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Matthew Stiner
NADCP Justice for Vets
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Dear Mr. Stiner:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States strongly supports ongoing judicial initiatives to create Veterans Treatment Courts in all 2,500 of our nation's drug courts.

Since 2008, more than 80 courtrooms across the country have emulated the Veterans Treatment Court first started in Buffalo, New York, by Judge Robert Russell, who received the VFW's Citizenship Award at our 111th National Convention in Indianapolis last year. The concept works because military veterans understand goals that reward the successful completion of mandatory treatment programs, as well as the penalty of failure. Veterans also recognize and respond to peer pressure from fellow veterans, who reinforce the team concept among those who may be struggling with their transition into civilian status.

The VFW at its essence is about taking care of veterans, our service members, and all their families. Helping to ensure their unique service to our nation is also recognized by the judicial system is a program we wholeheartedly support. A formal resolution will be submitted at the VFW's 113th National Convention next year.

Should you require anything further, please contact my public affairs director, Mr. Joe Davis, at 202-608-8357 or at jdavis@vfw.org.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Wallace".

ROBERT E. WALLACE
Executive Director