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Introduction to
Beaver County Veterans Treatment Court

Are you a Veteran of the US Armed Forces currently facing criminal charges in Beaver County?

The Veterans Treatment Court is a criminal justice diversion program in which the District Attorney offers a qualified Veteran an opportunity to undergo mental health and/or addiction treatment in exchange for a reduced sentence or no sentence.

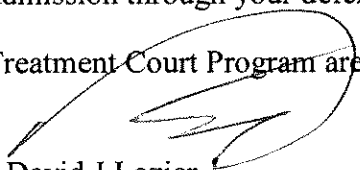
If accepted, the District Attorney will offer the Veteran an "incentive plea" for a reduced sentence or no sentence. The Veteran will execute a signed program agreement, enter a plea before the Court, and must comply with all program and treatment requirements. If the Veteran completes the program the incentive/reduced plea will go into effect and the District Attorney will request that most costs and fees be waived by the Court. If the Veteran fails the program, the Veteran will be sentenced under the original charges with the ordinary costs and fees.

The program generally lasts 12-18 months, and requires:

- Mental health and/or addiction treatment as designed by the case manager and as directed by the Court.
- Frequent Court appearances; twice monthly for approximately the first six months, then monthly or every other month depending upon success in the program.
- Active participation in VA or Veteran Outreach programs.
- Frequent reporting to the VA or Veteran Outreach case manager.
- Frequent reporting to the assigned Beaver County Adult Probation Officer.
- Frequent drug screens.
- Frequent contact with an assigned veteran peer support mentor.

You may apply to the District Attorney for admission through your defense lawyer.

The Rules for the Beaver County Veterans Treatment Court Program are available on this DA website and through the District Attorney.


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