



Adams County Court for Veterans Mentoring Program Information Sheet



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Veterans Mentoring Program is to make certain to the best of our abilities that **No Veteran is Left Behind**. We will support the veteran through their readjustment to civilian life, assist the veteran to navigate through the court, treatment and VA systems, and act as a mentor and ally.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Veteran's Mentoring Program is that no veteran is left behind.

Having veterans participate as mentors is an important part of the Adams County Court for Veterans as there is a bond that occurs between veterans around the values that are shared and the sacrifices that have been made.

The Mentoring Program offers support and encouragement for veterans in the court system by spending one-on-one time with the veteran during their vet court appearances (the mentors are available 30 minutes prior to the commencement of court and following the court docket) or during visits at other locations / times as mutually agreed between the mentor and mentee. These confidential mentoring sessions in court usually do not last longer than ten minutes and give the veteran the opportunity to bring up concerns and get feedback and support from another veteran. The Mentor has a Resource Book at his/her disposal to refer veterans to a wide range of available services. These include Medicaid (for vet's family), Food Stamps, Civil Service Agencies, employment, housing, legal, etc. The mentor is a resource to the veteran, **NOT A COUNSELOR**.

Who is a Veteran Mentor?

- Served or is serving in the U.S. Military.
- A friend / battle buddy / ally.
- A volunteer trained to listen and assist as appropriate.

What a Veteran Mentor does:

- Be supportive and understanding of the difficulties that you are facing.
- Assist you as much as possible to resolve your concerns around the court procedures.
- Assist you on how to access and navigate the VA, Social Services, and other systems.
- Provide confidential resources to refer you to appropriate professionals (e.g. housing, community services, benefits, etc.).

A Veteran Mentor is not a counselor or a Drill Sargent.

The Adams County Court for Veterans strongly encourages all veteran court participants to take advantage of the mentoring resources and opportunity.

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