

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §22-602, any La Paz County Judicial Officer may refer a case to the Veterans Court. The originating court shall maintain jurisdiction over the case. As participation in the Veterans Court is voluntary, the referring Judicial Officer must determine if the defendant wishes to have the case transferred to the Veterans Court. A defendant wishing to participate in the Veterans Court shall execute an agreement waiving all Rule 8 time limits and any objection to the jurisdiction of the Veterans Court. The court shall notify the prosecutor of the transfer.

IT IS ORDERED court administration for the Parker Justice Court, in coordination with court administration for each sending court, shall establish the case transfer process, how cases will be handled in the case management system, and how fines, fees, surcharges and any costs will be allocated.

IT IS ORDERED as the cases will be heard in the Parker Justice Court, the La Paz County Attorney's Office shall prosecute Veterans Court cases unless such authority is delegated, in writing, by the La Paz County Attorney to another agency.

IT IS ORDERED the Veterans Court Judge shall coordinate with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the provision of treatment services to eligible veterans in the Veterans Court. The Veterans Court Judge may also utilize local, community based treatment programs, social services and veterans service organizations that further the purpose of the Veterans Court.

IT IS ORDERED the Veterans Court Judge, in coordination with the La Paz County Attorney, and after consultation with the La Paz County Public Defender's Office, other La Paz County Judicial Officers and the La Paz County Probation Department, shall meet and agree upon proposed case consolidation and disposition rules for the

Veterans Court for approval by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Such proposal should, at a minimum, include:

- a. Whether all misdemeanor and civil traffic cases in La Paz County involving the defendant are to be consolidated into the Veterans Court proceeding;
- b. Whether fines may be satisfied with community restitution (at the rate of \$10.00 per hour);
- c. Whether diversion eligible offenses are to be dismissed upon successful completion of court ordered treatment plan requirements;
- d. Whether fines may be reduced for jail time served and the rate of that reduction;
- e. Sanctions for noncompliance with court ordered treatment.


IT IS ORDERED in the event a defendant is removed from the Veterans Court for failing to make satisfactory progress in court ordered treatment, or for any other lawful reason, the Veterans Court Judge shall transfer the case back to the referring court for adjudication.

IT IS ORDERED the Veterans Court Judge, in coordination with the La Paz County Attorney, and after consultation with the La Paz County Public Defender's Office, other La Paz County Judicial Officers and the La Paz County Probation Department, shall establish a consistent court calendar for the Veterans Court to be in session.

IT IS ORDERED the Veterans Court Judge, in coordination with the La Paz County Attorney, and after consultation with the La Paz County Public Defender's Office, other La Paz County Judicial Officers and the La Paz County Probation Department, shall establish a consistent schedule for Veterans Court cases to be discussed ("staffed") prior to each court session.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Veterans Court Judge, in coordination with the La Paz County Attorney, and after consultation with the La Paz County Public Defender's Office, other La Paz County Judicial Officers and the La Paz County Probation Department, shall develop and implement any other standard operating procedures consistent with this order.

DATED this 10 day of April, 2015.



Samuel E. Vederman, Presiding Judge
La Paz County Superior Court