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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**TULARE COUNTY VETERANS COURT CELEBRATES SIXTH  
GRADUATING CLASS**

Graduates of the Sixth Annual Tulare County Veterans Court gathered on May 4th at the Visalia Veterans Memorial Building to commemorate their successful completion of the program.

Established in 2010, Veterans Court seeks to provide veterans in the criminal justice system who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), substance abuse, or psychological problems stemming from service in a combat theater in the United States military, with intensive treatment programs tailored to meet clinically identified needs. Veterans Court is a collaboration between numerous agencies: the Court, the Veterans Center, the Veterans Counseling Clinic, the District Attorney's Office, the Probation Department, and many other community partners.

Tulare County Superior Court Judge Gary Johnson presided over the event, with members of the Tulare County District Attorney's Office and community law enforcement in attendance. The seven graduates were presented with a certificate of completion and a Veterans Court challenge coin.

"We are very appreciative of the service that these veterans have provided our community and nation," said Assistant District Attorney David Alavezos. "On behalf of the Office of the District Attorney, I congratulate these graduates for their successful completion of this outstanding program."

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