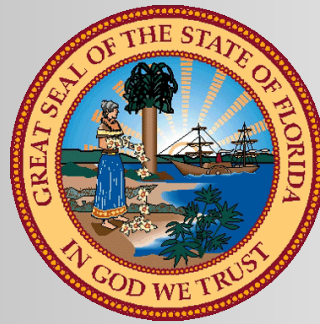


The Lee County Veterans Track Program is a collaborative effort of, and is not limited to:

- ☐ Twentieth Judicial Circuit
 - ☐ Office of the Public Defender
 - ☐ Office of the State Attorney
 - ☐ Lee County Veterans Health Care Center
 - ☐ Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
 - ☐ Lee County Sheriffs Department
 - ☐ Veterans Administration
 - ☐ Lee County Veterans Services
 - ☐ Lee County Court Administration
 - ☐ Lee County Clerks Office
 - ☐ Department of Corrections,
- State Probation
- ☐ Lee County Probation
 - ☐ SalusCare of Florida, Inc.



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**Veterans Track
guidelines for**

Attorneys and other
professionals



Telephone: 239 533-9122

Program Criteria

Our Mission

The Mission of the Lee County Veterans Track (LCVT) 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.

Our Priority

The priority of the Lee County Veteran Track is public safety. In that regard, the program seeks to address mental health and/or substance abuse issues of the veteran to ensure an opportunity for treatment.

Veterans Track

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Lee County Criminal Division
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Ft. Myers, Florida 33901

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Who is Eligible?

A defendant can only be accepted into the LCVT as follows [generally stated]:
Must be an honorably discharged Veteran

Status must be established by a DD-214 and must be eligible for Veterans Administration Health Care benefits

Suffering from a severe persistent mental illness, or post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

Must have been arrested for, or charged with and/or sentenced on one or more crimes alleged to have been committed in Lee County.

Must be represented by an attorney

Must meet **residency requirement** [generally 30 days in Lee County prior to application].

Must enter a guilty or no contest plea to each charge pending or charges may be deferred by the state attorneys office.

Must have ability to comprehend and conform to LCVT program guidelines.

Must be legally competent to proceed.

Must consent to LCVT program goals and practices

Must waive speedy trial.

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Felony charges are eligible for LCVT at the discretion of the state attorneys office. Each case is reviewed on an individual basis.

Requirements, not limited to:
Regular court appearances
Remain alcohol, substance and non prescribed medication free,
Random drug and alcohol screens.
Regular psychiatric and or substance abuse monitoring typically conducted at the Lee County Veterans Administration Health Care Clinic,
Participation in a Veterans Mentoring program,
Groups and treatment recommendations must be followed.