

WE NEED YOU!

**....to become a
Veteran Peer Mentor
in Veterans Court**



What is Veterans Court?

- Veterans Court is a joint effort between the James E. Van Zandt (Altoona) Healthcare System, Veterans organizations, and the Cambria County Court System specifically for Veterans.
- Veterans can be referred to Veterans Court for certain non-violent offenses.
- If accepted into the Veterans Court Program, individuals receive intensive treatment after arrest rather than punitive measures such as prison time.
- Successful completion can lead to reduced charges or avoiding prison altogether.

Next Training Session:

**Thursday, June 19, 2014
11 am**

Hiram G. Andrews Center
727 Goucher Street
Johnstown, PA 15905
Seminar Theatre

What is Peer Mentoring in Veterans Court?

- Peer Mentors in Veterans Court are specially trained individuals assigned to work with a Veteran receiving service from the Veterans Court.
- Peer Mentors work closely with these Veterans to offer assistance, assess their needs, and help them problem solve.
- Peer Mentors help with re-adjustment to civilian life and assist the Veteran in the navigation of the court, treatment, and Department of Veterans Affairs systems.
- The Peer Mentor will attend court sessions when available and assist the Veteran with concerns regarding court procedures.
- Peer Mentors work respectfully and professionally with the Veteran, service providers, and other mentors.
- The Peer Mentor will be trained to act as a coach and advocate for the Veterans.

**If interested in receiving more information,
please contact Tom Caulfield, Veteran Peer Mentor Coordinator:
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