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**GRADUATION CEREMONY TO HONOR VETERANS WHO
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SAN FRANCISCO'S
VETERANS JUSTICE COURT PROGRAM**

Veterans Will Describe How VJC Has Helped Them to Lead Productive, Crime-Free Lives

SAN FRANCISCO -- San Francisco Superior Court Judge Jeffrey S. Ross will host past and current graduates of the Veterans Justice Court (VJC) during a November 8 graduation ceremony at the Hall of Justice, Department 23 (third floor).

Working with the Veterans Administration and Jail Health Services' Behavioral Health and Reentry Programs, the VJC provides drug treatment, job training, mental health counseling, housing and other services to assist participants to overcome addiction, to repair family relationships, to secure and maintain housing and employment, to avoid reoffending and to return as productive members of society. Since the VJC's inception in 2013, 120 graduates have successfully completed the program, leading to the dismissal of criminal charges.

The Mayor, members of the Board of Supervisors, Police Chief and Sheriff are invited.

What: Veterans Justice Court Graduation
When: Noon – 1 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Where: Hall of Justice
850 Bryant Street
Department 23, 3rd Floor

Veterans who have agreed to be photographed and interviewed will be available to the media. For more information, contact Ann E. Donlan, Communications Director, San Francisco Superior Court, at (415) 551-5957 or adonlan@sftc.org.

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