# THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

MAY 2025





THE LHC VETERANS TREATMENT COURT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO HAVING THE SIX OF EVERY JUSTICE INVOLVED VETERAN

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The mission of the Lake Havasu Veterans Treatment Court is to promote public safety through the collaborative effort of the criminal justice team by establishing individualized treatment plans and providing the tools necessary for successful community reengagement, thereby breaking the revolving door cycle among our Justice Involved Veterans.

# LAKE HAVASU CITY COURT DATES







# **Hearing Dates**

All Hearings are held at 1:30pm 92 Acoma Blvd S.

> May 2, 2025 May 16, 2025



June 6. 2025 June 20, 2025





# Site 6 Beach Clean Up May 3, 2025





A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26th at *Wheeler Park* to honor fallen Veterans.

The ceremony is hosted by the VFW, other local Veterans organizations participate as well.

Located at the park across from the Library, the ceremony will be open to the public and will begin at 9:00AM

Please bring a chair



11 -2 VFW will serve Hamburgers and Hotdogs \$5 Veterans eat free



The choice I made on April 19, 2019 to go thru the VTC in lieu of regular court was a wise decision.

Being from another state and having to always travel to fulfill my court appointments was not always easy.

Just like being in the service, I took it seriously and finished the course. Along this journey, I met a lot of amazing people. I want to express to all going thru this experience, that one mistake does not define us, what does define us is how we handle the journey. So make friends, be respectful and always be an encouragement to others. I want to thank John E. for being at the right place and at the right time for me. His kindness and generosity will not be forgotten. Colene for always being the nicest person to me and to everyone. Congratulations on your promotion. Judge K, your leadership and sense of fairness is what all court rooms should be like (if the judge gig doesn't work out, pick up that guitar and start a new career). And to everyone else, the staff, the class room instructors, the VA staff and Kelly the last person I saw as I left the court making sure I was all squared away. Thank you all for making a bad situation to being something I looked forward to. Last but not least, my new friend and the best mentor Dave S. Dave you exemplify what a mentor should be. Thank you and thank you to my wife for always providing encouragement and that must needed ride to court.

# KINGMAN VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

# **Kingman Court Dates**

May 7, 2025 1:30pm May 21, 2025 1:30pm

# Kingman VRT

May 7, 2025 at 11:30am

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# **Mentor Corps**

The mission of VTC mentors is to serve their justice involved veterans by being a source of positivity, moral support, and guidance as they work toward successfully completing the VTC Program.



# Service and Benefits Lake Havasu vs. Kingman Veterans Treatment Court Softball Game: A Display of Athletic Prowess and Community Spirit

The third game in the Kingman VTC and Lake Havasu City VTC series was held on Saturday April 26, 2025 at Centennial Park in Kingman, AZ. Kingman leads the series 2 to 1. Players on each team are comprised of VTC participants, graduates, mentors, alumni, and the staffing teams.

In a heartwarming display of teamwork and determination, the Veterans Treatment Court softball game offered fans an unforgettable day of competitive play and community pride. The game, organized to support veterans through camaraderie and structured athletic team building, saw two spirited teams—LHC and Kingman—battle it out on the field.

The contest opened with LHC stepping up to bat first. They immediately set the tone by scoring 2 runs in the top of the first, establishing an early edge that energized their supporters. Not to be outdone, Kingman answered in the bottom of the first with a powerful 2-run homer—a hit that not only narrowed the gap but also put them in line with the conditions of the 5-run rule. The first inning also featured an impressive defensive highlight. LHC's pitcher, displaying both composure and agility, juggled a ball hit directly his way and still managed to execute a flawless play by retiring the batter at first base. This nimble display of athletic skill underscored the intensity of the game and set a high standard for defensive performance.

The tension carried into the third inning. LHC's second baseman showcased exceptional reflexes by retrieving a ball off a bounce and promptly tagging out the advancing runner. Shortly thereafter, an additional catch sealed another out, keeping LHC in control of this Inning and highlighting the critical importance of defense in a game driven by small yet pivotal plays.

The competitive spirit continued into the bottom of the third when a Kingman player ignited the crowd with a daring move at the plate. In a nail-biting play, the Kingman runner slid right under the catcher's mitt—a bold attempt to secure an extra base that reflected the team's go-for-broke mentality in this thrilling matchup.

Momentum swung back in the top of the fifth inning. LHC began the inning with a spectacular triple that not only energized the dugout but also produced an immediate run as the batter circled the bases. The offensive surge was compounded when another LHC player stepped up and delivered one of the game's key moments—a 2-run single.

Ultimately, the game was called in the fifth inning via the 10-run rule—a mercy provision designed to maintain competitive balance while recognizing an insurmountable lead. Fans and players alike witnessed an impressive blend of strategic plays, blistering offense, and standout defensive moments, all wrapped in an event that celebrated the veteran communities.

This Veterans Treatment Court softball game was more than just a contest on the diamond; it was a powerful reminder of how sports can serve as a bridge to healing, unity, and empowerment. The display of athletic finesse, coupled with acts of courageous risk-taking and solid defensive work, left spectators inspired and eager for the next chapter in this community-driven initiative. The spirit shown on the field that day may very well become the cornerstone for similar initiatives, blending competitive sports with meaningful community empowerment in innovative ways.



# This month in Military History

# **National Military Appreciation Month**

Volunteer or donate to veteran causes, educate yourself on the history and state of the military, and thank a service member during Military Appreciation Month.

https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/military-appreciation-month/

Nationally Military Appreciate Month is meant to raise awareness and encourage celebration and appreciation of those who serve – or who have served – in the armed forces for their country.

Every role in each military branch is honored this month, from the foot soldier to the navy chef, from the Air Force navigator to the Army general. This month is also meant to show appreciation for the families of servicewomen and servicemen, who tirelessly stand by and support their serving relative.

Of course, National Military Appreciation Month also honors the memory of military personnel who sacrificed their safety and ultimately their lives for their nation, and the war veterans of wars gone past who have now passed on.

#### **How to Observe National Military Appreciation Month**

#### **Learn About Military History**

This month would be an excellent opportunity to read up on your country's military history or take the time to learn what makes an armed force unit run so smoothly. And if you've ever considered a career in the military, this month is a perfect time to learn all about the multitude of positions available within all the armed forces.

#### Join a Celebratory Event

In the United States, if you are a service person past or present, you could look up major events taking part in your area to honor what has been done for your country. In addition, some companies offer discounts during this month as a thank you.

#### Make a Donation and Show Support

If you aren't a member of the military, be sure to do your part by donating to charities which support veterans. Or, simply say thank you to a veteran you know!

### **History of National Military Appreciation Month**

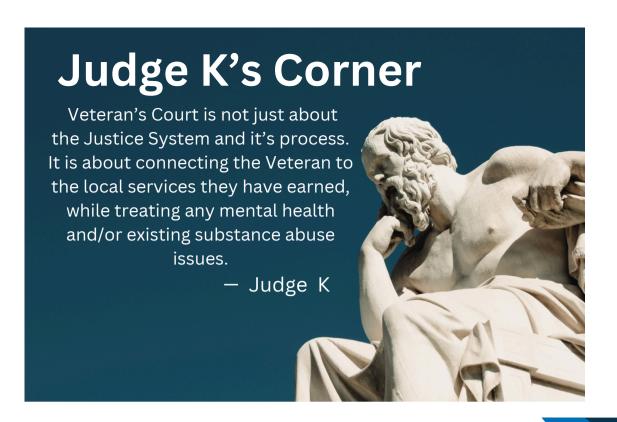
National Miliary Appreciation Month was declared in a resolution by the <u>United States</u>

<u>Congress</u> back in 1999. This was a move intended to offer the general public a chance to thank service members and their families for all their hard work.

Since its first observance, National Military Appreciation Month has become an increasingly important and valuable month to American citizens. Every year, the President of the United States gives a proclamation honoring the armed forces and offering a reminder of the considerable contribution these people have made to the country, its history, and its growth.

There are already a handful of military-specific observance days in May, which is why this month was chosen. Amongst the important military dates within this month is the commemoration of <u>VE Day</u>, which signaled the end of World War Two in 1945. There's also <u>Armed Forces Day</u> to look out for, among others.





# Mentorship

We want YOU to be involved in our LHC Veterans Treatment
Court Mentor Program! Upcoming meetings will be held in the
Courthouse Jury Assembly Room
For more information, please contact Joan:
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# VTC Alumni Meeting VTC Graduates, Phase 3 participants,

Mentors, & the Staffing Team are welcome!
The first Thursday of each month
at 6:00PM
Havasu Community Health Foundation:
Shambles Village
2126 McCulloch Blvd. N. Suite 7
May 8, 2025 at 6:00pm
June 5, 2025 at 6:00pm

#### The General

Monday – Friday (ONLY)
The General is available for
U/A testing (M-F)
Counseling appointments &
In-person Court Hearings
The van number is 928-230-0392
Call between 8am – 12pm to schedule

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