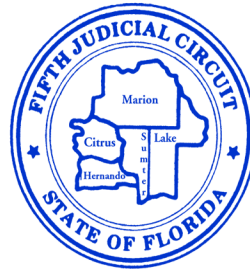


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- ◆ Marion County Court
- ◆ Circuit Court for Marion County
- ◆ Office of the State Attorney
- ◆ Office of the Public Defender
- ◆ Salvation Army Probation
- ◆ Veterans Helping Veterans
- ◆ Veterans Administration
- ◆ Marion County Sheriffs Office
- ◆ SMA Healthcare / The Vines
- ◆ Court Administration
- ◆ Marion County Clerks Office
- ◆ Vet Center of Marion County



**Marion County
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The Honorable Lisa Herndon

A copy of the MCVTC Policies Manual, referral form, consent forms, and application may be obtained from the Fifth Judicial Circuit's website at: www.circuit5.org. Once at the website, click on the Court Alternatives link which will direct you to the Marion County Veteran Treatment Court link or contact :

MCVTC Case Management at 352-401-6704

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VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

A guide for Attorneys and other professionals



Our Mission

The Mission of the Marion County Veterans Treatment Court (MCVTC) is to promote public safety while supporting eligible veterans and their families through a coordinated effort among veterans services, community services and the Court to leave no veteran behind.

NOTE: This mission is in furtherance of implementing in Marion County the provisions of the “T. Patt Maney Veterans’ Treatment Intervention Act” passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Florida’s Governor to take effect on July 1, 2012 as Florida Statutes (FS) section 394.47891.

Our Priority

The priority of the MCVTC is public safety. In that regard, the MCVTC seeks to address mental health and/or substance abuse issues of the eligible veterans and ensure they do not languish in the Marion County Jail without opportunity for treatment.

Who is Eligible?

A defendant can only be accepted into the MCVTC as follows [generally stated]:

1. The person must be an Eligible Veteran Defendant (EVD);
2. The person has the burden of proof to establish their EVD status;
3. EVD status may be established by a DD-214 Form;.
4. FELONY DEFENDANTS may be eligible for the MCVTC with the following Exclusions:
 - a. the felony charge cannot be on the list set forth in FS Section 948.06 (8); and
 - b. no felony Driving Under the Influence [DUI] charge is eligible for MCVTC;
5. Both misdemeanor and felony VOP cases are eligible for placement into the MCVTC provided the sentencing judge on a pending VOP case authorizes the transfer into the MCVTC;
6. Both misdemeanor and felony cases are eligible for admission in to the MCVTC By a motion pursuant to Fla.R.Crim.P.3.800(c) [“Reduction and Modification of Sentence”] upon agreement of the sentencing judge, the SAO and the EVD;
7. The EVD must be represented by an attorney; and
8. The EVD must be accepted or placed into the MCVTC according to one of the methods specified.

MISDEMEANOR DEFENDANTS must enter the MCVTC through one of the following 3 methods.

1. placed by Order of the Marion County Court upon approval by that Court of a Deferred Prosecution Agreement entered into by the SAO and the Misdemeanor Defendant which Agreement requires graduation from the MCVTC;
2. placed by Order of the Marion County Court through sentencing which imposed sentence requires graduation from the MCVTC; OR
3. placed by a Transfer Order as such is authorized by FS Section 910.035(5) upon approval of the MCVTC Judge.

FELONY DEFENDANTS must enter the MCVTC through one of the following 3 methods:

1. placed by Order of the Marion Circuit Court upon approval by that Court of a Felony Veterans Treatment Court Contract entered into by the SAO and the Felony Defendant which Contract requires graduation from MCVTC ;
2. placed by Order of the Marion Circuit Court through sentencing which imposed sentence requires graduation from MCVTC; OR
3. placed by a Transfer Order as such is authorized by FS Section 910.035(5) upon approval of the MCVTC Judge.