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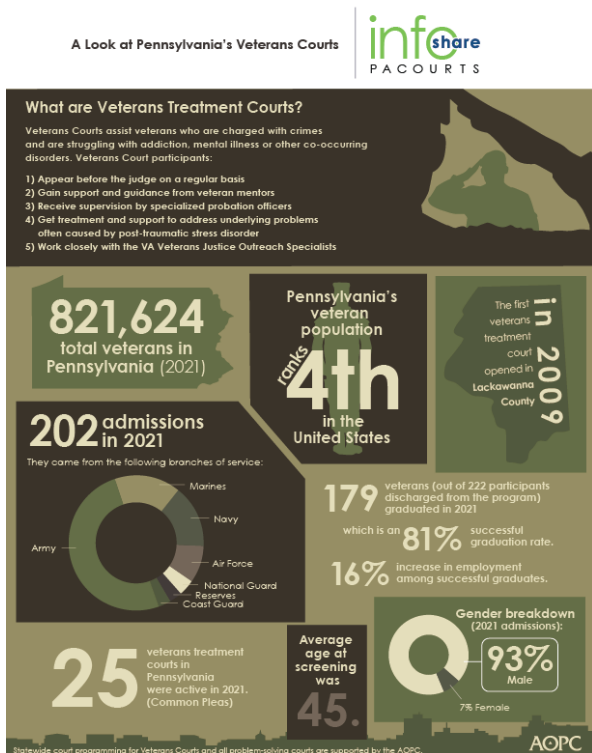
Pennsylvania’s Veterans Treatment Courts Make a Difference for Veterans

HARRISBURG—Pennsylvania’s veteran population ranks fourth in the U.S. with over 800,000 veterans as of 2021. 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 2021, 179 veteran participants discharged from the program graduated from this specialty court out of 222 participants, with 81% of all discharges graduating successfully.

In Pennsylvania, 54 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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