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## The Veterans' Six

The LHC Veterans Treatment Court Monthly Newsletter dedicated to having the Six of every Justice Involved Veteran

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

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 Veterans Treatment Court Dates



#### Veterans Treatment Court Hearing Dates

#### New Courthouse - 92 Acoma S.

You must check in before court each time Per AOC Regulations everyone must go through security

> April 5, 2024 April 19, 2024 – Graduation

> > May 3, 2024 May 17, 2024

> > June 7, 2024 June 28, 2024

# **Upcoming Veterans Court Events**

#### Hike

Come join us for a hike. Some hikes are a stroll and some are more difficult. If you are able to complete the hike, please come and join us for comradery by hanging out with fellow veterans and the staffing team as well.

If, for some reason, you feel you are not able to complete the hike, please speak up and let us know. You are always welcome to show up at the courthouse and 'send-us-off'.

#### April 6, 2024 at 9:00AM

Meet at the new courthouse parking lot Lunch will be provided

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#### Lake Havasu City Community Service Projects

LHC Veterans Treatment Court believes working together outside the courtroom setting is beneficial to the veterans and the team. Accomplishing a goal together enhances the treatment process and strengthens our program. We have teamed up with the City to participate in a C/S program to assist with making our community a better place.

#### April 20, 2024 at 7:00AM

#### The General

Monday – Friday (ONLY) The General will be available for

- U/A testing (M-F)
- Counseling appointments
  - In-person court hearing
    - Food Bank



The van number is 928-230-0392

Call between 8am – 12pm to schedule

## The Graduate Review Board

#### **Branch of Service**



#### **VTC Graduation Date**

July 08, 2017

#### **VTC Experience:**

The Veterans Treatment Court was a great opportunity and much appreciated. The program is unique and allows the Veteran to dive deep into breaking the cycle of addiction. The staff genuinely care about the betterment of the Veteran and we are given the chance to "remap" our course. There are many services available to provide assistance for any need a Veteran might have.

Going through Vet Court allowed me to reflect on everything. Life has not been easy and I could be bitter and never address my alcohol addiction or anger issues but I chose to and I am better for it.

## Staff Introduction

#### **Stacy Lee**

Stacy moved to Lake Havasu in December 2021 from Orcutt/Santa Maria, CA where she grew up. She is a soldier for life, US Army, and is a Desert Storm/Desert Shield Combat Veteran. She has been with the VA since 2013, and she is currently serving our Veterans at the LHC Vet Center as the Veterans Outreach Program Specialist. She has 3 children, with her youngest currently active-duty Air Force. Her husband Mike is a retired Fire Captain, and currently owns a Handyman business here in Lake Havasu. Stacy can assist you with anything Veteran related. VBA/VHA/NCA questions, resources, and assistance. She can get you started in counseling for PTSD, MST, or anything you may need, even if you don't know you need it yet! Her main goal with the Lake Havasu Vet Center, is to show you that we are here for you, and this is your central "hub" to get all your Veteran questions answered. You will see her all around town, involved in Veteran's Treatment court in Kingman, BHC, and here in LHC, you can hear her on the radio, see her in the paper, and you can come to the Vet Center and meet her there in person!

Stacy is also the Co-President of the non-profit Echo Group Band of Brothers organization and the Chapter President here in Arizona. Check out what they do at <a href="https://www.echovets.org">www.echovets.org</a>. For Veterans BY Veterans, they combat the suicide and homelessness initiatives utilizing peer-to-peer mentoring. They play softball, having their OWN league and play on Sundays, and there's more fun than you can handle!

New season starts January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024! Call her for questions, or to get on that roster, anytime! 805-757-8223.



## Kingman Vet Court

#### **Upcoming Veterans Treatment Court Dates**



#### Kingman VRT

April 17, 2024 at 11:30 am

#### **Kingman Vet Court**

April 3, 2024 at 1:30 pm April 17, 2024 at 1:30 pm

#### **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.

#### **Alexis Timm**

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## **Benefits and Service Sector**

### **Spotlight On:**





## VETERANS COURT SOFTBALL GAME

APRIL 13, 2024 11:00 a.m. Rotary Park - Field #1



LUNCH will be provided

Please bring nonperishable items to donate to our local FOOD BANK



#### Our game will be at Rotary Park – field #1

Lunch will be served with food or monetary donations to our local FOOD BANK. (Someone from FOOD BANK will be on site to accept nonperishable foods and money.)

Currently they need Peanut Butter, Pasta, and Pasta Sauces.

Our practices will be held Friday night 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. at Rotary Park field #1 (closest to the restroom and skatepark) – also where the 4/13 game will be played. Lights out at 8:30 p.m. to ensure we have time to wrap up everything.

If anyone would like to join in with Band of Brothers, they have practices at Sara Park on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

They have games on Sunday at Rotary Park 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

#### This Month in U.S. Military History



April is the month that marks the start of warmer Spring weather. It is also a month with a lot of holidays and observances. You might think of April Fools Day and Easter Day. But did you know that the month as a whole also celebrates? April is the month of the military child! Its history, meaning, range of activities and events are all worth knowing

#### 1. What is the month of the military child?

It is meant to express appreciation for children who have military parents (no matter one or both) as they go through unique challenges and in a way, make sacrifices: they may not receive full and consistent care, be forced to move homes and change schools frequently, separate from friends and family members all the time, etc. So, by the same token, the month of the military child recognizes the large role that children of military parents play in the Armed Forces' success. Aside from honoring military children, April raises awareness and assists children in their time of need by providing funds and other resources

#### 2. History

The month of the military child was established in 1986 by Caspar Weinberger, a Defense Secretary. Since then, April has been considered as the military kid month by the Department of Defense and celebrated by all military branches.

- •Every year, the President gives a proclamation about the month of the military child. There are over 1.6 million military children with many unique challenges due to their parent's or parents' service.
- •Since 9/11, one or both parents of about 2 million military children have been deployed.

#### Purple Up Month of the Military Child

The key event for the month of the military child is the national Purple Up day. It is on April 15 and is a military child appreciation day. In essence, to thank and show your support, you would wear purple for military children across the nation. Americans everywhere are encouraged to do this. But why purple for military children appreciation? The idea is that purple represents all the branches of the military: the Army's green, Marine Corps's red, Air Force's blue, Navy's blue, and Coast Guard's blue combined together makes purple.

Month of the Military Child: Everything You Should Know (the soldiers project.org)



#### The Dandelion Flower of the Military Child

Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere and it is almost impossible to destroy It is an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It is a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the Military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends. Military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient. They have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are. That a good friend can be found in every corner of the world. They learn that to survive means to adapt. That the door that closes one chapter of their life opens to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences.

## Judge K's Corner

"Regardless of your time-in-service or discharge status, *you* signed a contract to protect our country.

Therefore, *you* are eligible to participate in our Veterans Court and receive the services you need."

— Judge Kalauli

#### \*\*\* Mentor Meeting \*\*\*

We want **YOU** to be involved in our LHC Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program!
Upcoming Mentor Meetings



#### **TBD**

**New Courthouse Jury Room** 

For more information about this program please contact: Joan McDermott (928) 230 - 4931 Mcdermott.joan@gmail.com

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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

April 4, 2024 at 6:00pm May 2, 2024 at 6:00pm