

Serving Those Who Have Served



Interested in becoming a volunteer Veteran Mentor?

The peer mentor component of Veterans Treatment Court is an integral part of what makes the program work.

If you served in the U.S. Armed Forces, are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor, and want to support veterans in their journey through the justice system, or would like more information about Veterans Treatment Court please contact Amy Lopez at (805) 614-1566 or email: amlopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us



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The Veterans Treatment Court collaborative partners are proud to participate in the Santa Barbara County Stand Down. If you are interested in more information or would like to participate in Stand Down call (805) 346-8402 sbcountystanddown.com

Veterans Treatment Court of Santa Barbara County



Superior Court of California

What is the Veterans Treatment Court?

The Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) of Santa Barbara County was established in Santa Maria in 2011, in Santa Barbara in 2012 and in Lompoc in 2016 with the goal of serving justice-involved military veterans struggling with addiction, serious mental illness, and/or co-occurring disorders. VTC promotes 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.

VTC provides a viable option for a select group of offenders whose needs are better met through treatment intervention rather than incarceration. It diverts veteran-offenders to a specialized court docket that offers specific, targeted resources and provides participants with the opportunity to establish clean and sober lifestyles, reduce criminality and psychiatric episodes, and improve the quality of their lives.



Admission Criteria

Cases considered for admission to Veterans Treatment Court include those associated to misdemeanor and felony offenses, except when the charges are related to serious or violent felonies, strikes, and/or sexual abuse. Each case is individually considered with the judge having the final authority regarding admission, which he/she determines after consulting with members of the VTC 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 Treatment Court meets in the Superior Court of each region as per the following schedules:

Santa Maria: on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 1:30 pm in Department 3.

Santa Barbara: on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 2:30 pm in Department 7.

Lompoc: on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 pm in Department 1.

You and your family are welcome to observe the Veterans Treatment Court of Santa Barbara County.

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

RESOURCES

Office of the Public Defender

312 E. Cook St., Santa Maria, CA 93454
(805) 346-7500

1100 Anacapa St. #3, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-3470

115 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc CA 93436
(805) 737-7900

Legal Hotline for Vets only: (805) 451-0430

VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic of Santa Maria

1550 East Main Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454
(805) 354-6000

Veterans Services - Santa Maria Office

Veterans Service Representative
624 W. Foster Rd., Ste. A
Santa Maria, CA 93455
(805) 346-7160

Veterans Services - Santa Barbara Office

315 Camino Del Remedio, Bldg. 3 Rm. 251
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 681-4500

Veterans Services - Lompoc Office

401 W. Cypress RM 101, Lompoc CA 93436
(805) 737-7900

San Luis Obispo Vet Center

Serving Santa Maria
PTSD and Readjustment Counseling
(805) 782-9101

Ventura Vet Center

Serving Santa Barbara and Carpinteria
790 E. Santa Clara St. Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001
(805) 585-1860

Combat Call Center 24/7

1-877-WAR-VETS
www.vetcenter.va.gov

Veterans Crisis Line

US Department of Veterans Affairs
(800) 273-8255 -Press 1

VA Home Front

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
(877) 424-3838
(877) 4AID-VET

