

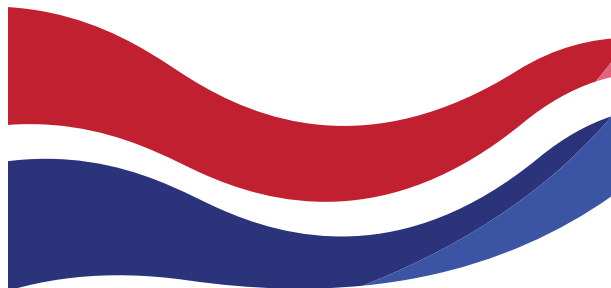
## Veterans Treatment Court Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of the Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court are to achieve positive veteran behavior by providing an intensive set of support referral services, including the following:

- Substance abuse referral services
- Mental health referral services
- Academic and/or vocational skills improvement referral services
- Residential/housing referral assistance
- Outpatient and/or transition support
- Job placement and job retention referral services

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court is to successfully rehabilitate Veterans by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system and providing them with the tools they need in order to lead a productive and law-abiding lifestyle.



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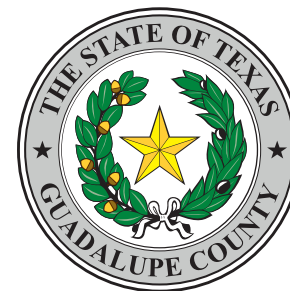
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## VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is a specialized court that utilizes a team approach to address the needs of veterans who find themselves involved in the criminal justice system.

VTC is open to defendants who have served or are currently serving in the military and whose criminal activity is related to their military service.



## Eligibility

1. You must be a resident of Guadalupe County or residing in a contiguous county at the time you enter the program.
2. The County Attorney's office will review your misdemeanor criminal case to determine if you qualify
3. If your legal case is approved by the County Attorney, you will begin the application process which includes a substance abuse and mental health assessment to determine if this Court is appropriate and will meet your individual needs.
4. The final eligibility decision lies with the VTC. Should you choose to participate in the VTC program, specific fees will apply.

Admission to Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is not guaranteed.

Successfully completing the VTC treatment program can lead to no jail time and potential removal of the specific misdemeanor charge from your record.

## Veterans Treatment Court Team

- Veterans Treatment Court Judge
- Guadalupe County Attorney or Assistant County Attorney
- Defense Attorneys
- County Probation Officers
- County Veterans Treatment Court Staff
- Treatment Providers (Veterans Administration and others)

## Dedication & Commitment

VTC participants need to appear before the Judge once a month.

Prior to each hearing, a report of each participant's progress is prepared and discussed with the VTC Court Team.

The Judge and treatment team are notified of participant's requirements, including positive and negative drug and alcohol test results and attendance at counseling and education classes.

If required, the Judge can order increased frequency of drug and/or alcohol testing and/or increased participation in assigned treatment programs.

Failure to comply with program requirements may result in the Judge ordering jail time, additional community service hours, or other sanctions, including removal from the program and remanding back to the criminal court for non-compliance with VTC program requirements.



## VTC Phases

The Guadalupe County Veterans Treatment Court program is a five-phase program that requires participation for a minimum of 14 months and a maximum of 24 months, as set by the Court.

### Phase I: Orientation and Stabilization

(Minimum 2 months)

### Phase II: Intensive Treatment

(Minimum 3 months)

### Phase III: Recovery Skills Development

(Minimum 3 months)

### Phase IV: Transition

(Minimum 3 months)

### Phase V: Maintenance

(2 Months:  
attend 1 month, skip 1 month)

### Last Month: Graduation

\*For more description of each Phase, please see the VTC Handbook (Pages 9-13) located on our county's website at:  
[www.guadalupe.tx.gov/vetcourt/pdfs/handbook.pdf](http://www.guadalupe.tx.gov/vetcourt/pdfs/handbook.pdf)