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**Third Judicial Circuit  
State of Illinois**

## **Madison County Veterans' Court**



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# MADISON COUNTY VETERANS' COURT



Veterans' Court is a collaboration of numerous agencies: the Court, the VA, the Public Defender's Office, the State's Attorney Office, the Probation Department, and many other community partners. These agencies, working together, have established a viable option for a select group of Offenders whose needs are better met through treatment intervention rather than incarceration.

## Mission Statement

*The mission of Madison County Veterans' Court is to provide an inter-agency, collaborative, non-adversarial treatment strategy for Veterans in the Criminal Justice System who suffer from PTSD or psychological and/or substance abuse problems as a result of having served in our Armed Forces.*

## Admission Criteria

Cases considered for admission to the Veterans' Court include both misdemeanor and felony cases, where the treatment team believes admission will protect the public and will assist the Veteran and his/her family.

## Goals of the Veterans' Court:

- Protect the public.
- Reduce participant contacts with the Criminal Justice System.
- Reduce costs associated with the Criminal Justice System.
- Introduce participants to an ongoing process of recovery designed to help them become stable, employed, and substance-free while continuing mental health care through community/peer counseling groups or the VA.