

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

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By: J. DEROIS

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
	)	No. 2022-27
THE YAVAPAI COUNTY LIMITED	)	
JURISDICTION VETERANS'	)	(Amending and Superseding
TREATMENT COURT	)	Admin Order No. 2020-01)
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WHEREAS, A.R.S. §22-601 allows the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court ("Presiding Judge") to establish a Regional Limited Jurisdiction Veterans' Treatment Court ("Veterans' Treatment Court") to adjudicate cases filed in any Justice Court in the county;

WHEREAS, A.R.S. §22-601(1)(B) requires the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court to establish the eligibility criteria for referral to the Veterans' Treatment Court;

WHEREAS, a number of the Justice Courts in Yavapai County have joined together by virtue of a mutual agreement to create a Veterans' Treatment Court;

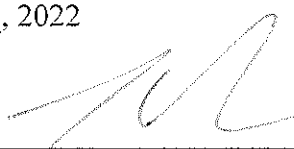
**IT IS ORDERED** as follows:

1. Any Justice Court in Yavapai County shall be permitted to participate in the Veterans' Treatment Court established for cases involving defendants who have served in the United States armed forces and who are willing to participate in treatment with either the Veterans' Administration and other health care providers. The cases of the veterans shall be adjudicated in accordance with such procedures as may be agreed upon between each sending jurisdiction and the Yavapai County Attorney's Office.
2. The Yavapai County Superior Court Presiding Judge shall designate a Justice of the Peace to preside over the Veterans' Treatment Court and all Justice Courts in Yavapai County shall be eligible to refer appropriate cases to the Veteran's Treatment Court. The Justice of the Peace presiding over the Veterans' Treatment Court may assign such other Yavapai County Justices of the Peace or Yavapai County Justices of the Peace Pro Tempore to preside over the Veterans' Treatment Court as may be necessary and permitted within existing budgets.
3. The Veterans' Treatment Court sessions will be held monthly at either of the Yavapai County Superior Court buildings in Prescott and the Verde Valley in courtrooms

arranged through Court Administration and with staff provided by the Yavapai County Justice Courts.

4. The Justice Court in which the charges originated is responsible for obtaining approval of the transfer of a case from the Yavapai County Attorney's Office and shall notify the assigned Deputy County Attorney once a criminal cases is referred to Veterans' Treatment Court. Referring Justice Courts shall use existing case transfer processes to transfer their cases to the Veterans' Treatment Court, including documentation of a defendant's waiver of Rule 8 time limits and any jurisdictional issues.
5. The Justice of the Peace presiding over the Veterans' Treatment Court shall coordinate with the Veterans' Administration and any other local community-based treatment programs, social services and veterans service organizations for the provision of treatment services to eligible veterans. The Justice of the Peace presiding over Veterans' Treatment Court shall coordinate with the respective prosecutors and defense attorneys to develop and implement any other standard operating procedures consistent with this order.
6. If a defendant refuses to participate in or is removed from the Veterans' Treatment Court for failing to make satisfactory progress, or if the defendant desires a trial, the case will be referred back to the referring Justice Court for adjudication.
7. Pursuant to A.R.S. §22-602, the origination Justice Court shall maintain jurisdiction of a case that is referred to the Veterans' Treatment Court. In addition, any judicial officer in the county where the offense occurred shall have the authority to adjudicate a case referred to the Veterans' Treatment Court.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2022

  
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Hon. John D. Napper  
Presiding Judge