

Veterans Court Associates

I would like to explain how the Veterans Court treatment program helped change my life. Before Veterans Court, my life was a downward spiral filled with alcoholism, no future goals, no career and an unhealthy straining relationship. That all led up to my reckless accident where I was too intoxicated to remember, but luckily no one was hurt and that led me to the Judge of the Veterans Court program. Throughout the program I wasn't treated as another number in a line for probation. I was actually treated as a person and the Judge recognized that the people in her program need help, instead of paying more fines and moving on. She treated every person in the program as if they were one of her own, this, along with the guidance and the addiction / mental treatment programs she imposes (she almost instinctively knows what type of help a person needs) make the Veteran Court treatment program a very successful endeavor. The mentors in the court are all veterans and add comradely and esprit de corps to the veterans based on the same ideologies used in the military. I felt very motivated by my peers in the program and all the supporting associates to be the best I could be and better myself, in doing so I found out my role as a leader was to help other struggling veterans in the program. I had many occasions where I was able to lend a hand to another veteran in the program and through the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous was able to extend my leadership roles to suffering alcoholics in need. Now that I have been through the program I am happy with where I am at in my life. I have more goals than I can count, an incredible career position, I started school again (recently finished my 1st semester of college!!), have good friends that I met throughout my time in the program and fell in love with the girl of my dreams. All of this wouldn't have been possible without the enormous amount of support and motivation I received from the Veterans Court program and team. I would like to thank everyone that supported and encouraged me throughout this hardship, undoubtedly you all helped me to become the better person and leader I always wanted to be. To all current members of the program; it's not the hardships that define a person, but how you deal or react to them. Have a wonderful day and god bless.