



The Veterans' Six



*The LHC Veterans Treatment Court Monthly
Newsletter dedicated to having the Six of every
Justice Involved Veteran*



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Upcoming Veteran Court Events

June Vet Court

We are excited to announce our participation in the 4th Annual Vet Court Conference hosted by Justice for Vets this June.

To accommodate our attendance at the Conference, there will only be one Veteran Treatment Court Status Hearing this month on Friday, June 10th.



Service Project Announcements

The LHC Veterans Treatment Court is exploring a service project opportunity to provide assistance at the Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

With roughly 750 Veterans laid to rest here in Lake Havasu City, the goal of this service project will be to honor these Veterans throughout the year.

More details to follow.

Local Veteran Events

A special Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 30th at the Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens Cemetery to honor fallen Veterans.

The ceremony will be hosted by several local Veterans organizations.

Located at 1698 Deer Run Drive, the ceremony will be open to the public and will begin at 10AM.



Pictured: Bud Watts and Judge Mitchell Kalauli

On behalf of the Veterans Treatment Court and the Veterans Resource Team, we would like to thank Bud Watts, former DAV Chapter 27 Commander, for his dedication to helping the Veterans in our community and for always supporting our Veterans Treatment Court.

The Graduate Review Board

Graduate

Ronald Mier

Branch of Service



VTC Graduation Date

October 9th, 2015

VTC Experience:

“The entire program was a positive experience. I have never experienced a Court like this one. Going through the program, everyone was nice and warm. I actually enjoyed going to Court.

“You can tell Judge K truly cares and he always made sure my needs were covered. I did not need much, but it was nice seeing my fellow Veterans get the help they needed. I planned on graduating from day one and I am proud I did.”

- Ronald Mier

Kingman Vet Court

Upcoming Veterans Court Dates

May 13th, 2016

11:00AM

June 1st, 2016

2:30PM



Recruiting Mentors

The Kingman Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is starting a Mentor Program for anyone interested in serving as a mentor for the participants in the VTC.

The next scheduled Mentor training dates are:

Part 1: Saturday, May 14th from 8:30am – 4:30pm

Part 2: Tuesday, May 17th from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Anyone interested in becoming a VTC Mentor should contact either Mentor Coordinator Dale Sharp (928-757-4520) or Veterans Court Clerk Jamie McKinney (928-753-8193).

Additional information about the Mentor Program—including the application—can also be found through the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council at www.javc.org

Kingman Vet Court

Johnston Canyon Hike

On April 23, 2016, the Kingman Veterans Treatment Court held its first hike/picnic in conjunction with the LHC Veterans Treatment Court. Nearly 60 members, supporters, and employees of the two programs came together for a two-mile hike in Johnston Canyon outside of Kingman.

After the hike, the participants gathered for a picnic at Locomotive Park in Kingman where hamburgers, hot dogs and extras were cooked up. The event concluded with everyone partaking of a large cake decorated with an American flag that read: “We’re Proud of our Veterans.”

Numerous groups donated time and effort for the event. The City of Kingman permitted use of the park, the Municipal Court donated the food, the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council provided tables and chairs, Journey Church supplied its mobile kitchen/grill and handled the cooking, Boy Scout Troop 53 helped in and around the event, and Wired Security and Sound of Kingman provided the music.

“I thought overall the event was a huge success, especially being our first time doing this. I’m hoping everyone who took part enjoyed themselves and that they know how much we care about our Veterans.”

- Judge Jeffrey Singer



Benefits and Service Sector

Spotlight On: VA Home Loans

According to the [VA Guaranteed Home Loans](http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/) Fact Sheet, found on <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>:

BENEFITS OF A VA GUARANTEED LOAN:

- Equal opportunity for all qualified Veterans to obtain a VA loan up to \$417K
- Reusable
- No down payment (unless lender required)
- No mortgage insurance
- One time VA funding fee that can be included in the loan
- Veterans receiving VA disability compensation are exempt from the VA funding fee
- VA limits certain closing costs a Veteran can pay
- Minimum property requirements to ensure the property is safe, sanitary, and sound

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Generally, the following people are eligible:

- Veterans who meet length of service requirements
- Active duty service members who have served a minimum period
- Eligible Reservists and National Guard members
- Eligible surviving spouses of deceased Veterans

The VA also offers: [Specially Adapted Housing Grant](#), [Veteran's Mortgage Life Insurance](#), [Assistance with Delinquent Loans](#), [Native American Veteran Direct Loan Program](#), [Farm Loans: VA Home Loans for Rural Residents](#), and [Homeless Shelter Program](#).

To obtain more information, including eligibility details and how to apply, go to <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/> or contact the VA Eligibility

Center at 1-888-768-2132.

This Month in U.S. Military History

Memorial Day

“The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history, requiring the establishment of the country’s first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.



“It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

“On May 5, 1862, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. ‘The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,’ he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle.

“Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

“For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a⁸ federal holiday.”

Judge K's Corner

“Veterans Court is simply serving those who have served.”

-Judge Kalauli



Bring Support to Veterans Court

Family and Friends are always welcome at our Veterans Treatment Court Hearings. We firmly believe it is their involvement that helps with the recovery process.

To encourage Family and Friends involvement, for every one person a Justice Involved Veteran brings to court, they will receive a ticket to be placed into a raffle.

Recruiting Mentors

We want **YOU** to be involved in our LHC Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program!!!

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