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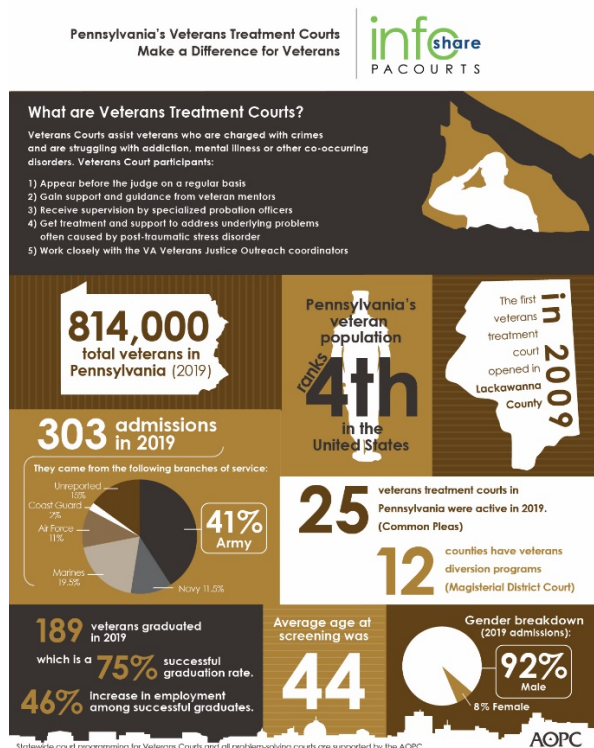
**Pennsylvania’s Veterans Treatment Courts Make a Difference for Veterans**

HARRISBURG—Pennsylvania’s veteran population ranks fourth in the U.S. with 814,000 veterans as of 2019. Since 2009, [Pennsylvania’s Veterans Treatment Courts](#) have been assisting veterans who are charged with crimes and are struggling with addiction, mental illness or other co-occurring disorders.

Veterans Treatment Court participants appear before a judge on a regular basis; receive support and guidance from veteran mentors; and get treatment to address underlying problems often caused by post-traumatic stress disorder. In 2019, 189 veterans graduated from this specialty court, which is a 75 percent successful graduation rate.

In Pennsylvania, 51 of 67 counties currently have treatment courts (Drug, DUI, Mental Health, and/or Veterans Treatment Court) in which veterans can participate if they meet the eligibility criteria. Additionally, all justice-involved veterans are entitled to a [Veteran Justice Outreach](#) (VJO) program specialist to help them navigate the Veterans Affairs system and get them connected with services available to them.

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