



North Texas Regional Veterans Court



THE HONORABLE JOHN R. ROACH, JR.,
PRESIDING JUDGE





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The Regional Court:

- The North Texas Regional Veterans Court is the model program for Regional Veterans Courts across the Nation.
- The regional concept maximizes community resources & outreach in North Texas.
 - Assists smaller counties lacking the ability to effectively support veterans' treatment programs.



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One Court, One Fight:

Collin – 25 March, 2013

Rockwall – 23 June, 2015

Grayson – 2 February, 2016

Kaufman – 28 March, 2016

Fannin – 21 June, 2016

September 16, 2016 – five counties celebrated their official partnership as the North Texas Regional Veterans Court, to continue as one under Judge Roach, Jr.



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The program currently supervises 64 participants:

County	Total Participants	Most Common Offense	Predominant Age Range	Participants			Graduates
				Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	
Collin	27	Misdemeanor DWI	26-35	16	4	7	12
Rockwall	12	Misdemeanor DWI	26-35	7	4	1	9
Grayson	8	Felony DWI	26-35	3	3	2	6
Kaufman	8	Misdemeanor DWI	26-35	4	3	1	3
Fannin	9	Misdemeanor DWI	36-45	6	0	3	0



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Recidivism Rates:

- Regular Probationer: 21.4%
- National Veterans Treatment Courts: 7 – 9%
- North Texas Regional Veterans Court: 6.7%



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Program Funding:

- Zero cost to taxpayers
- All program funds (100%) are provided by the Texas Veterans Commission
- Apply for TVC grants annually



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Grant funds provide Veterans Court participants with financial assistance for:

- Treatment
- Counseling
- Abstinence Monitoring
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Evaluations

Assists with critical needs to support the veterans' overall wellbeing, such as:

- Emergency Utility & Housing
- Medical
- Transportation
- Education
- Employment Assistance



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Program Phases:

- Phase I – Orientation/Assessment
 - Assessment/Crisis Stabilization/Intervention & Early Recovery
 - Typically 120 days.
- Phase II – Treatment & Recovery
 - Active Recovery & Relapse Prevention
 - Typically 90 days.
- Phase III – Reintegration
 - Continuing Care
 - Typically 160 days.



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Standard Process Flow:





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Future Plans:

- Aftercare & Transition Assistance
 - GallantFew
- Dallas County Community Colleges
 - College Credit for Heroes
 - Program specifically for Veterans Treatment Court
- Grayson Community College
- Social Worker / Case Manager



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GallantFew Mission: Prevent veteran isolation by connecting new veterans with local veteran mentors, thereby facilitating a peaceful, successful transition from military service to a civilian life filled with hope and purpose.

- Every veteran graduating from Veterans Court will be transitioned or “handed off” to a local veteran mentor/guide.
- When possible, the guide will be from the same branch of service and/or same military skill.



- This relationship is used to proactively address transition issues and prevent isolation.
- GallantFew guides will begin attending Court during third phase to facilitate a smooth handoff after graduation.



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How to Help the Court:

- Elected Officials and community members can show support by attending Court sessions
- More community involvement within the program
 - Provide breakfast for the veteran participants before Court, facilitating fellowship
 - Volunteer as a Mentor, especially in smaller counties



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Questions?