



# Ellis County Veterans' Treatment Court

## Mentor Program Acknowledgement

### **Mission Statement of the Ellis County Veterans' Mentoring Program**

The Mission of the Veterans' Treatment Court (VTC) Mentoring Program is to use a peer-to-peer support model to assist Justice-Involved Veterans (JIVs), assess their needs, and help them solve their root problems. Mentors will coordinate with the VTC to assist the JIV in navigating unfamiliar situations, such as their readjustment to civilian life after service, or how to regroup after their incident/charges, and to help them negotiate the unfamiliar obstacles in the judicial and VA systems while serving as an advocate, coach, and ally.

As a participant in the Ellis County VTC, you will be required to engage a volunteer mentor. You understand you will be mandated to give the VTC authorization to release and/or communicate your confidential information to representatives of the Ellis County Veterans' Court Mentorship Program during your participation in the VTC. This information may be transmitted either in writing, by telephone, or in person. Disclosure of this information is to assist all Veterans' Court Mentors in the coordination of services offered through the Mentoring Program. This consent only applies to mentors who have been screened, interviewed, and approved by the Ellis County VTC program manager. The information below will be included in the information to be released:

- Treatment services you received to determine whether you received adequate case management and supervision
- Contact Information
- Updates from the VTC regarding Sanctions, Phase Advancements, Urine Analysis Results, and Referrals
- Ellis County VTC and the Department of Veterans Affairs Integrated Treatment Plan.
- Mentoring Status Reports/ Mentoring Progress Notes
- Attendance Records

You understand that this consent/authorization will remain in effect until the Court formally and effectively releases you from the VTC. You also understand that if you revoke this consent/authorization before being released from the VTC, the Court may terminate your participation in VTC, and that there may be other legal consequences. You understand that you may revoke this authorization at any time by giving written notice to the VTC; however, if an entity has already acted in reliance to this consent, they will not be liable for disclosure.

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Veteran's Signature

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Date