

What are Veterans Courts?

Veterans Courts assist veterans who are charged with crimes and are struggling with substance use disorder, mental illness or other co-occurring disorders. Veterans Court participants:

- 1) Appear before the judge on a regular basis
- 2) Gain support and guidance from veteran mentors
- 3) Receive supervision by specialized probation officers
- 4) Get treatment and support to address underlying problems often caused by post-traumatic stress disorder
- 5) Work closely with the VA Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists



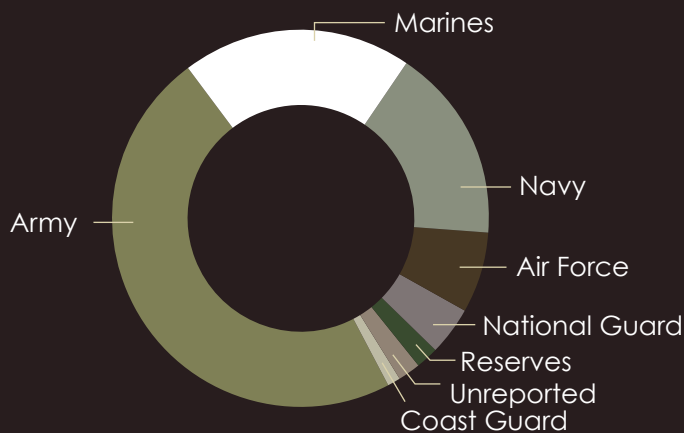
697,655
total veterans in
Pennsylvania (2023)

Pennsylvania's
veteran
population
ranks
4th
in the
United States

The first
veterans
treatment
court
opened in
Lackawanna
County
in 2009

192 admissions
in 2023

They came from the following branches of service:



147 veterans (out of 196 participants discharged from the program) graduated in 2023

which is a **75%** successful graduation rate.

23% increase in employment among successful graduates.

26 veterans treatment courts in Pennsylvania were active in 2023. (Common Pleas)

14 counties have veterans diversion programs (Magisterial District Courts)

Average age at screening was **45**

Gender breakdown (2023 admissions):

