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Charleston County Probate Court Dedicates Branch Service Flags

Ceremony to be held prior to regularly scheduled Veterans Court on Tuesday, November 12

Charleston County Probate Court will hold a dedication flag ceremony on Tuesday, November 12 at 4 p.m. at the Judicial Center Complex located at 100 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401. The Isle of Palms Exchange Club donated the flags, which include Army, U.S.M.C, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

"The military service connection is a key component of our Veterans Treatment Court. The traditions of each service branch are represented in these flags," said Charleston County Probate Judge Irvin G. Condon. "We are grateful for this contribution to the Veterans Court. "We will dedicate each service flag honoring a service member with a local connection," said Marine Corps veteran and Judge Peter A. Kouten. "These flags help to build on the goal of returning productive veterans to our community."

Charleston County Probate Court in collaboration with the Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office began Veteran's Treatment Court in July. Currently, the Court has five participants with two participants entering this week. The Veterans Treatment Court is an eighteen-month program that accepts Veterans who have non-violent offenses. Instead of going to prison, they are guided through the program and take responsibility for their actions. During the process, the Veteran receives inpatient or outpatient treatment for mental health and addiction, guidance in housing, education and employment, individual and group counseling and regular weekly Court to review and monitor their progress.

This process could not take place without involvement from the Veterans Administration and treatment and outreach from the staff at the Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Hospital here in Charleston. This team approach includes Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson's office, the public defender's office, and many local veteran service organizations.

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