



Galveston County extends its gratitude for your dedicated service to our nation. You have recently applied for the Galveston County Veterans Treatment Court. Please note that the application process time typically falls within the range of 8 to 12 weeks. To expedite this process, we recommend addressing certain tasks to ensure a smooth progression.

It is important to understand that neither the Veterans Court Judge nor the Assistant District Attorney can engage in discussions regarding the specifics of your case.

**Follow these steps to facilitate the VTC application process quicker:**

- 1. Verify you are enrolled with the Houston VA Health system**
  - a. Determine your eligibility for VA services at:  
<https://www.houston.va.gov/patients/index.asp>
  - b. Contact the VA Veteran Justice Outreach Coordinator (VJO) to check eligibility status: **Dr. Edward Henderson 281-702-6864**
- 2. Once enrolled in the Houston VA Health system**
  - a. Contact the VJO to schedule an evaluation by the forensic psychologist from the VA: **Dr. Edward Henderson 281-702-6864**
  - b. Ensure your phone number is accurate with the VA. You need to answer the phone from a number you may not recognize. Failure to schedule the evaluation in a timely manner may result in termination from the application process.
  - c. Contact the Veterans Court Coordinator upon completion of the evaluation: **Christopher James 409-765-2679**
- 3. Do you have Defense Counsel?**
  - a. If you have defense counsel, ensure they are aware you applied for the VTC
  - b. If you need defense counsel contact the VTC defense counsel
    - i. **VTC Defense Counsel: Patrick Gurski 409-763-3260**
  - c. Need further legal assistance?
    - i. **Contact the Legal Advice Clinic at 713-333-8387**
- 4. Veteran Recourses**
  - a. Veterans Service Office: 409-766-2448
  - b. Military Veteran Peer Network: 409-944-4437
  - c. VA Clinics
    - i. Galveston: 409-761-3200
    - ii. Texas City: 409-986-2900
  - d. Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-237-8255