



York County Veterans Treatment Court **Mentor Volunteer Description**

Main Function

The role of the Volunteer Veteran Mentor is to act as a coach, a guide, a role model, an advocate, and a support for the individuals with whom s/he is working. A mentor is intended to encourage, guide, and support the participant as s/he progresses through the court process. This will include listening to the concerns of the participant and making general suggestions, assisting the participant determine what their needs are, and acting as a support for the participant at a time when they feel alone in a way that only another veteran can understand.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Attend at court session a minimum of once a month
2. Participate in and lead mentoring sessions with veterans who have come into contact with the criminal justice system
3. Be supportive and understanding of the difficulties veterans face
4. Assist the veteran as much as possible to resolve their concerns around the court procedures as well as interactions with the Veterans Affairs System
5. Be supportive and helpful to the other mentors within the program

Requirements

1. Be a veteran of one of the branches of the United States Military, i.e., Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard (to include the Reserve or National-Guard, only if the applicant was ordered to active duty for a period that-exceeded 180 days)
2. The volunteer must have an Honorable Discharge and provide a DD 214 indicating this
3. Adhere to all of the York County Veterans Court's policy and procedures
4. Commit to program participation for a minimum of six months
5. Complete the required training procedures
6. Attend monthly supervision
7. Participate in additional trainings throughout time of service

Desirable Qualities

1. Willing listener
2. Encouraging and supportive
3. Tolerant and respectful of individual differences

For more information, please contact Barre Shepp, Veteran Mentor Coordinator,
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