cause #:	Disposition:	Court:
Charge:		Arrest Date:
Cause #:	Disposition:	Court:

Specific Substance/Drug Problems:

MILITARY BACKGROUND

Branch:	Rank:	Grade:	Circle: Active Reserve Guard
Start Date:	End Date:		Discharge Type:
Combat Deployments and Dates:			
UCMJ / Article 15 Disciplinary Actions	Action:	Action:	
Circle: UCMJ Art 15 CourtsMartial	Date:	Date:	
Specialty:	Awards/Decorations:		

I request my military records, medical records and DD-214 be released to Galveston County VTC: _____

VETERANS / MEDICAL INFORMATION

Service Connected Disabilities:	
Programs / Rehabilitation:	Dates:
(%) VA Disabled:	HIPAA Release: _____

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Name of a friend or relative not residing with you:		
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Relationship:		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FUTURE GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS OF APPLICANT:

I authorize veterans Court staff to verify the information provided on this form, including my military, criminal and employment history. I HEREBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM that I am currently an active duty member of the United States military or that I have received an honorable discharge or general discharge from United States military service. I further HEREBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM that my military background, Social Security Number and all other information I have added to this form is valid and correct. I understand that making a false statement on this form is a violation of the laws of the State of Texas that may be prosecuted as a separate criminal offense.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____	DATE: _____
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