

10 Key Components to Veterans Court

1. IVC integrates treatment services for military service connected issues, such as medical, mental, alcohol, and other treatment services, with justice system case processing.
2. Using a non-adversarial approach promoting public safety, while protecting the participant's due process rights.
3. Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the IVC program.
4. IVC provides access to a continuum of medical, mental, alcohol, and drug treatment and rehabilitation services.
5. Abstinence from alcohol and other drugs is monitored by frequent testing.
6. A coordinated strategy governs IVC responses to participants' compliance.
7. Ongoing judicial interaction with each IVC participant is essential.
8. Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness.
9. Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective IVC planning, implementation, and operations.
10. Forging partnerships among IVC, public agencies, and community based organizations generates local support and enhances IVC.

How does the Community Benefit?

- Improve public safety when service members receive the services needed to reintegrate and contribute to the community again.
- Decrease in repeat crime by helping veterans within the court system.
- Use federally supported treatment programs to save community money and resources.
- Improve outcomes for veterans to help them transition to civilian life.

Indianapolis Veteran Court



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Restoring Honor”**



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What is Indy Vet Court?



Veterans Court closely monitors veterans in the court system, ensuring accountability for criminal behavior and providing support and resources to address underlying problems so veterans may lead law-abiding and productive lives.

The Indy Vet Court was established in 2015. IVC is a community effort of the Court, Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender, Probation Department, Department of Veterans Affairs, and local community treatment professionals in Marion County, Indiana. This team of professionals works together for the benefit of Veterans.

A team of mentor veterans are crucial in helping ensure that every veteran receives support and assistance to achieve success in the IVC and in their lives.

How does IVC Work?

- Male or female veterans, Active, Reserve, or Guard may apply
- Misdemeanor and Level 6 felonies allowed
(*Contact Court for list of eligible offenses*)
- Apply and release military and criminal background information
- Submit a copy of Form DD 214
- Complete eligibility assessment
- Sign voluntary deferral agreement, admitting factual basis to the Court. Upon successful completion, all charges will be dismissed or result in a fully suspended sentence.
- Complete an orientation session
- Ongoing monitoring and interaction with the Court, treatment provider, and Supervision Officer
- Comply with all program requirements

How Often is IVC Held?

IVC Court sessions are held every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. before the Judge David Certo in Marion Court 12, Room G6 at 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN. 46204.

IVC ranges from 9 to 18 months depending on charge, individual needs, and compliance and progress of the participant. Attendance and participation are required.

How Do I Apply?

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