

## **Ready to Give Up**

A Veteran that was experiencing difficulty with the demands of the treatment and change required to successfully complete the North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court said: "I give up...I can't take this anymore ... this is too difficult". He was experiencing a lot of growing pains. His Veteran Court treatment required him to look fearlessly and diligently at his life. The demands of the Veterans Treatment Court can be very rigorous at times. Expecting honest change to improve the Veteran's life and well-being. He was about to give up. His Veteran Mentor asked him to talk about it and he said that everything was becoming impossible. Between court, probation, community service, counseling, marriage, family, finances and work he was completely frustrated; not to mention his tires were completely worn to the metal threads and one had gone flat that day. The Veteran Mentors acted quickly and decided to find him some new tires from a local tire shop to alleviate some of the stress. They hoped the veteran would stay on course. The strategy worked, and worked beyond anything imagined. The Veteran graduated the program with honors and is now acting as a Veteran Mentor himself. Helping other Veterans in the North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court and sharing his experiences with them. He often reminds his fellow Veteran Mentors how the new tires given to him was the turning point in his recovery and from that point he was sold on the importance of Veteran Mentor leadership.