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## **SANTA MARIA VETERANS TREATMENT COURT RECOGNIZED BY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Santa Barbara, California, October 5, 2018** – On September 18, 2018, the Santa Maria Veterans Treatment Court was presented with a resolution by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors honoring the work the treatment team has accomplished in helping vets involved in the criminal justice system.

Presided over by Superior Court Judge Kay Kuns, the Veterans Treatment Court promotes sobriety, recovery and stability for veterans of Santa Barbara County by establishing a viable option for a select group of veterans whose needs are better met through treatment than incarceration. The program's goal is to affirm veteran's military service while addressing their unique needs and link the veteran to the appropriate program and services to reduce incarceration and facilitate their integration back into the community. A peer mentor component gives an opportunity for other veterans to volunteer as mentors and help a fellow veteran through their journey.

Presiding Judge Patricia L. Kelly remarked, *"The efforts of the judges and treatment teams to serve the public and particularly our veterans is commendable. I am especially proud that these courts are recognized for their efforts and their successes."*

The presentation of this honor can be viewed here:  
[http://sbcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=3&clip\\_id=3376&meta\\_id=377787](http://sbcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=3376&meta_id=377787)