



## **WARREN COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT**

500 Justice Drive  
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

## **VETERANS HONOR COURT**

The Warren County Veterans Honor Court (WCVHC) (previously Veterans Intervention Court) is a specialized docket of the Warren County Common Pleas Court that held its first session on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

The Judge for Veterans Honor Court is the Honorable Timothy N. Tepe.

The mission of WCVHC is to enhance public safety by preventing recidivism, while assisting participants in securing resources, but also taking responsibility for their behavioral health issues. WCVHC shall use effective, evidence-based interventions and treatments in a holistic, accountability-based, community-supported approach.

### **THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF WCVHC ARE:**

Goal: Assist participants to lead a clean and sober lifestyle.

Objective: Participants shall abstain from abusing illegal drugs and prescription medication, which shall be monitored through random/observed drug testing.

Goal: Enhance the community and public safety by reducing recidivism.

Objective: Participants shall be supervised by Warren County Adult Probation Department to ensure additional crimes are not committed.

Goal: Improve living circumstances of participants involved in the program.

Objective: Participants will become connected with appropriate veterans services, obtain stable employment, stable housing, and establish pro-social relationships while in WCVHC.

WCVHC serves veterans of the United States Armed Forces charged with a felony or felony amended to a misdemeanor through the Warren County Court of Common Pleas, and for whom court-monitored treatment and other services would enhance their ability to become productive and law-abiding citizens. A person interested in participating in WCVHC must meet the legal and clinical criteria before admission into WCVHC.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Written legal eligibility criteria is collaboratively developed, reviewed, and agreed upon by the Advisory Committee. In order to participate in WCVHC, the offender must meet the following criteria:

- The offender must be a veteran or active duty service member of the United States Military including: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, or Reserves;
- The offender must have a pending criminal case in the Warren County Common Pleas Court General Division;
- The offender must be eligible for community control or the offender is currently under community control sanction for which the offender is under the supervision of Warren County Adult Probation Department; or offender must be eligible for Intervention in Lieu of Conviction under the eligibility requirements set forth in R.C. 2951.041; and

The court will also take the following into consideration:

- Prior criminal/supervision history
- Circumstances of the instant offense
- A veteran who receives a sentence of probation for a sexually-oriented offense or a gang-related offense, or who has a criminal record of such crimes, must present compelling circumstances to warrant acceptance by the WCVHC Judge.

After determination of legal eligibility, clinical eligibility is considered. WCVHC is an intensive program reserved for offenders who require more services than traditional community control can provide. Each case is reviewed individually, and potential participants are assessed as to the risk they pose to the safety of the community. In order to participate in WCVHC, the offender must meet the following criteria:

- The offender shall demonstrate a sincere willingness to participate in a long-term treatment process;
- The offender must not currently suffer from any acute health condition; and
- If the offender has been identified as having a mental illness and/or substance abuse addiction, then he/she must be willing to participate in treatment, and take medication as prescribed.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

- Complete WCVHC Application Form
- Complete and File Entry Ordering Assessment for WCVHC

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