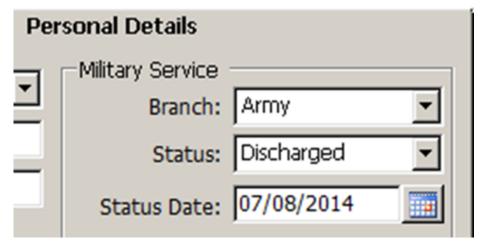


**ATTENTION JUDGES AND COURT STAFF:** SUPPORT is available for justice-involved veterans. Your HELP is needed.

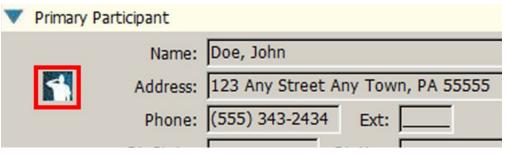
**WHAT CAN YOU DO?** 

- 1. Find out if a defendant served in the military by reviewing the citation and complaint forms to see if a notation was made by law enforcement or ask the defendant, "Did you serve in the military?"
- 2. If yes, record it in the MDJS under the participant's personal details tab. Enter any information that you have available. A military service icon will follow the participant through the statewide MDJS and CPCMS, which will help identify justiceinvolved veterans and divert them to treatment and support for matters involving PTSD, brain injuries, substance abuse, and military sexual and physical abuses; all factors that could contribute to criminal justice involvement. Note: The defendant's veteran status will be confirmed by the VA and treatment court programs before services are provided.
- 3. Refer justice-involved veterans to the contact person in your local veterans treatment court or other treatment court programs, if available in your county.
- 4. Encourage ALL justice-involved veterans to contact their local VA Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialist who is available to HELP them with VA benefits and support options. Participation in veterans treatment court is not required for them to receive support from a VJO. A list of VJOs can be found on our website (www.pacourts.us) by searching veterans treatment courts.
- 5. Questions or need help? Email us at AOPC.VTC@pacourts.us

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