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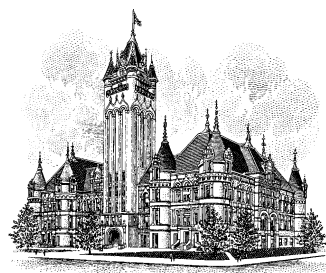


SPOKANE COUNTY VETERANS COURT

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Spokane County Courthouse

Entry Protocol

1. Contact Tom Squires for prescreen appointment: (509)477-6471
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2. Email, fax (509)477-2650, or hand deliver a copy of your DD-214 to Tom Squires.
3. Your attorney will need to contact the Veterans Court Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and present a transfer order to enter the Veterans Court.

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Spokane County Veterans Court is a collaboration of numerous agencies: the Court, the VA, the Public Defender's Office, the Prosecutor's Office, the Probation Department and many other community partners. These agencies, working together, have established a viable option for a select group of offenders whose needs are better met through treatment intervention rather than incarceration.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Spokane County Veteran's Court is to provide an interagency, collaborative, non-adversarial treatment strategy for veterans involved in the criminal justice system while holding them accountable and reintegrating veterans into the community.

Admission Criteria

Criminal Track

Cases considered for admission to the Spokane County Veteran's Court will include misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony reduction cases within Spokane County. The Veteran must have an honorable discharge, general discharge under honorable conditions, or be on active duty.

- "Combat* Veteran" status with substance use disorders and a service related diagnosis of PTSD, TBI, or MST. Referrals for potential participants that were also combat* veterans will be given the highest priority.
 - A "Combat" veteran is defined in the Department of Veterans Affairs VHA Handbook 1601A.03 Section 3 part (f).

Therapeutic Track

- Pending domestic violence charge, willing to participate in DV MRT, and complete 36 hours of community service in lieu of Veterans Forum meetings.
- Must also comply with other standard conditions of probation.

The goals of the Spokane County Veterans Court are to:

- Introduce participants to an ongoing process of recovery designed to help them become stable, employed and substance-free while continuing mental health care through community/peer counseling groups and/or the VA.
- Increase community/public safety and awareness.
- Reduce participant contacts with the criminal justice system.
- Reduce costs associated with criminal case processing.
- Reduce re-arrest of participants.