



# COMBAT VETERANS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: RESOURCES FOR CHANGE

**DATE:** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013  
**TIME:** 8:25 AM – 4:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** BRYAN SIMPSON UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
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# SCHEDULE

- 8:00 – 8:25 AM BREAKFAST AND LATE REGISTRATION
- 8:25 – 8:30 AM PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
- 8:30 – 9:25 AM THE DISTRICT OF UTAH VETERANS COURT  
*Featured Speaker, Hon. Paul Warner, United States District Judge (UT); Topics include: Veterans Courts: Why and How they Function; The Utah Experience; Success Stories and Challenges.*
- 9:25 – 10:15 AM OVERVIEW OF VETERANS BENEFITS CLAIMS SYSTEM  
*Featured Speaker: Shannon Brewer; Topics include: Overview of the VA Benefits System; Elements of a Claim for Compensation; Pension; and, the Basics of a Successful Claim*
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK (*Refreshments will be provided*)
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND PTSD: A PRIMER  
*Featured Speaker: Stephen N. Xenakis, MD BG, USA (Ret.); Topics include: Basic Physiology of the Brain; Definitions of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); Relating TBI to Behavior—Physical and Mental Effects; and, Interrelationship of PTSD and TBI—e.g. Why Did this Veteran Do What He/She Did?*
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER OF THE FBA VETERANS' DAY LUNCHEON**
- 1:00 – 1:40 PM EFFECTIVE DEFENSE ADVOCACY FOR VETERANS  
*Featured Speaker: William J. Sheppard, Esq.; Topics include: Utilization of Available Resources; Successful Defense Strategies; Sentencing Strategies; and, Engaging the Prosecution.*
- 1:40 – 2:20 PM JUSTICE INVOLVED COMBAT VETERANS IN THE FEDERAL COURTS  
*Featured Speaker: Jim Skuthan, Esq., First Assistant Federal Public Defender (FL-M); Topics include: US Sentencing Guideline Provisions and Relevant Federal Case Law.*
- 2:20 – 2:35 PM BREAK (*Refreshments will be provided*)
- 2:35 – 3:05 PM OVERVIEW OF VETERANS HEALTH AND OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OUTREACH COORDINATOR  
*Featured Speaker: Charlotte Matthews, VJO, Gainesville; Topics include: Overview of VA Health Care; Nature and Function of Justice Outreach Coordinators; How the Veteran Fits into the System; Resources Available to Defense Counsel; and, Introduction to Veterans Courts.*
- 3:05 – 4:30 PM BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER: WHAT YOU CAN DO TOMORROW  
*Featured Speakers: Daniel Sullivan, SAUSA; Jason Snodgrass, peer mentor; Members of the Bench, Prosecution, Defense, and Probation/Pretrial will discuss: Resources Available to All Participants in the Criminal Justice System; Collaborative Approaches to Justice-Involved Veterans; the Critical Link of VJOs in the Process; and, Approaches and Resources at the Pretrial and Reentry Levels.*