

OVERVIEW

Catawba County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is the fifth established VTC in North Carolina. It was initiated in March 2019 and entered its first participants in May 2021.

The VTC is a court-supervised treatment program for veteran offenders. It requires regular appearances at court and treatment sessions and includes but is not limited to: drug testing, individual/group counseling, meetings with assigned Probation Officer, mentors and attendance at community support meetings.

The VTC is an extensive collaboration of dedicated criminal justice, federal veterans' agencies, and local community veterans' organizations. The target population includes military veterans who have been charged with non-violent felony or misdemeanor criminal offense(s) and who are identified with substance dependency and/or serious mental health issues.

TIME & LOCATION

25th Judicial District, 36th Prosecutorial District Veterans Treatment Court is held at the Catawba County Justice Center, 100 Government Drive, Newton, NC 28658.

Court sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m. on alternating Thursdays in Courtroom #1.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You must be a Veteran (served at least one day in the military) of the United States Armed Forces; this includes a member of the Reserves, National Guard or Coast Guard.



If you are a Veteran or Active Duty Military and would like to be considered for acceptance into the VTC, ask your attorney or contact:

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25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 36TH PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICT CATAWBA COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT



VICTORY EARNED TOGETHER



MISSION

The VTC enhances public safety by connecting justice-involved veterans to community resources for substance use disorders, mental health conditions and social support promoting lifelong stability.

»The crime charged is appropriate for the VTC.

»A clinical diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), or other mental health condition such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse, etc. that resulted from military service.

» The above-stated diagnosis materially affected your criminal conduct for which you are being charged

» Willingness to work with all Veterans Treatment Court staff along with the individual's treatment team.



MENTOR PROGRAM

Each participant will be assigned a veteran mentor. The mentor will support them as a coach, guide, role model, and advocate. The mentor will also attend scheduled court sessions. Every effort is made to recruit a diverse group of veteran mentors from all branches of the military and from various periods of service. The participants are required to meet with their mentor as specified in their treatment plan.

GRADUATION

Upon satisfaction of the requirements of the Veterans Treatment Court, the successful participant will graduate in a ceremony conducted in court. Successful completion of the VTC program may result in no jail time and/or the possibility of not having a charge on your criminal record.



WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM BENEFITS?

- Alternative sentencing options
- Access to a comprehensive treatment plan through the VA service system and/or community providers
- Vet-to-Vet peer mentor program
- Team of support and case management that are dedicated to help increase your chances of success

GOAL

Reduce the real and hidden costs to society and the veteran through an extensive interactive, comprehensive, and judicially monitored program addressing substance abuse and mental health issues, accessing educational and vocational training opportunities, and community resource referrals for housing, childcare, and transportation.

