



**November 9, 2023**

## **Commemorating Veterans Day 2023**

Sacramento, CA – To commemorate Veterans Day 2023, the Honorable James McFetridge made the following statement today on behalf of the Sacramento Superior Court:

**A Veteran is someone who has a desire to serve in the military in defense of our nation. Someone who devotes their talents in support of a mission. And someone who finds a sense of unity, solidarity and purpose with those who also willingly serve to protect our country.**

**The United States Armed Forces have a multitude of different military units such as brigades, air wings, ships, bases and training commands. All servicemembers who have served in those units become our country's Veterans.**

**Veterans Day celebrates those who have worn a uniform and served in a branch of the armed forces. Many of our Veterans saw combat and lost comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice, and others were wounded in action.**

**Thankfully, most Veterans do not have those experiences. Yet each servicemember contributes to our national defense, giving of themselves for the good of the service. They are ready, willing and able to go into harm's way when called to do so.**

**Veterans Day is an opportunity to take pause, remember these individuals and say "thank you" to those who have served in defense of our country. Please take a moment on November 11 to thank Veterans you know and remember all Veterans for their service and sacrifices.**

*Judge James McFetridge served in both the U.S. Navy and California Army National Guard. During his 20 years of military service, his assignments included the Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; the Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia; Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Task Force 134 (tracking detainees) in Baghdad, Iraq; and Joint Force Headquarters, California Army National Guard, in Sacramento. He saw one deployment during Operation Iraqi Freedom.*