



## **The Superior Court**

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**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
VETERANS TREATMENT COURT  
10<sup>th</sup> GRADUATING CLASS  
October 5, 2020 – 9 a.m.  
180 E. Weber Ave., Dept. 3D, Stockton, California**

STOCKTON – The San Joaquin County Superior Court will hold its Veterans Treatment Court graduation on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9 a.m. in Department 3D at the Stockton Courthouse, 180 E. Weber Avenue. The Honorable Barbara A. Kronlund will preside over the ceremony. A mission of the Veterans Treatment Court is to identify eligible veterans in the criminal justice system and place them into treatment and court supervision as an alternative to incarceration. This is San Joaquin's tenth ceremony since the Veterans Court was founded in 2015.

The Veterans Court Graduation will honor 18 military veterans who have successfully completed an intensive program and have pledged to keep marching towards recovery. The program is a combination of judicial supervision, justice partner collaborative efforts and appropriate treatment and support.

A growing number of veterans suffer from trauma (such as traumatic brain injury), mental health conditions (such as PTSD) and substance abuse disorders. Veterans treatment courts connect these men and women to the benefits and treatment they have earned. Also, each participant in the program is partnered with a mentor who is a combat veteran. Each mentor acts as a coach, role model and advocate, sharing experiences, guiding the veteran through the program and lending support when needed. There are now more than 350 of these courts in the United States.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only members of the press are invited to attend court in person. The graduation will be live streamed on the [Superior Court's YouTube Channel](#) so that the public can watch this uplifting graduation ceremony.

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