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## **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT VETERANS TREATMENT COURT 1<sup>st</sup> Collaborative Court Graduation August 12, 2022 – 10 a.m. 180 E. Weber Ave., Dept. 3D Stockton, California**

**Stockton, CA** — The San Joaquin County Superior Court will hold its Veterans Treatment Court graduation on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. in Department 3D at the Stockton Courthouse, 180 E. Weber Avenue. Court Executive Officer Brandon E. Riley, 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 the 10th ceremony since the Veterans Court was founded in 2015, and first under Collaborative Courts.

The Veterans Court Graduation will honor 57 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 Court connects these men and women to the benefits and treatment they have earned. There are now more than 350 of these courts in the United States.

“This event allows us to recognize these men and women who worked hard to reach all court mandates. We are proud to fulfill our obligation to bring services, treatment, and support to our veterans in their fight against the effects of trauma,” said Kelly Placeres, Director of Collaborative Courts.

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