

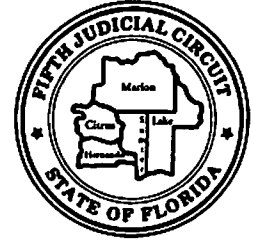


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FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER COUNTIES



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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**MARION COUNTY  
VETERAN'S COURT**

**JUNE 11, 2012**

County officials, judges, community members, and veterans will be gathered at the Marion County Judicial Center on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 10:30am in Courtroom 1 to celebrate the opening ceremony of the new Veteran's Treatment Court – a specialty court for veterans involved in the criminal justice system that provides accountability while linking veterans to needed treatment and services.

Veteran's Treatment Court will help veterans who are struggling to reintegrate into civilian life after returning from the front lines of war by focusing exclusively on veterans and their unique circumstances. The program will be equipped to help veterans suffering from substance abuse and mental health issues, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). These "signature injuries" of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, PTSD and TBI, can make it more difficult to reintegrate into civilian life and potentially trigger behaviors that draw veterans into the criminal justice system.

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