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Veterans Treatment Court receives \$50,000 state grant

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The newly established Comal County Veterans Treatment Court has received a \$50,000 grant from the Texas Veterans Commission.

The grant will help fund the salary of a court administrator, as well as pay for office supplies and other operational expenses for the court, which works with veterans who have been arrested for misdemeanor-level offenses, said County Court-at-Law Judge Charles Stephens, who oversees the program.

“We’re grateful the commission recognized the value our program brings to veterans in Comal County,” Stephens said. “By being proactive in helping veterans overcome the challenges they face as they readjust to civilian life, we can not only improve their lives but improve our community as a whole.”

The Veterans Treatment Court was established by the Comal County Commissioners Court in August and held its first hearing in January. The court is designed for veterans charged with misdemeanor offenses to receive help for addiction, PTSD and other mental disorders potentially connected to their military service. A veteran may enter the program as part of a pre-trial diversion to dismiss the charges or as a condition of post-conviction probation.

Those interested in volunteering to help with the court can call Stephens' office at 830-221-1180.

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