



TIPPECANOE COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

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2018 Annual Report

The Tippecanoe County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) was awarded provisional certification in 2017 through the Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS). The provisional certification was extended following a site visit on September 25, 2018. A request for certification is pending with IOCS.

Eighteen Veterans applied for the program in 2018. Twelve applicants were determined to be eligible and six were ineligible because they did not have access to VA benefits or other treatment.

There were no participants at the start of 2018. The VTC had three new participants in 2018, with the first participant starting in September. A breakdown of the applicants and participants, by branch, is below:

Army	14 applicants	8 eligible	2 participants
Navy	2 applicants	2 eligible	0 participants
Marines	1 applicant	1 eligible	0 participants
Indiana National Guard	1 applicant	1 eligible	1 participant

Two participants are from Tippecanoe County. One participant is a transfer from Warren County.

Team Members and Training

In 2018, our VTC Team included the following Team Members:

Sean Persin, Supervising Judge
Daniel Moore, Magistrate/Initial Contact at Tippecanoe County Jail

Norman Henry, Program Coordinator/Case Manager
Christopher Brophy, Probation Officer/Case Manager
Jennifer Prange/Administrator
Jonathan Dean/Matthew Lowry, Prosecuting Attorneys
Thomas O'Connor, Defense Attorney
Rebecca Sullivan/Kristine Ping, Mental Health Specialists
Mark Mayhew/Sandy Whiteley, Veteran's Justice Outreach Coordinators
Timothy Hilton, Veteran Mentor Coordinator
Barry Richard/Robert Goldsmith, Tippecanoe County Sheriff

All Team members are volunteers. Timothy Hilton, the Veteran Mentor Coordinator, has recruited and trained several mentors, who appear in court each week. Thus far, all participants have been assigned their own Veteran Mentor.

Five team members attended the Battlemind to Home Summit in October 2018. Judge Persin attended the Comprehensive Drug Court Judicial Training in French Lick, Indiana in October 2018. Coordinator Norm Henry attended the PSC Staff Orientation, the DBT training conference and the Battlemind to Home Conference.

Income and Expenditures

The VTC received a grant in 2016 from Indiana State Court Administration. A request to extend use of those funds was granted. Expenditures made in the fourth quarter of 2018 were not processed by the Auditor until 2019; accordingly, no funds were spent in fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Some participants have struggled with basic housing/food needs after being released from jail. Tim Hilton has worked with local Veteran organizations to provide for their basic needs. In addition, he has collected bus tokens and gift cards totaling \$295.00 to be used as rewards/incentives. The Team distributed \$100 in Wal-Mart gift cards and a \$25.00 in Goodwill gift cards to participants in 2018. The program has not received any cash donations and has not yet requested any money from the county general fund.

Activities

Jennifer Prange worked with Tippecanoe County Information Technology to create a VTC website, with links to the application. Ms. Prange also created and distributed VTC posters to bring awareness to the program.

Tim Hilton and Judge Persin represented the VTC at the Convoy of Hope at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds in October 2018. In addition, Tim Hilton, Judge Persin and Magistrate Moore have spoken at local events to educate the public about the program.

Respectfully submitted,



SEAN M. PERSIN
Judge, Tippecanoe Circuit Court



Norman Henry
Program Coordinator