



## THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

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### **For Immediate Release**

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#### **Honor, Courage and Valor: Veteran's Treatment Court**

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**What:** The Court will hold a special ceremony in recognition of Veteran's Day and its new Veteran's Treatment Court.

**When:** November 7, 2014 @ 2:00 pm

**Where:** Third Judicial Circuit Court, Frank Murphy Hall of Justice

**Why:** Veteran's Treatment Court will address the needs of returning veterans who are faced with matters within the criminal justice system.

**Detroit, MI -- Service members show great honor, courage and valor on the battlefield. As Wayne County is considered home to an estimated 110,500 veterans, it is only appropriate that it would have a Veteran's Treatment Court to address the needs of veterans faced with matters within the criminal justice system.**

Judge Deborah Thomas, the great granddaughter of a serviceman, and Judge James A. Callahan, also a former military man, are the judicial lead.

Important program goals are to: (1) Reduce substance abuse during program participation by partnering with the Veteran's Administration and other agencies to provide substance abuse treatment, (2) Improve participant's mental health during program participation, as many of our returning veterans are dealing with depression, PTSD, and other forms of mental health issues related to their service, (3) Reduce recidivism, and (4) Equip each veteran with the tools and resources they need to return to a productive, crime-free existence in their communities.

The Court invites Service members, Veterans, elected officials, and the media to join the Veteran's Day recognition and implementation of Veterans' Treatment Court to be held at 2:00 pm in Courtroom 302, The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 302 of Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, 1441 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI.

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