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**SAN JOAQUIN SUPERIOR COURT, VETERANS TREATMENT COURT  
FIFTH GRADUATION CLASS  
March 5, 2018 – 10 a.m.  
180 E. Weber Ave., Dept. 10D, Stockton, California**

STOCKTON – The San Joaquin Superior Court will hold its Veterans Treatment Court graduation ceremony on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 10 a.m. in Department 10-D at the Stockton Courthouse, 180 E. Weber Avenue. The Honorable Barbara A. Kronlund will preside over the ceremony. The Veterans Treatment Court mission 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 fifth ceremony since the Veterans Court was founded in 2015.

Seven veterans will graduate on March 5th. The ceremony marks the veterans' successful completion of an intensive program designed to connect veterans suffering from substance abuse and/or mental health disorders with the benefits and treatment they have earned.

The program is a combination of judicial supervision, justice partner collaborative efforts and appropriate treatment and support. Veterans Court aims to help veterans who may be suffering from traumatic brain injuries, depression, substance abuse or post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from the veteran's service in the U.S. armed forces. 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.

Members of the press and public are invited to attend this uplifting graduation ceremony.

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