

**Abstract:**

The book chapter discusses the various pathways that lead some veterans to violate laws, often related to symptoms of untreated mental health conditions. After exploring offending related to the impact of intense military training, the "wear and tear" of combat deployments, and combat trauma, the chapter describes several approaches within the civilian criminal justice system to divert veteran offenders from punitive responses to therapeutic ones. Such alternatives include specialized training for police, pretrial diversion programs at Veterans Treatment Courts, and veterans' dorms in prisons and jails.