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Mr. Kevin Coyne Sons of the American Revolution

May 27th, 2021

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Skagit County Sergeant Kevin Sigman for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Prior to joining the SCSO, Kevin served in the United States Marine Corp from 1986 to 1990. Kevin continued to serve our Country in the Army National Guard, including a call to active duty where he was deployed to the Middle East. Kevin attained the rank of First Sergeant before retiring, from the 56th Theater Information Operations Group.

Kevin began his career as a Corrections Deputy. Kevin is also fluent in Spanish and early in his career he was often called upon to assist both patrol deputies and detectives with follow up investigations that required a translator.

In June of 1995, Kevin became a patrol deputy. His military and corrections experience aided in his ability to quickly adapt to this new role. Kevin is one of the original members of the High Risk Tactical Team, now known as the Skagit Regional Response Team. Kevin often filled an instructor role for the Tactical Team that included outdoor movement, land navigation, defensive tactics, officer down drills and cover and contact. Kevin is the current team leader for the SRRT. Kevin has also served as a Defensive Tactics Instructor and as a Field Training Officer. Kevin is an outstanding teacher and mentor.

In 2008, Kevin was recognized for his actions surrounding the death of Deputy Anne Jackson. In spite of his own grief Kevin comforted many SCSO employees, other agency personnel and citizens. Kevin also attended the funerals of all six victims from the tragic event of September 2nd 2008. In a letter of commendation Sheriff Rick Grimstead wrote, "I believe you were instrumental in beginning the healing process for our office, when many people needed the kindness and caring you provided."

In 2011, Kevin developed the Honorary Deputy Award to recognize individuals who have made a positive and significant impact on behalf of the SCSO.

In 2013, Kevin was selected to the Investigations Unit and as a detective he worked several major crimes including three homicide cases in which Kevin was assigned as the lead detective. All three cases were brought to a successful conclusion.

In 2014, Kevin received the Sheriffs' Award from Sheriff Will Reichardt for his work to implement the tracking of stolen property through the leads on line database for items that were not automatically searched. Kevin kept the data base up to date and had solved numerous cases for the residents of Skagit County that would have gone overlooked under the old system.

Kevin has always filled a leadership role and In December of 2018, Kevin was promoted to Patrol Sergeant.

In a 30 plus year career, Kevin has been a positive role model, team player and friend. He has served the citizens of Skagit County well. 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