

Next Training - August 19th, 2019 at 2pm

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 Veteran's Court Program, individuals receive intensive treatment after arrest rather than punitive measures such as jail or prison time.
- Successful completion can lead to reduced charges or avoiding jail time altogether.

What is Peer Mentoring in Veterans Court?

- Peer Mentors in Veterans Court are specially trained individuals who are assigned to work with a Veteran receiving services from the Veterans Court.
- The Peer Mentors work closely with these Veterans to offer assistance, assess their needs, and help them problem solve.
- The Peer Mentors help with re-adjustment to civilian life and assist the Veteran to navigate the Court, treatment, and Department of Veteran's Affairs system.
- The Peer Mentor will attend court sessions when available and assist the Veteran with concerns around 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 you are interested in receiving more information, please contact:

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