

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

Judge John Grandsaert Veteran of the Year

WHEREAS, JUDGE JOHN GRANDSAERT is being honored as the recipient of the first San Mateo County Veteran of the Year award by the San Mateo County Veterans Commission for his efforts to redirect the lives of many of our troubled veterans with compassion and care; and

WHEREAS, JUDGE JOHN GRANDSAERT, appointed to the bench in 2004, has long been a dedicated advocate for those who have served our country in the military, including work as a U.S. Army Reserve officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps where he assisted reservists with the criminal defense to keep them from being dishonorably discharged thus preserving their benefits earned while serving in the military; and

WHEREAS, through his deep affection and abiding respect for military personnel, **JUDGE JOHN GRANDSAERT** launched the Veterans Treatment Court in 2012 to address the specialized needs of military veterans facing criminal prosecution whether it is substance abuse, mental illness and or other service-related afflictions; and

WHEREAS, JUDGE JOHN GRANDSAERT works compassionately and humanely with the veterans who come before him, giving veterans gift cards to reward good behavior and encourage future progress. He also spends countless volunteer hours volunteering his time to help veterans at local Bay Area Stand Downs.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors and commends **JUDGE JOHN GRANDSAERT** for receiving the 2016 Veteran of the Year Award for making an immeasurable impact on the lives of veterans in San Mateo County.

Dated: November 10, 2016

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Attest: _____
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