

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

TIPPECANOE COUNTY

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2020 Annual Report

The Tippecanoe County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) was certified on January 4, 2019 by the Indiana Office of Court Services (IOCS). The certification authorizes the VTC to provide problem-solving court services through September 25, 2021.

Eight Veterans applied for the program in 2020. Four applicants were determined to be eligible. A breakdown, by branch, is below:

Army	8 applicants	4 eligible
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There were nine participants at the start of 2020. The VTC accepted two new participants in 2020; two participants graduated; and eight were active participants as of December 31, 2020. One participant died in 2020.

A breakdown of the participants, by branch, as of December 31, 2020, is below:

Army	6 participants
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Navy	1 participant
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Marines	1 participant
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One participant is a transfer from Warren County. One participant is a transfer from Clinton County. Seven participants are from Tippecanoe County.

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Team Members and Training

In 2020, 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
Patrick Harrington/Matthew Lowry, Prosecuting Attorneys
Wayne Fountain/Rob Little/Ashley Spolarich, Defense Attorneys
Kristine Ping, Mental Health Specialist
Sandra Whiteley, Veteran's Justice Outreach Coordinator
Timothy Hilton, Veteran Mentor Coordinator
Bryan Maynard, Assistance Specialist
Caleb Shocaroff, TCCC Case Manager

Case Manager Chris Brophy attended the following trainings last year:

- Justice Services Conference
- VTC Enhancement Training
- The Will to Survive Training

Case Manager Norm Henry attended the following trainings last year:

- VTC Enhancement Training
- Justice Services Conference
- NADCP Rise Conference

Income and Expenditures

The VTC received new Veterans Treatment Court Grant funds in the amount of \$5,500.00 in 2020, along with authorization to use unspent grant funds from prior years. All participants are receiving treatment through the VA. Expenditures for 2020 included:

Drug Testing	\$ 547.00
Incentives	\$ 923.37

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.

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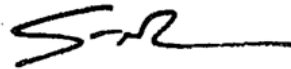
The program did not receive any cash or gift card donations in 2020 and did not request appropriations from the Tippecanoe County General Fund in 2020.

Notes

A Veteran participant died by suicide in 2020. This was a difficult situation for the entire program, including Veteran participants, mentors and the entire treatment Team. We spent additional court time and resources to process and learn.

We conducted some staffing and court sessions remotely in 2020 due to the pandemic. Isolation due to COVID-19 has impacted the mental health of some participants.

We held our first VTC graduation on October 6, 2020. Justice David, Mayor Roswarski, Mayor Dennis and Sheriff Goldsmith all submitted short videos commending our first two graduates for their leadership and service.



SEAN M. PERSIN
Judge, Tippecanoe Circuit Court



Norman Henry
Program Coordinator