



Norfolk County Veterans Legal Resource Guide

Valor Act

- Individual has history of military service
- Any offense carrying potential imprisonment
- No prior adult convictions in/out of state
- No open warrants, cases or appeals

Procedure

- Court may continue on arraignment date for 14 days
- Contact local VJO or Peer Specialist from DVS for assessment within the 14 days
- Return with assessment and court may grant period (90, 120, 180 days) for treatment
- Return with treatment report and court may dismiss, or grant further continuance for treatment

Norfolk County Veterans Treatment Court

- Individual has history of military service
- Accepts most offenses, but speak with prosecutor
- **Case must be in Norfolk County**

Procedure

- Request VTC application from local probation department; submit to PO in VTC.
- Defendant will meet with VJO for assessment if eligible, or court clinician if not; and must observe a court session
- If the team determines that treatment is appropriate they will send acceptance
- Individual must admit/plea to a term of 18 months' probation with the condition "enter and complete veterans court"
- **Sessions are at the Dedham District Court, Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.**
- Targets veterans with substance abuse, mental health, and/or co-occurring disorders.
- Multi-disciplinary team

Veterans Justice Outreach Program

- Individual is VA eligible
- Defendant/Veteran struggles with mental health, substance abuse, and/or dual diagnoses and is interested in engaging in treatment

Procedure

- Contact your local VJO (contact information located on back of brochure)
- Confirm VA eligibility
- Complete assessment, devise treatment plan, connect veteran to appropriate level of care
- Collaborate with attorneys and DA's office regarding treatment as alternative to incarceration
- Act as liaison with VA and the courts to confirm treatment compliant.