

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A MENTOR:

- Be a former or current member of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories, including but not limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard, Reserves, State Guard, or commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor, the United States Coast, and Geodetic Survey.
- Agree to follow and abide by all policies and procedures of the 21st Judicial District Court Veterans Treatment Court Program and Mentors Program.
- Not currently on probation for a misdemeanor or felony offense.
- Not have a misdemeanor or felony conviction within the past three (3) years.
- Complete an application, screening, and interview process.
- Submit a DD-214 for review and undergo a criminal background check if required by the court.
- Commit for a minimum of eighteen (18) months to volunteer as a mentor for the duration that their assigned participant is in the program.
- Complete the Mentor orientation program and any additional training that may be required by the program.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding a participant's case and personal information.
- Have weekly contact with the participant to provide ongoing support and encouragement.
- Be familiar with the warning signs and red flags for suicide or other mental health issues.

