

What are Veterans Treatment Courts?

Veterans Courts assist veterans who are charged with crimes and are struggling with addiction, mental illness or other 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 Specialists



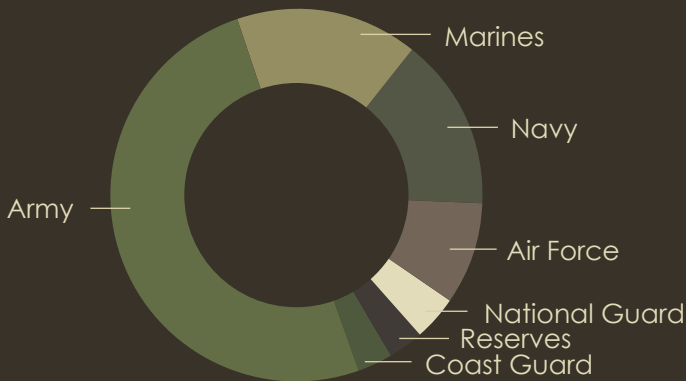
821,624
total veterans in
Pennsylvania (2021)

Pennsylvania's
veteran
population
ranks **4th**
in the
United States

The first
veterans
treatment
court
opened in
Lackawanna
County
in 2009

202 admissions
in 2021

They came from the following branches of service:



179 veterans (out of 222 participants discharged from the program) graduated in 2021

which is an **81%** successful graduation rate.

16% increase in employment among successful graduates.

25 veterans treatment courts in Pennsylvania were active in 2021. (Common Pleas)

Average age at screening was **45.**

Gender breakdown (2021 admissions):

