### **Our Mission:**

To serve Macomb County veterans in the justice system through a specialized treatment court docket, focusing on substance abuse and mental health treatment, and by providing the tools required to lead productive and law-abiding lives



"Our veterans risked their lives for our country and our freedom. It is only fitting that we, who have benefitted by their sacrifice, help the, make the sometimes difficult transition to civilian life."

-Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr.

Michigan Supreme Court

October 21, 2011

# **16th Circuit MCVTC Judge**

Honorable Michael Servitto
Presiding Judge



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Macomb County
Veterans'
Treatment Court
(MCVTC)



16th Judicial Circuit Court

### **Basic Program Information**

The program is designed to be 18-24 months long. It is divided into 4 phases, each marking new progress in the program

All participants are assessed and treatment plans and/or goals are established. Resources are fully utilized both throughout the VA and the community to ensure treatment, medical needs, and housing needs are met for every veteran

#### What Can Vet Court Do For You?

- Individualized treatment plans and support to meet your goals
- No cost alcohol/drug testing and counseling
- Support from a fellow veteran
- Collaborative treatment approach to criminal court proceedings
- Possible charge reduction or dismissal upon successful completion of the program

### **Veteran Mentors**

Veteran Mentors are an integral part of the MCVTC. A mentor supports the veteran through his or her court and treatment process, provides navigation and support, and is an advocate for them

All mentors are veterans
themselves. Every attempt is made
to pair the veteran with a mentor of
similar background, concerning
military branch, conflict served,
gender, etc. This promotes a high
comfort level for the veteran and a
trust can sometimes be formed
more easily

If you know someone who may be interested in being a mentor, please contact our Mentor Coordinator,
Paul Stempin at

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Age 18 or older
- A veteran of the armed services with a discharge other than Dishonorable
- Have a Circuit Court criminal case, that is not a capital crime
- No out of county active felony warrants (can apply after resolved)
- Acknowledges he or she has a substance abuse problem or mental illness that requires treatment and is connected to their military service and the current offense
- No current or past criminal sexual conduct convictions
- May not be currently involved in another specialty treatment court

## To apply

You may obtain an application by visiting our website at:

http://vetcourt.macombgov.org

Email applications to:

treatmentcourts@macombgov.org