

Veterans Treatment Court workshop concludes

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LEAVENWORTH COUNTY, Kan. --- More than two dozen court professionals, police officers, and training attendees participated in a Veterans Treatment Court workshop hosted by Justice for Vets and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP.)

Todd Thompson, Leavenworth County attorney said, “We are so pleased with the excitement and cooperation we’re getting from the community and agency for this program.”

The three-day workshop, inside the Leavenworth County Justice Center building, concluded Wednesday, May 17. The workshop is just one step of many that signal the start of the Leavenworth County Veterans Treatment Court program is nearing.

“It’s getting close, a lot of time and effort has gone into making this specialty court a reality – the Veterans Treatment Court is going to serve a vital role for our county,” said Assistant County Attorney Christopher Lyon.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, Assistant County Attorney Christopher Lyon, and Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator Abigail Allman were the organizers of the workshop.

Thompson said, “Chris has invested an immense amount of effort in assisting our office in bringing a VTC to Leavenworth County, and his hard work along with Abigail’s assistance will undoubtedly pay off.”

The Veterans Treatment Court Planning Initiative Foundational Training Program was held for team members working on the VTC program. Distinguished guests, such as retired Kansas Chief Justice Lawton Nuss and Major Clyde J. Tate, J.D., USA Retired, spoke at the workshop.

The NADCP has appointed Maj. Tate as its Chief Counsel. Maj. Tate served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps until his retirement in 2014. Chief Nuss is currently a member of the Veterans Justice Commission. During their speeches, both men emphasized the significance of the specialty court and its benefits for the community.

The recent workshop was just one milestone in the development of Leavenworth County's Veterans Treatment Court. On May 11, Abigail Allman was announced as the new Court Coordinator for the VTC. Before Allman's appointment, the office secured a federal grant of \$1 million to fully fund the court. U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, County Attorney Thompson, and Assistant County Attorney Lyon worked together to secure the grant.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please email Abigail.Allman@kscourts.org, or visit: https://www.leavenworthcounty.gov/government/county_attorney_s_office/veterans_treatment_court.php

Pictures:



(Pictured left to right: Chief Justice Lawton Nuss, County Attorney Todd Thompson, Chief Judge Joan M. Lowdon 1st Judicial District and Dan K. Wiley of the 1st Judicial District judge)



(Major Clyde J. "Butch" Tate, J.D., USA retired addresses the audience, Tuesday, May 16)



(Pictured left to right) Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, VTC Coordinator Abigail Allman and Assistant County Attorney Christopher Lyon