



## TIPPECANOE COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

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### 2019 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.

Nineteen Veterans applied for the program in 2019. Ten applicants were determined to be eligible and nine were ineligible. A breakdown, by branch, is below:

Army	13 applicants	7 eligible
Navy	1 applicants	0 eligible
Air Force	1 applicants	1 eligible
Marines	2 applicants	1 eligible
Indiana National Guard	2 applicants	1 eligible

There were three participants at the start of 2019. The VTC accepted six new participants in 2019, and all nine were active participants as of December 31, 2019. A breakdown of the participants, by branch, as of December 31, 2019, is below:

Army	6 participants
Navy	1 participant
Marines	1 participant
Indiana National Guard	1 participant

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

## **Team Members and Training**

In 2019, 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  
Thomas O'Connor/Wayne Fountain, Defense Attorneys  
Kristine Ping, Mental Health Specialist  
Sandra Whiteley, Veteran's Justice Outreach Coordinator  
Timothy Hilton, Veteran Mentor Coordinator  
Bryan Maynard, Assistance Specialist  
Travis Butts, Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office

All Team members are volunteers. Timothy Hilton, the Veteran Mentor Coordinator, has recruited and trained several new mentors, who appear in court and have regular contact with participants.

The Tippecanoe County VTC Team presented a live "mock staffing session" at the 2019 Battlemind to Home Summit, hosted by Purdue University. Case Manager Chris Brophy attended the following trainings last year:

- Justice Services Conference
- POPAI Conference
- Battlemind to Home Summit
- Case Management Training through the Probation

Case Manager Norm Henry attended the following trainings last year:

- Justice Services Conference
- Battlemind to Home Summit
- ASAM Criteria Training
- Leadership Training through Paradigm Health

## **Income and Expenditures**

The VTC received new Veterans Treatment Court Grant funds in the amount of \$5,500.00 in 2019, along with authorization to use unspent grant funds from prior years. All participants are receiving treatment at no expense through the VA. Expenditures for 2019 included:

Drug Testing	\$1,341.00
Incentives	\$647.77

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.

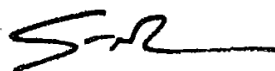
The Team distributed \$475.00 in gift cards to participants in 2019. The VTC possessed \$315.000 worth of gift cards as of December 31, 2020. The program did not receive any cash or gift card donations in 2019 and did not request appropriations from the Tippecanoe County General Fund in 2019.

## Notes

Congressman Jim Baird met with the participants on May 28, 2019 to provide support and encouragement. A participant of the Tippecanoe County VTC started a Vet to Vet Peer group in Lafayette in 2019.

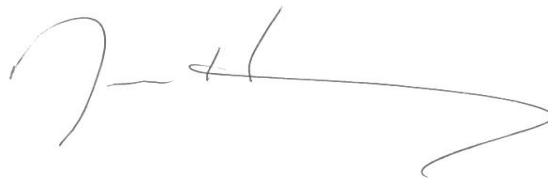
Tim Hilton and Judge Persin represented the VTC at the Stand Down event in Lafayette on November 2, 2019. In addition, Tim Hilton, Judge Persin and Magistrate Moore have spoken at local events to educate the public about the program.

Respectfully submitted,



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**SEAN M. PERSIN**  
**Judge, Tippecanoe Circuit Court**



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**Norman Henry**  
**Program Coordinator**