

## 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:

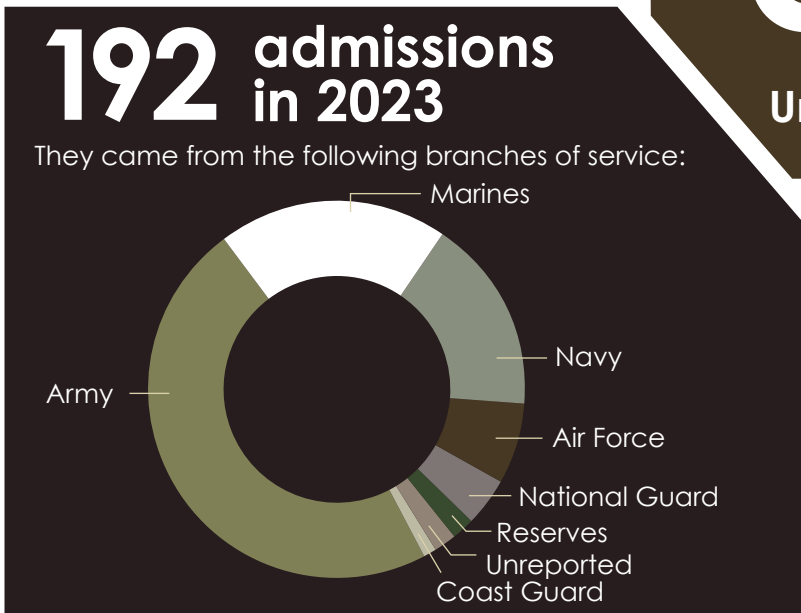
- 1) Appear before the judge on a regular basis
- 2) Gain support and guidance from veteran mentors
- 3) Receive supervision by specialized probation officers
- 4) Get treatment and support to address underlying problems often caused by post-traumatic stress disorder
- 5) Work closely with the VA Veterans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



**697,655**  
total veterans in  
Pennsylvania (2023)

Pennsylvania's  
veteran  
population  
ranks  
**5th**  
in the  
United States

The first  
veterans  
treatment  
court  
opened in  
Lackawanna  
County  
**in 2009**



**147** veterans 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**

