

EL PASO VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM

Judge Angie Juarez Barill
Judge William E. Moody

Silvia Serna

Veterans Program Director
346th District Court, Room 701 (7th Floor)
500 E. San Antonio
El Paso, Texas 79901
Phone: 915-546-2119
Fax: 915-546-2233
Email: sserna@epcounty.com
<http://www.epcounty.com/346dc/veteranscourt/>



HELPFUL NUMBERS

Veterans Employment & Training
9740 Dyer, Ste. 109-113 / 79924
(915) 887-2441

El Paso VA Health Care System
5001 N. Piedras / 79930
(915) 564-6100

El Paso Vet Center
1155 Westmoreland Ste. 121 / 79925
(915) 772-0013

Texas Veterans Commission
(915) 887-2886 Employment
(915) 564-7852 Claims Benefits

El Paso County Veterans Service Office
4641 Cohen Ste. D / 79924
(915) 759-7990

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 Press "1"

Emergence Health Network
1600 Montana / 79902
(915) 887-3410

Attorney General's Office
6090 Surety Dr. Ste. 250 / 79905
(915) 782-4291

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank
(915) 298-0353

"This program is supported by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission *Fund for Veterans' Assistance*. The *Fund for Veterans' Assistance* provides grants to organizations serving veterans and their families."



346TH DISTRICT COURT

500 E. San Antonio, Room 701
El Paso, Texas 79901

THE EL PASO VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM



*Leave No Veteran Behind
&
Honor Their Service*



Application Process into the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program

Admission to the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program is not automatic, there is a process.

The applicant can be a veteran or an active service member of the U.S. armed forces, the reserves, national guard or state guard.

The applicant must apply to the Veterans Court Program through their Attorney, Community Supervisor Officer or Judge. The application form is available at the Veterans Court Office.

A determination will be made on the applicant's legal eligibility based upon statutory criterion, criminal history and current charges.

The applicant will undergo a substance abuse and mental health assessment to determine if this Veterans Court is appropriate and will meet the applicant's needs.



Acceptance into the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program

The Court and/or the Prosecutor must all agree that the applicant and the case qualifies for the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program.

Once the case is approved, the case will be set for an initial hearing on the next Veterans Court docket.

The applicant will review the recommendation with his/her attorney.

After admission, the applicants are assigned to a treatment provider, such as the Veterans Health Administration or the William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

The applicant will have a treatment plan developed which is individualized to meet the applicant's needs and may include substance abuse and/or mental health treatment.

The applicant will appear frequently before the Judges of the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program for review hearings.

The Mission of the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program is to divert justice-involved veterans and active service members from the traditional criminal justice system by assisting them and their families with treatment and judicial monitoring to afford them the tools needed to lead a productive and law-abiding life.

Benefits of the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program

The applicant will be assessed by the Veterans Benefit Administration to determine whether the applicant qualifies for disability pension, compensation, education benefits, and/or vocational rehabilitation.

The applicant will be assessed by the Veterans Health Administration to determine whether the applicant qualifies for housing, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, and/or medical services.

The applicant will receive assistance or guidance from fellow Veterans who are mentors.

The applicant will be assessed for employment opportunities and assistance by a Veteran's representative from the Texas Veteran's Commission.

Successful completion of the El Paso Veterans Treatment Court Program may result in early release/discharge from community supervision.

