Pennsylvania’s Veterans Treatment Courts
Make a Difference for Veterans

What are Veterans Treatment Courts?
Veterans Courts assist veterans who are charged with crimes and are struggling with addiction, mental illness or co-occurring disorders. Veterans Court participants:

1) Appear before the judge on a regular basis
2) Gain support and guidance from veteran mentors
3) Receive supervision by specialized probation officers
4) Get treatment and support to address underlying problems often caused by post-traumatic stress disorder
5) Work closely with the VA Veterans Justice Outreach coordinators

793,000 total veterans in Pennsylvania (2018)

The first veterans treatment court opened in Lackawanna County in 2009

Pennsylvania’s veteran population ranks 4th in the United States

233 admissions in 2018

They came from the following branches of service:

- Unreported: 15%
- Coast Guard: 2%
- Air Force: 11%
- Marines: 19.5%
- Navy: 11.5%

41% Army

207 veterans graduated in 2018.
Which is an 81% successful graduation rate.

Average age at screening was 45

20 veterans treatment courts in Pennsylvania were active in 2018. (Common Pleas)

14 counties have veterans diversion programs (Magisterial District Judge)

Gender breakdown (2018 admissions):
- 94% Male
- 6% Female

Statewide court programming for Veterans Courts and all problem-solving courts are supported by the AOPC.