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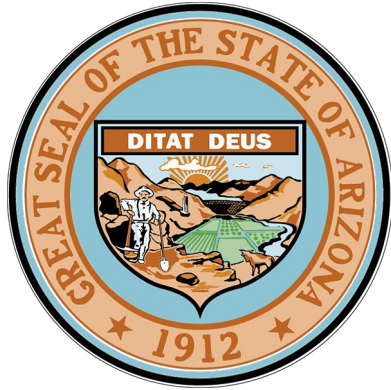
Challenges and Barriers in Navigating the Legal System

Session 1





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Welcome!

Judge Mitch Kalauli



Introduction

- Veteran Treatment Courts
- How Specialty Courts Operate
- Risk vs. Reward
- Veteran Court Video

Veterans Treatment Court

Serving the Veterans in the Community
through Veterans Treatment Court



Importance of Veteran Treatment Courts

Veterans Treatment Courts present an opportunity for us to come to the aid of the men and women in uniform who are suffering as a result of their sacrifice to this country and should be expanded to serve all veterans in need.

General Barry R. McCaffrey (Ret)

- Link between combat stress and involvement in the court system.
- Growing number of veterans appearing on dockets with substance abuse issues.
- Traditional social services not equipped to address combat stress.
- Need to engage VA, State Vets Depts., veterans orgs., and family support groups.

Importance of Veteran Treatment Courts

- Provides an alternative to incarceration
 - \$2 for every \$7 spent in regular court
 - \$200,000+ savings in jail costs alone for DUIs since Nov 2013
 - \$100,000+ in community restitution since Jan 2016 (VTC)
- Reduction in recidivism rate
 - Regular Court: 70% – 80%
 - Treatment Court 25% - 40%
 - Veteran Treatment Courts: 5% – 25%
- Provides a platform for Justice Involved Veterans
 - Clean, Compliant & Connected



Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court

- First Rural Veterans Treatment Court: Nov 8, 2013 with 1 Veteran
- 304 Veterans Court Participants Total
- 24 Active Duty identified (Municipal cases)
- 29 Veterans currently in program (2 pending Veterans)
- 9 Active Duty have participated in LHC Veterans Court
- Average length of program is 9 to 18 months
- 230 Veterans successfully completed the VTC program (Graduated)
- 8.7% recidivism rate for Veterans who graduated the program

Specialty Courts and the Need for Support

- Specialty Courts are the most successful
- with community support!

- Establishing Resource Teams to support the Court and community
 - Central point of contact for the community
 - Share resources and ideas
 - Excellent way to disseminate information
 - Raise money

- Establishing post program groups to support graduates
 - Continued community involvement
 - Mentorship

Veterans Resource Team

The Veterans Resource Team (VRT) was formed in response to the growing needs of the Veterans in our community and justice system. The VRT is a collaboration between many of the local Veteran and City organizations who have one common goal..... Help our Veterans!

Ambulance at
the bottom of
the cliff!



The Beginning of the Veterans Resource Team

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 27

LHC Veteran Treatment Court

Marine Corps League Det 757

Joan McDermott – Who wears many hats ☺

The Veterans Resource Team Now

American Legion Auxiliary Post 81
American Legion Post 81
American Legion Riders
Arizona Coalition for Military Families
Arizona@Work
Arizona Department of Veterans' Affairs
ASU Lake Havasu
AVVA975 Mohave County
Better Business Bureau
Catholic Charities
Community Legal Services
Cornerstone Mission
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Ch 27
Goodwill
Havasu Classics Car Club
Havasu Community Health Foundation
Hero's on the Water
Hospice of Havasu
Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council
Journey Church
Kingman Veterans Treatment Court
Lake Havasu City Council Members

LHC Veteran Treatment Court
Marine Corps League Auxiliary Det 757
Marine Corps League Det 757
Military Moms
Mohave Community college
Mohave County Community Services
Mohave County Housing Authority
Mohave Mental Health
National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI)
NAZCARE
Nation's Finest
One-Stop Career Center
Only Orchids LHC
Praise Chapel
River Fund, Inc.
Salvation Army
Southwest Behavioral Health Services
Triwest Healthcare Alliance
Vet Center
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9401
Veterans Thrift Store
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 975

Veterans Resource Team Stats

This report covers donations made by the VRT from 2015 to 2021 to assist veterans referred by Lake Havasu City veterans' organizations and the Veterans Treatment Court.

Total donations in 2021: \$71,036.29
Total donations in 2020: \$11,897.65
Total donations in 2019: \$24,968.48
Total donations in 2018: \$22,880.74
Total donations in 2017: \$10,005.08
Total donations in 2016: \$11,770.25
Total donations in 2015: \$24,845.66





Alumni Group

VTC Involvement

- Transportation
- Mentorship

Observations and Relationships

Alumni Group Establishment

- Encourages positive social interactions
- Trust and motivation building
- Community involvement

Veteran Outreach

LHC Vet Court Newsletter – *The Veterans Six*

Subscribe on: <http://www.lhcaz.gov/court/veterans-court>



Hikes and Events (Stand Down)

Life Skill Workshops through Veterans Resource Team

Group Community Service Projects

Family Day



Thank you for your
Service!

Mitchell Kalauli
Lake Havasu City Municipal Court
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Panel Discussion

Learning Objectives

- Maricopa StandDown
- Legal Services for Superior and Justice Court Cases
- Culture Barriers

Panel Discussion

Panelists

- Gary Kula
- David Hintze
- Judge Mitch Kalauli
- Elizabeth (Liz) Santos

Veteran Screening Forms



David Hintze

Veteran Screening Form

Maricopa County Legal Standdown



All fields marked with * are required and must be filled.

Name *

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of Birth *

Date

Branch of Military *

Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number. The lawyers will need to contact you by phone or email.

Email *

example@example.com

Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

1. Do you need help with a felony criminal case? *

Type here...

If you know, please provide the case number(s) and county (or State if outside Arizona) where you believe the case or cases are being handled.

2. Please check all that apply: *

- I want to reduce my fines and fees
- I want to get off probation
- I want my felony designated a misdemeanor
- I want to restore my rights or set aside a conviction
- Expungement of marijuana records
- Other

3. Do you need help with a misdemeanor criminal, city or justice court case? If yes, please include (if you know) the City or Justice Court Name(s): *

Type here...

If you know, please provide the case number(s) and county (or State if outside Arizona) where you believe the case or cases are being handled.

3b. Case Number(s):

Do you need assistance with a non-criminal legal matter? *

- Yes
- No

Please check all that apply. I need assistance with

- Family law (divorce, child support, alimony)
- Landlord-Tenant/Housing Issue
- Bankruptcy
- Wills or Estate Planning
- Immigration
- Discharge Upgrades
- VA Disability

***Note: You will be contacted by a lawyer within 5 business days with next steps. If you are NOT contacted within 5 business days, please attend the standdown in person on Friday, April 28, 2023, 7am - 4pm. The last day for refferrals is Monday, April 21st. After that we can direct anyone who calls to come to the standdown It is likely that the required assistance for your personal situation must be handled at the standdown.**

Submit

Veteran Screening Form

Name Veteran Test

Date of Birth 10-11-1980

Branch of Military Army

Phone Number (999) 999-9999

Email veteran.test@gmail.com

Address 222 W. Nowhere, Phoenix, AZ, 85000

1. Do you need help with a criminal case? Yes, I have a felony case I need help with CR2000-1111111. I also have a city of phoenix case I need assistance with.

2. Please check all that apply:

I want to reduce my fines and fees

I want to get off probation

I want my felony designated a misdemeanor

Other

Do you need assistance with a non-criminal legal matter? Yes

Please check all that apply. I need assistance with

Family law (divorce, child support, alimony)

Discharge Upgrades

Support Line Resources



Norberto Marquez

Support Line Resources



- [ACLU Arizona](#)
- [Modest Means Project](#)
- [Community Legal Services](#)
- [Law Library Resource Center](#)
- [Northeast Regional Center Information](#)
- [State Bar of Arizona](#)
- [Arizona Law Help](#)
- [Arizona Bar Association Free Legal Answers](#)
- [Stateside Legal](#)

Q & A



Session Evaluation

We want to hear from you!

