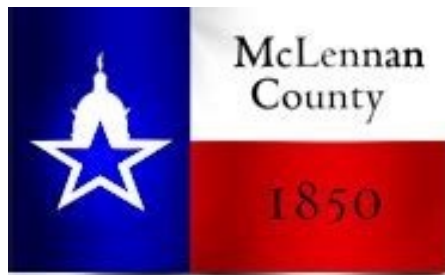


# McLENNAN COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

*The mission of the McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court is to increase public safety, save tax dollars, reduce recidivism, and address military-related experiences and injuries, including alcohol, substance abuse and mental illnesses, that contributed to the commission of the criminal offense by using judicially supervised treatment so that Veterans in the criminal justice system can become whole, productive, and law-abiding members of society.*



The court also relies on Peer Mentors from the Military Veterans Peer Network. Mentors are Veterans of the different Armed Forces who volunteer their time to assist the program participant through the court process. Mentors provide the participant support, encouragement and assistance in navigating VA and local services. Peer Mentors are trained and may have served in Vietnam, Desert Storm/Shield, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. Participants are assigned a mentor who is there to support them throughout their journey.

## What to expect

Participants will be assessed by the Veterans Administration to determine if they qualify for disability compensation, pension, educational benefits, vocational assistance, housing, employment, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling and/or medical services.

You may receive support from fellow Veterans through the Peer Mentor Program.

An individualized treatment plan will be created to meet your needs and may include substance abuse and/or mental health treatment.

Participants appear frequently before the Veterans Treatment Court Judge, Hon. Gary Coley, for progress

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## McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court



The McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court is a voluntary, court-monitored treatment Program that addresses the mental health and/or substance abuse issues of a veteran that utilizes evidence-based best practices that will help veterans get back on track to being productive members of our community.

This program relies on the cooperation and collaboration of many Veterans service organizations and community treatment agencies, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, McLennan County Veterans Services, McLennan County District Attorney's Office, Baylor Law Veterans Clinic, McLennan County Community Supervision & Corrections Department and Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop.



# McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court



Through a combination of structured support, healthcare, and other social service resources

provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Texas Veterans Commission, McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court assists participants in the restoration of the veteran's quality of life and the reduction of conflicts that might lead to additional incarceration events.

**If you are a veteran and would like to be considered for acceptance into the Veterans Treatment Court, ask your defense attorney to help you prepare an application.**

Successful completion of the McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court may result in no jail time and/or the possibility of not having a misdemeanor conviction on your criminal record.

## Eligibility

- At least 18 years of age
- Able to prove Veteran status and be eligible for VA care (provide copy of DD214)
- Must be approved by the District Attorney's office and in some cases the sentencing Court
- Must have charges in, and work or reside in McLennan County (some exceptions may be made for those residing in an adjacent county)
- Must not have holds or warrants from other jurisdictions or have other criminal cases pending
- Must be physically and mentally capable of participating in the program
- Willing to participate in the conditions of the court
- Service related condition



## Location

The McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court is held at the McLennan County Courthouse, Commissioner's Courtroom, located at 501 Washington Ave., Waco, Texas 76701. Veterans Treatment Court begins at 12pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.



## Goals

The McLennan County Veterans Treatment Court provides referral services for substance abuse, mental health, academic and/or vocational skills, residential/housing assistance, outpatient and/or transition support and job placement/retention.

Veterans Treatment Court Participants Receive Assistance with VA Benefits Including:

- Mental Health Treatment
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- General Healthcare

