



MODEL VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT

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MODEL VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT PLENARY SESSION GAME PLAN

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- ❖ STYLE OF PRESENTATION: CONVERSATIONAL.
- ❖ INTRODUCTIONS: HOW WE DO IT IN RMVTC WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ❖ WHY VET COURT AND WHAT IS THE BASIC VET COURT MODEL?
- ❖ BASIC COMPONENTS OF VET COURT MODEL:
 - ❖ 1) COURT SUPERVISION
 - ❖ BEFORE WE GO ON... FUNDING QUESTIONS
 - ❖ 2) TREATMENT
 - ❖ 3) MENTORING
- ❖ TRENDS/ENRICHING COMPONENTS
- ❖ QUESTIONS?





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- ▶ **Judge Kevin Kane**, Tempe Municipal Court Presiding Judge
- ▶ **Judge Mitchel D. Kalauli**, US Army and Army National Guard Veteran, Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court
- ▶ **Judge Tait Elkie**, USMC Veteran, Judge Pro Tem, East Valley Regional Veterans Treatment Court
- ▶ **Vincentio D'Arquea**, Prosecutor, Tucson City Court and RMVTC
- ▶ **Lori P. Lewis**, Assistant Director, Veterans Advocacy Law Clinic (VALC), University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
- ▶ **James Grover**, Program Coordinator, Rally Point Arizona/La Frontera Center, Veteran United States Army
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- ▶ **Val Trujillo**, Mentor Coordinator, Rally Point Arizona/La Frontera Center. Veteran United States Army, Graduate of Vet Court

Much to say and very
little time!

SO, STRAIGHT TO IT...



VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT:

DEFINITION, PURPOSE, GOALS AND SIGNIFICANCE

VETERANS' TREATMENT courts effectively integrate evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and recovery support services in judicially supervised court settings that have jurisdiction over veterans involved in the justice system who have substance use disorders, including a history of violence and post-traumatic stress disorder (as a result of their military service). (www.bja.ojp.gov) (Bureau of Justice Assistance/federal government)

Veterans treatment courts are an alternative to incarceration for military veterans and service members whose involvement in the justice system is rooted in a substance use disorder, mental health disorder, or trauma. These courts connect veterans in crisis with the local, state, and federal benefits and treatment services available to them through their military service. (allrise.org)

Most veterans are strengthened by their service, but some struggle to engage or re-engage with civilian life. When veterans and service members grappling with substance use, mental health, or trauma become involved in the justice system, veterans treatment courts ensure that they have the opportunity for treatment and restoration. (allrise.org)

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

*WHY DO WE HAVE VETERANS
COURTS?*

*KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
VETERANS' COURTS, OTHER
TREATMENT COURTS, AND
TRADITIONAL COURTS*





3 COMPONENTS OF MODEL VETERANS' TREATMENT COURTS

- 1) Court Supervision
- 2) Treatment/Education/Behavior Modification
- 3) Mentoring



1) COURT SUPERVISION

**PROSECUTION/STATE
PERSPECTIVE**

COURT SUPERVISION

**DEFENSE
PERSPECTIVE**

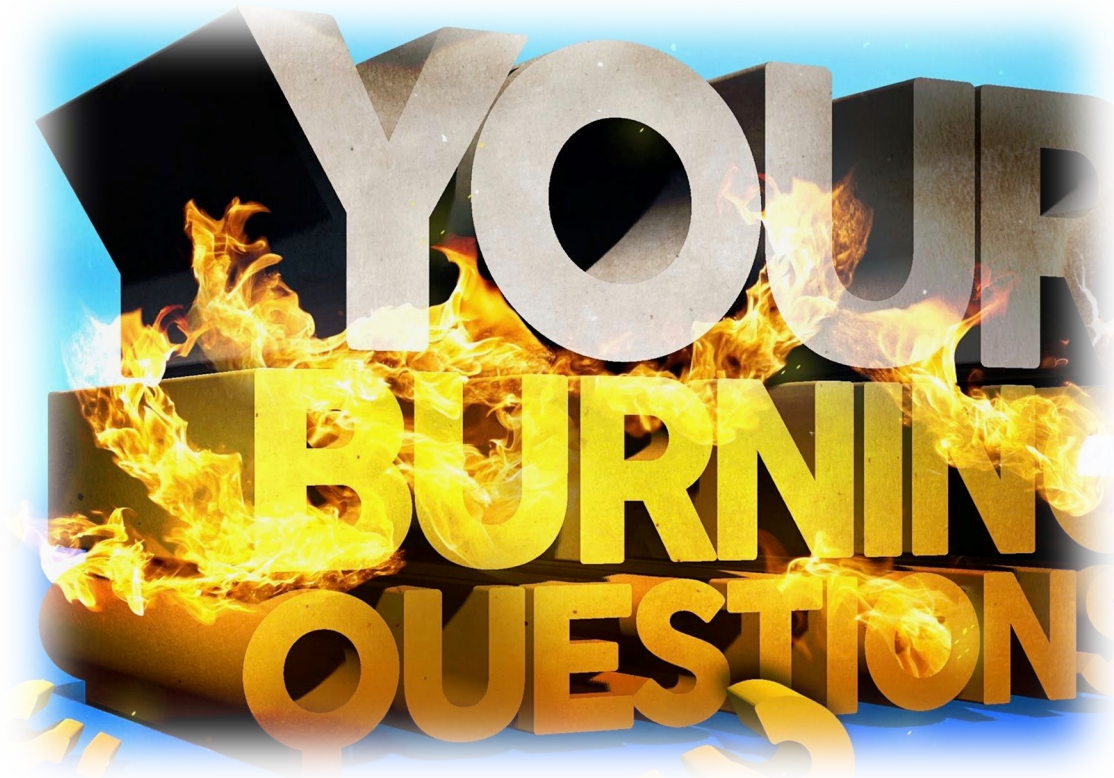




COURT SUPERVISION

JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE

ANY BURNING QUESTIONS or COMMENTS ON THE TOPICS WE'VE DISCUSSED SO FAR?



- ▶ We will ask this after each primary topic is presented, and then hopefully also have time at the end.
- ▶ Please know that we will be providing our contact information to you also so that you can contact us with any questions or ideas anytime!

COMING NEXT, TREATMENT AND MENTORING.

BUT BEFORE YOU CAN DO ANY OF THIS, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR IT...
FUNDING ISSUES AND IDEAS

FREEDOM...



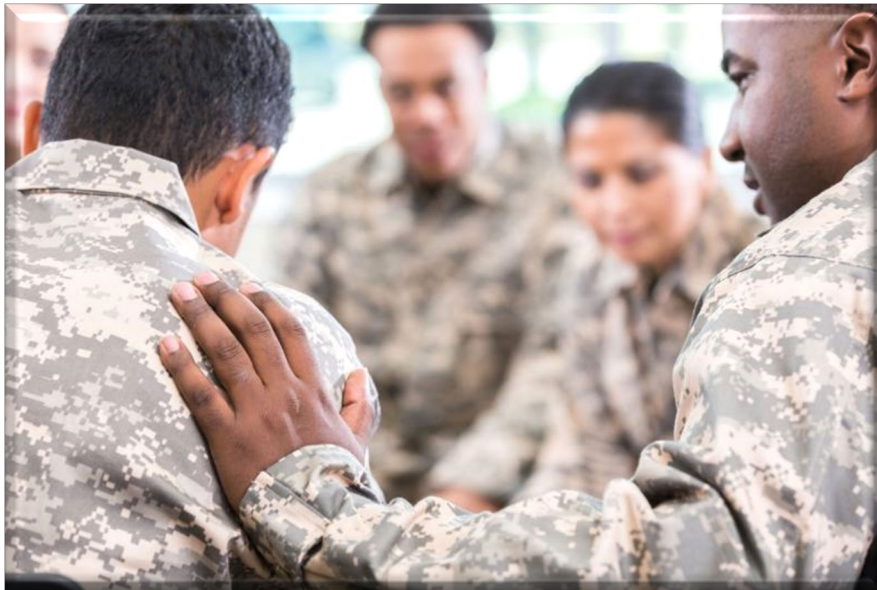
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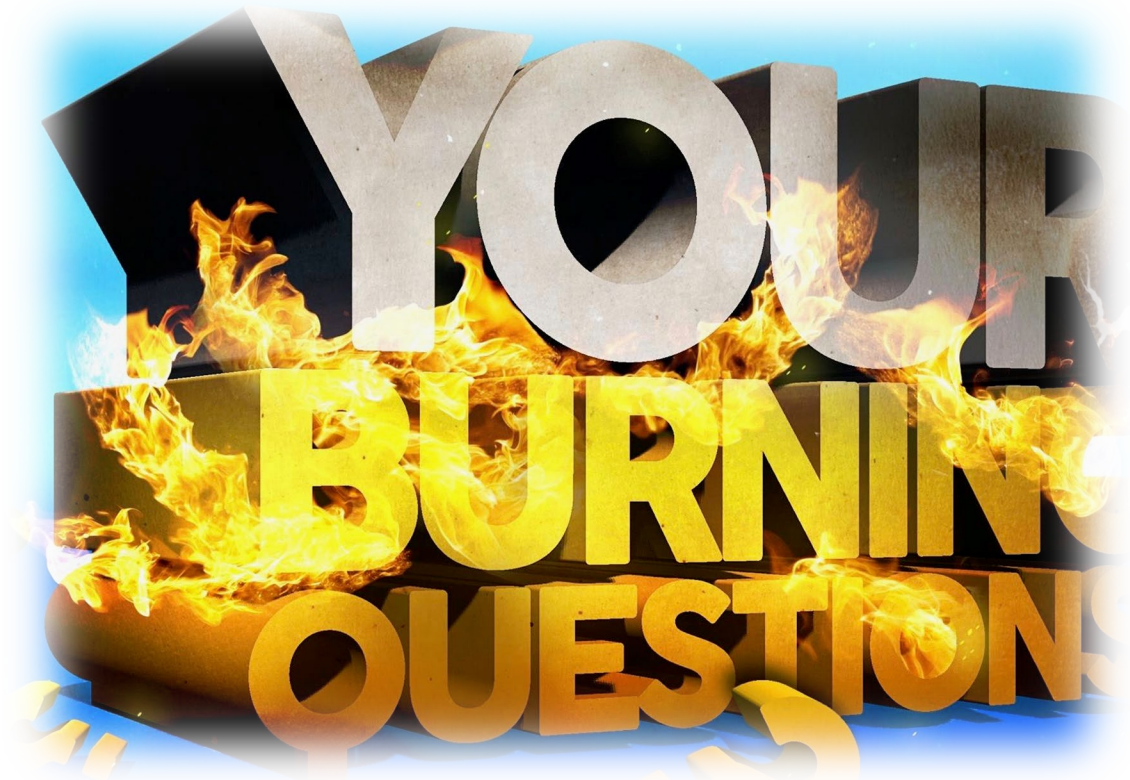
2) TREATMENT / EDUCATION / BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: ACHIEVING REAL CHANGE

ADDICTIONS, TRAUMA, MENTAL
HEALTH, BROKEN FAMILIES,
ANGER, HOMELESSNESS...

JOBLESSNESS, PTSD, TBI,
VICARIOUS TRAUMA, VIOLENCE,
AND SO MUCH MORE



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MENTORING

MAYBE THE HEART and GLUE OF IT ALL...

REMEMBER: THE OPPOSITE OF ADDICTION IS NOT SOBRIETY, IT IS CONNECTION...



He's not heavy
He's my brother

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WHERE ARE WE GOING?

CURRENT TRENDS IN ARIZONA VETERANS' COURTS



- ▶ Regionalization
- ▶ Treating family, not just Vet
- ▶ Enriching components...
- ▶ Legislation
- ▶ And, where will YOU take it...?

FINAL QUESTIONS? FINAL COMMENTS.



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