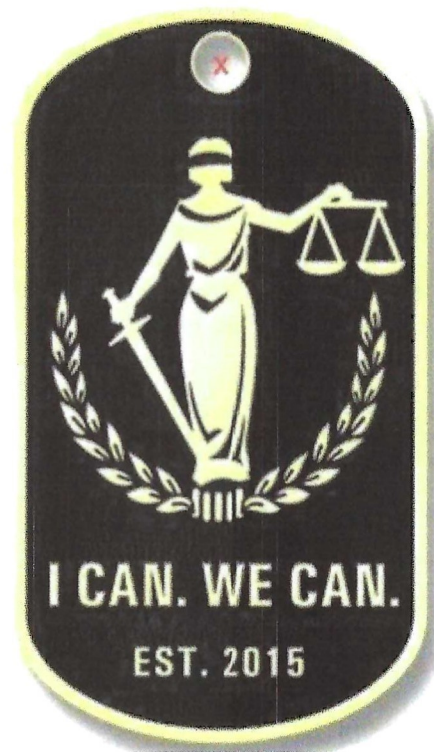
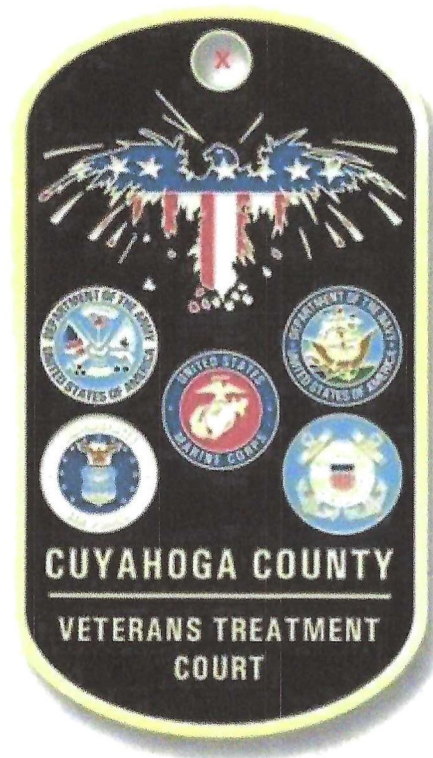


# Cuyahoga County Veterans Treatment Court Information Summary

November 2023



<b>Average of veterans participating in VTC</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Graduated</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>Neutral*</b>
<b>Average admitted every quarter 2021</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>Jan-Jun 21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Percentage of High or Moderate Risks</b>	<b>65%</b>		<b>Jul-Dec 21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Highest percentage by race: African American</b>	<b>58%</b>		<b>Jan-Jun 22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Highest percentage by age: over 35</b>	<b>83%</b>		<b>Jul-Dec 22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Identified veterans by VRSS</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>Jan-Jun 23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Recidivism data available next year</b>			<b>*Neutral means death or transferred to another docket.</b>			

### **PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS**

- **Cuyahoga County’s Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) uses the Arraignment Room to confirm military service by checking the Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) maintained by Veterans Administration, in addition to using VRSS in the County jail.**
- **Approximately 4% of those charged with an offence in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court served in the military.**
- **Partnered with Forever Acres to provide equine therapy as alternative therapy for VTC veterans.**
- **Now uses the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) during the screening process to identify high risk/high need veterans, rather than during the post-conviction process.**
- **Partnered with a Peer Support agency, Thrive, to provide additional recovery support for VTC veterans.**
- **Formalized the Diversionary Track by placing it in the Court’s Local Rules.**
- **Held a Justice for Veterans Mentor training.**
- **Uses LYFT Ride Sharing Program to help veterans with transportation barriers.**
- **Veterans Administration’s Veterans Justice Outreach representative (VJO) assigned to VTC received training in Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). The goal is to utilize that training by starting a therapy program.**
- **Started a cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) program called Habitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy (HEAT) for African American men, including VTC veterans, between the ages of 18-29.**
- **Received a new Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant which expands the opportunity to accept veterans with mental health disorders and gives the VTC an opportunity to hire a part-time Mentor Coordinator.**