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Mr. Kevin Coyne

Sons of the American Revolution

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Skagit County Deputy John Hendrickson for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Deputy John Hendrickson served in the United States Army for over 20 years that included a deployment to Iraq in 1990 during Operation Desert Storm.

Deputy Hendrickson joined the Skagit County Sheriff's Office family on October 2nd, 2000. From the beginning, John showed a "can do spirit" that he has become well known for. It was not long before John joined the Traffic Division and the Motors Unit, his true passion. Over his 20 year career, John has served as an East Detachment Deputy. John was recognized by the citizens he served and by his co-workers. John and his wife Sharon received the Deputy Anne Jackson Award in 2010 for their commitment to service for their continued acts that benefit the Community and the SCSO. John served as a long time tactical team member and as a range instructor. You could depend upon John to do the extra things necessary to ensure a successful training or mission. Undersheriff Clark said of John, "John has always been a GO TO kind of guy. Always willing to get the job done no matter what it was." Chief Lindquist added, "John has been a tremendous trainer for my work group instructing them on firearm safety and practical use at the range. Comments from them were he is an amazing trainer, very patient and knowledgeable. I have always known John to step up and take on any challenge or request for help."

Deputy Hendrickson has been one of the best procurers of equipment this office has ever had. John has worked in coordination with multiple agencies to acquire much needed equipment at little or no cost. In 2019, John spearheaded the effort to obtain the Lasershot Program. John did the research and wrote the justification document that would eventually play a key role in the approval of the equipment for this program. In 2019, John received the Deputy Alan Hultgren Meritorious Service Award. For his entire career John has been a positive example of law enforcement. He has trained and mentored many and he is a true friend. For medical reasons, John resigned from the position of patrol deputy and has taken on a new assignment at the Skagit County Community Justice Center. John is a positive image that represents the SCSO for visitors and staff at our jail. He will still be called upon to help train deputies well into our future.

Deputy John Hendrickson has been a positive image of law enforcement within Skagit County and when he represents us within other jurisdictions. He has been a positive influence and a mentor for so many in law enforcement. He willingly gives of his time for the betterment of the citizens of which he proudly serves as the public servant he had committed his life to.

Thank you for considering this nomination and all that the Sons of the American Revolution do for our community and nation.

Sincerely,

Don McDermott, Skagit County Sheriff