

Serving Those Who Have Served



For more information about our Veteran's Treatment Court please contact Amy Lopez at (805) 614-1566 or e-mail her at amlopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Interested in becoming a volunteer veteran mentor?

The peer mentor component of Veterans Court is an integral part of what makes the program work. If you served in the U.S. Armed Forces and are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor and want to support veterans through their journey through the justice system, please contact

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Veteran's Treatment Court of Santa Maria



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What is the Veterans Treatment Court?

The Veterans Treatment Court of Santa Maria was established in 2011 with the goal of serving justice involved veterans struggling with addiction, serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders. We promote sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response that involves cooperation and collaboration with the traditional partners found in drug and mental health courts in addition to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs health care networks, the Veterans' Benefits Administration, and volunteer veteran mentors and veterans' family support organizations.

We are working together to establish a viable option for a select group of offenders whose needs, we believe, are better met through treatment intervention rather than incarceration.



Admission Criteria

Cases considered for admission to the VTC include both misdemeanor and felony cases, except serious or violent felony cases, strikes and sexual abuse cases. These cases are considered on a case by case basis with the judge having the final decision regarding admission after consulting with members of the treatment team.

Veterans are considered regardless of discharge status provided they served in active duty. Priority will be given to combat veterans.

Upon successful completion of the 12-18 month long program, several options will be considered including reduction of felony to misdemeanor charges, early termination of probation or dismissal of all charges.

When the Court Meets

Veterans Court meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. in Department 7 at the Superior Court of CA County of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria Division and any other day as necessary. You and your family are welcome to observe the Veterans Treatment Court of Santa Maria.

Contact Information

Office of the Public Defender
312 E. Cook St.
Santa Maria, CA 93454
Phone: (805) 346-7500

VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic of Santa Maria
1550 East Main Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454
Phone: (805) 354-6000

Veterans' Services – Santa Maria Office
Veterans Service Representative
511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Room 47
Santa Maria, CA 93455
Phone: (805) 346-7160

San Luis Obispo Vet Center - Serving Santa Maria
PTSD and Readjustment Counseling
312 W. Tunnel St.
Santa Maria, CA 93458
Phone: (805) 210-6634
Sessions by appointment only.

For more information about Veterans Treatment Courts go to: www.justiceforvets.org



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