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Kane County Veterans Treatment Court Hosts Veterans Day Luncheon Honoring Past and Present Participants

November 8, 2024 – Kane County, IL – The Kane County Veterans Treatment Court proudly hosted its annual Veterans Day Luncheon today, bringing together veterans from the Veterans Treatment Court, including past graduates and current participants, as well as other veterans who work in the Judicial System to honor the service and sacrifices of our local heroes. Held at Kane County Government Center, this special event served as an opportunity to express gratitude to veterans from all branches of the military while highlighting the essential role of community support in the Veterans Treatment Court program.

The luncheon featured a keynote address from a previous Veterans Court graduate who is now a Peer Recovery Support Specialist with Hines VA. Quilts of Valor were presented to Kane County employees who are veterans. The entire event emphasized the importance of supporting veterans in their journey through the criminal justice system and back into the community.

"We are honored to recognize the bravery, commitment, and resilience of our veterans," said Coordinator Philip Wessel. "Our Veterans Treatment Court program is dedicated to offering these men and women the resources they need to overcome personal challenges and achieve long-term success." Judge Christine Downs added, "It is an honor to preside over Veterans Treatment Court. This event highlights how when the community supports veterans in need, lives truly change for the better.

The Kane County Veterans Treatment Court plays a crucial role in helping veterans address issues related to mental health, substance abuse, and trauma. The program offers veterans a structured path to recovery and rehabilitation through a collaborative approach involving judges, attorneys, treatment providers, mentors, and the Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission.

The Kane County Veterans Treatment Court thanks the generous sponsor Sheriff Hain and Chef Porfirio Roman and community members who made this event possible and extends its heartfelt gratitude to the veterans who attended. As we commemorate Veterans Day, the court reaffirms its commitment to supporting those who served and ensuring they have access to the care, respect, and resources they deserve.

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