

## ABOUT VETS COURT

Veterans treatment courts are an alternative to incarceration for military veterans and service members whose involvement in the justice system is rooted in a substance use disorder, mental health disorder, or trauma. These courts connect veterans in crisis with local, state, and federal benefits and facilitate treatment services. The Bozeman Veteran Eligible Treatment Services (VETS) Court is a voluntary 12-24 month program that uses a collaborative, evidence-based approach to treatment and rehabilitation.

## MISSION

Reduce crime, enhance public safety, save taxpayer costs, and enrich lives by facilitating sobriety, treating mental health conditions, improving social relationships, and promoting lifelong stability for veteran offenders in our community.

## GOALS

- Provide cost-effective alternatives to traditional incarceration and probation
- Offer a team-based approach to case management, goal-setting and accountability
- Ensure evidence-based policies and practices
- Increase access to health and behavioral health resources, including VA services

## OUR TEAM

VETS Court Judge  
*Honorable J. Colleen Herrington*

Court Coordinator  
*Renee Boundy*

Case Manager  
VA Treatment Provider  
Community Treatment Provider  
Community Supervision  
Defense Attorney  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Police Liaison  
Sherriff's Liaison  
Mentor Coordinator  
Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist

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## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

**Judicial Supervision** provides structure for change by offering both incentives and sanctions for accomplishments and missteps. Participants appear in court for review hearings twice monthly.

**A Treatment Plan** is co-developed by the treatment team and veteran and outlines substance use counseling, mental health counseling, and support group meeting goals.

**Community Supervision** includes random drug tests, meetings with a probation officer, and virtual home visits to help the veteran maintain their treatment while ensuring community safety.

**Case Management Services** to help the veteran follow the requirements of the treatment plan and find community resources.

**A Mentor** to support the veteran in finding resources in the community and navigating the VETS Court process.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Served or be actively serving in the United States military
- Treatment needs the court can satisfy Approved by the defense attorney, prosecutor, and judge
- Charge(s) offers the court sufficient jurisdiction
- Resides within or near Gallatin County or able to move upon acceptance
- At least 18 years old

## REFERRALS

Are you or someone you know a good fit for VETS Court? Visit our website (via the URL or QR code on the back) to locate our referral form. Contact the Court Coordinator with completed forms or further questions.

## GET INVOLVED

**Donate:** Want to support our program? Donations help VETS Court participants connect with life-changing treatment and services. They can be made to Friends of the Bozeman VETS Court. Contact [friendsofbznvetscourt@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbznvetscourt@gmail.com) or the Court Coordinator to learn more.

**Mentor:** Are you a veteran interested in mentoring a VETS Court participant? We match our participants with a veteran mentor from the community to serve as their “battle buddy” while they navigate our program. Contact the Court Coordinator to learn more.

**Partner:** Are you a member of the community with professional expertise that aligns with the VETS Court mission? Feel free to get in touch to explore potential avenues for collaboration.

**Volunteer:** We are always open to volunteer support. Contact the Court Coordinator if you’re interested in learning about volunteer opportunities.

