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Vet. Centers

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New York: (212) 426-2200

Brooklyn: (718) 624-2765

National Suicide Prevention

(800) 273-8255

WEB SITES

Mental Health: www.mentalhealth.va.gov

National Resource Directory:

www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov

VA Vet Centers: www.vetcenter.va.gov

Returning Service Members:

www.oefoif.va.gov

Women Veterans:

www.publichealth.va.gov/womenshealth

Veterans Employment and Training:

www.dol.gov/vet

The Soldier's Project (Free Services)

www.thesoldiersproject.org

Suicide Prevention

www.SuicidePreventionLifeline.org

Brooklyn Law Clinic

https://www.brooklaw.edu/academics/clinical_program/blip/aboutblip

PRESIDING JUSTICE

HON. CRAIG S. WALKER

HOURS OF OPERATION

WEDNESDAYS, 2:30P.M.

KINGS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201**

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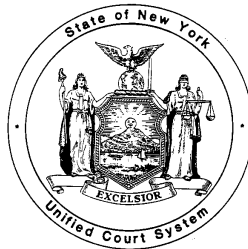
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**HONORABLE MICHAEL YAVINSKY
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BROOKLYN CRIMINAL COURT**

BROOKLYN MISDEMEANOR VETERANS 'TREATMENT' COURT



**KINGS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT
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MISSION:

The Brooklyn Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court (BMVTC) was established to acknowledge, honor and support veterans in the criminal justice system. Our goal is to ensure that all veterans receive comprehensive treatment and individualized services, which will allow them to live healthy and productive lives within the community.

REFERRALS:

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office will screen all referrals first for criminal eligibility to determine whether a veteran is an appropriate candidate for BMVTC. All potential BMVTC referrals should be directed to Shama Greenidge at 347-404-9556 or sgreenid@nycourts.gov.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to participate in BMVTC, Veterans must be 18 years of age or older at the time of referral and either a U.S. citizen or a resident alien. Veterans must have served in the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard. The BMVTC does not exclude service members who are currently serving in the Reserve or National Guard.

TREATMENT PLAN:

Every eligible veteran will be assigned a court case manager who will work with the veteran to develop a proposed treatment plan. The plan will be formulated from the information in the evaluation. The treatment plan will outline the course of treatment that the veteran is expected to follow while participating in BMVTC.

PLEA:

All BMVTC pleas will be conditional. Veterans will be required to sign a plea agreement as a condition of participating in the BMVTC. By signing this contract, the veteran is agreeing to follow the treatment plan prepared by their court case manager and also to abide by the rules and regulations of the court as set down in the BMVTC Participant's Handbook.



COMPLIANCE:

The Court will closely monitor each veteran's adherence to their treatment plan and to the rules and regulations of the BMVTC. If a veteran is not compliant, the Court may impose sanctions as they are set down in the BMVTC Participant's Handbook. The imposition of sanctions lies solely in the discretion of the Court.

BMVTC MENTORING

INITIATIVE:

The goal of the Veterans Mentoring Initiative is to provide additional support to our veteran clients who face unique challenges during their time in Treatment Court. This mentoring program helps to facilitate change by assisting veterans to fully develop in the following areas:

- **Social Skills**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Effective Self-Care**
- **Conflict Resolution**
- **Educational/Vocational Advancement**

* Mentors are present at all court appearances.