

Our Mission:

To restore honor, facilitate treatment and support recovery for our participants.

Goals of MAVS Court:

- Reduce recidivism
- Stabilize mental health and increase compliance with treatment.
- Facilitate participant sobriety
- Achieve stable housing .
- Improve family and relationships & social connections.
- Return contributing citizens to the community.



Franklin County Municipal Court

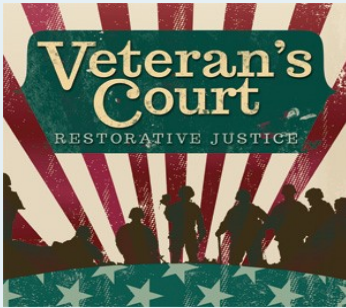
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Military and Veterans Services: Specialized Docket Program



Presiding Judge
Honorable Ted Barrows
MAVS Program Coordinators
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What is MAVS Court?

- Offers Veterans in the criminal justice system an opportunity, to regain, their discipline back by reducing criminal behavior and promoting wellness.
- Certified by Ohio Supreme Court
- Voluntary program
- 2 year probation
- Emphasize treatment over incarceration
- Opportunities for comradery and connection to other Veterans through weekly check-ins with court staff and mentorship program
- Connect Veterans to housing, addiction, mental health, jobs, and healthcare resources.

Program Eligibility

Legal Criteria

- Referral on pending eligible misdemeanor or felony charge.
- Referred by attorney

Clinical Criteria

- Defendant has served in the military; combat service and honorable discharge NOT required.
- Current mental health and/or substance abuse problems, or other co-occurring disorders related to their service.
- Motivated to engage in an intensive 2 year probation program.

What to Expect from MAVS:

MAVS Court is made up of five different phases which take 2 years to complete.

Participants must satisfy a set of requirements to advance through each phase which includes but not limited to:

- Appear often before MAVS Court Judge for status review hearings.
- Meet regularly with probation officer & coordinators.
- Participate in random and frequent drug and alcohol screens.
- Receive an individualized treatment plan which may include mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- Utilize Veteran Benefit Administration to determine if qualify for disability compensation, pension, education benefits, or vocational benefits.
- Establish connection with a peer mentor.