VETERANS COURT REQUIREMENTS BY PHASE

Requirements		
Prior to admission into the Veterans Court program, Defendant must complete the following steps:		
\square Submit DD214 or discharge paperwork to the District Attorney's office through Defense Attorney.		
\square Contact with Bonnie Clark at the VA in Altoona for formal needs assessment: 814-943-8164, ext 4201.		
\square If ineligible for VA services, contact Randy Levander at VetAdvisors: 814-846-4116.		
Defense attorneys are responsible for ensuring defendant complies in a timely manner. Defendant is expected to comply with all court and treatment protocol.		
Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
12 weeks	28 weeks	12 weeks
Fast Track Option – 6 months total		
6 weeks	14 weeks	6 weeks
Court reviews as frequently as every 2 weeks	Court reviews as frequently as once/month	Court reviews as frequently as every 8 weeks
Drug /alcohol testing as frequently as 2 times/ week	Drug /alcohol testing as frequently as once/month	Drug /alcohol testing as frequently as every 2 months
3) Weekly contact with probation	3) Contact probation twice/month	3) Contact probation once/month
May be required to apply for and begin working with veteran mentor	Maintain regular contact w/ mentor if appropriate	Maintain contact with mentor if appropriate
5) If unemployed and employable, must work towards vocational needs	5) Continue efforts to secure employment or initiate plans for	5) Maintain stable employment/ full- time schooling
through resume development, job search, application submission, etc.	academic or technical training	6) Maintain stable housing
6) At least one home visit from probation	Develop budget and financial plan	7) Have all costs and fines paid
Phase-up Requirements*		Graduation Requirements
☐ Complete all requirements as outlined above	☐ Complete all requirements as outlined above	☐ Complete all requirements as outlined above
☐ No positive drug and/or alcohol screens for at least 30 days	☐ No positive drug and/or alcohol screens for at least 50 days	☐ No positive drug and/or alcohol screens for at least 90 days
☐ No unexcused absences from treatment or court dates for at least 30 days	☐ No unexcused absences from treatment or court dates for at least 50 days	☐ No unexcused absences from treatment or court dates for at least 90 days
☐ Sanction free for at least 2 weeks	☐ Sanction free for at least 50 days	☐ Sanction free for at least 90 days
Sanctions*		
Sanctions applied at the discretion of the court accordingly.		
Judicial admonishment	 Increased court appearances 	Demotion to previous phase
Imposition of fines	 Increased drug testing 	 TAD Monitoring / Drug Monitoring
Community service	Increased restrictions	and required costs
 Immediate work crew participation 	 Revoke driving privileges 	Jail – short term
 Increased contact with probation 	 Repeat all or portions of current phase 	 Dismissal from Program

^{**} All time frames and frequencies are at the discretion of the court.