

APPLICATION
TO BE SCREENED FOR PARTICIPATION IN
THE PINE, ISANTI, CHISAGO, KANABEC (“PICK”)
VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

The District Courts of Pine, Isanti, Chisago and Kanabec proudly offer a Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) which serves as an alternative to the traditional civilian criminal court model to handle certain criminal cases in which the Defendant/Applicant is a Veteran of the United States armed services. The VTC is built upon a unique partnership between the criminal justice system, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and local providers. These partners structure treatment and support intervention with the authority and personal involvement of the prosecuting authority and the district court in the counties listed above.

DEFENDANT/APPLICANT MUST: (1) COMPLETE THIS SCREENING FORM; (2) SUBMIT DD214 (IF AVAILABLE); (3) SUBMIT SIGNED AUTHORIZATIONS TO DISCLOSE PRIVATE DATA:

1. Full Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Address: _____
4. Phone: _____
5. Focusing on Eligibility Criteria and Factors for Participation (below), explain why you want to be involved in Veterans Treatment Court (Submit additional sheets if more space is required):

6. Describe any connection(s) between your criminal offense and your military service (Submit additional sheets if more space is required):

Approval for participation in PICK Veterans Treatment Court is considered and is based upon:
Eligibility Criteria

- Defendant/Applicant must have served in the United States Armed Services and generally be eligible for VA benefits or alternative treatment services.
- Except in very rare instances, an eligible Defendant/Applicant must be charged with a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony carrying a presumptive probationary sentence.
- Defendant/Applicant must enter a plea in district court prior to acceptance into VTC.
- Admittance into the program is at the discretion the prosecutor and the VTC team.

Factors for Participation

- Whether the Defendant/Applicant is experiencing treatable behavioral and chemical or mental health issues, i.e., post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anger management, domestic violence, and/or substance abuse or chemical dependency.

- Whether, and the extent to which, the Defendant/Applicant’s conduct surrounding or leading to the offense is related to the effects of Defendant/Applicant’s military service.
- Whether programming and services available through the Veteran’s Administration and the monitoring and mentoring through the VTC will assist in probation supervision.

Assessed at the VA

- All Defendant/Applicants to the VTC **MUST** contact their local Veterans Service Coordinator or other Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist at the VA Medical Center at (612) 467-5082 to be screened for services.
- If an Defendant/Applicant does not have a copy of his or her DD-214, a request may be made: https://iris.custhelp.va.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/3057/~/obtain-a-copy-of-dd-214
Or search online for “How to Obtain a Copy of DD-214.”

Data Notice

You are being requested to provide certain data about yourself to the PICK Veterans Court Team. Some of this data may be classified as private data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Protected Health information protected by HIPAA and treatment records protected by 42 CFR Part 2. Data gathered through telephone contacts or written correspondence with VTC staff may be shared with court service agencies, law enforcement or criminal justice system agencies, veteran affairs agencies and your authorized representative. You are not required to provide the requested information, however, failure to provide certain information may prevent you from participating in the VTC.

Release of Information

Each participant in the PICK Veterans Treatment Court must permit medical and alcohol/drug treatment providers to furnish information, including mental health, substance use disorder treatment, relating to the participant’s treatment to any member of the Program for the duration of the Program. Each participant must also consent to release medical, mental health, criminal, employment, and educational records to the Program to determine eligibility for the Program, to determine the proper treatment placements and regiment, and to judge progress in the Program. Each participant must submit the attached forms with the application and update the forms as necessary. Failure to submit the forms will result in rejection from the Program.

Request to Participate

I, _____, hereby request to be screened for participation in the Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec (“PICK”) Veterans Treatment Court. I understand that to be eligible for consideration I must meet the eligibility criteria and factors for participation and agree to comply with all terms and conditions of the program.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Submit form to: