



Program Features:

- Veteran-Centered Approach: The program is tailored to the unique needs of veterans, with a focus on addressing underlying conditions such as PTSD and substance abuse that may contribute to criminal behavior
- Comprehensive Support Services: Participants will have access to counseling, mental health services, addiction treatment, job training, housing assistance, and educational programs designed to help veterans reintegrate into civilian life.
- Mentorship and Peer Support: Veterans will be paired with mentors who have firsthand experience navigating similar challenges, creating a supportive environment for their rehabilitation.

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“Veterans have sacrificed so much for our country, and it’s our responsibility to ensure they receive the support they need when transitioning back to civilian life. As a veteran, I was honored to work with my colleagues and members of the federal family to develop this pilot program which recognizes the unique struggles veterans face and offers a compassionate, constructive solution that prioritizes their well-being and rehabilitation.”

~Zahid N. Quraishi, District Judge



Veterans Court Program



Supporting Veterans
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District of New Jersey



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The Veterans Court program is open to veterans who meet eligibility criteria, including those facing non-violent criminal charges. The goal of the program is to reduce recidivism rates and help veterans achieve long-term success in both their legal matters and their personal lives.

The implementation of the Veterans Court pilot program is now one of three specialty courts initiated by the federal court in New Jersey. It joins the ReNew Court, the district court's reentry court program, and the Pre-Opportunity Program or POP, the federal drug court. For further information on the Veterans Court or other programs, please visit the Court's website: www.njd.uscourts.gov.

Problem Solving Court:

The Veterans Court is designed to meet the needs of veterans who are facing criminal charges that are related to issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), substance abuse, and other mental health concerns often associated with military service. The collaborative program brings together judges, attorneys, probation and pretrial services officers, veteran service organizations, and mentors to provide a comprehensive system of support for participants.

"The District of New Jersey is committed to ensuring justice and fairness for all individuals while providing tailored programs to support the unique needs of various populations. The launch of the Veterans Court program reflects our Court's continued dedication to implementing a balanced approach to the federal criminal justice system for those who have served our country.

~ Renée Marie Bumb, Chief Judge



Launched in February 2025, the Veterans Court for the United States District Court in the District of New Jersey offers much-needed support and services to veterans navigating the federal criminal justice system.

The primary goal of this judge-involved program is to provide comprehensive resources for veterans facing legal challenges.

The Veterans Court will focus on addressing the unique challenges veterans face and provides a path toward rehabilitation rather than incarceration, assisting veterans in overcoming legal issues by connecting them with specialized resources.

The program collaborates with the Veterans Administration and local veteran organizations to provide additional resources and support, creating a strong community for veterans both inside and outside the courtroom.