

Scott Parks

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to me, Chad

Jim,

Thank you for sharing the picture. The three Deputies, starting from the left are Detective Marshall Schjoneman, Deputy Nick Marcell and Deputy Justin Borski. Justin is former Army, who deployed after working here. They are members of our Honor Guard team and I must agree they do look sharp representing us well. I had to chuckle at your comment about Nick being in your Boy Scout Troop. As my time here becomes shorter, I look at all the youthful faces we have and realize I was once one of those babies coming into this profession, but now it is time to let someone else lead.

I spoke with each one of those gentlemen after they participated in the Honor Flight return. One mentioned to me that he had volunteered for the assignment, but on the date of the return was not all that excited to go, for a variety of reasons. After being at CWA and observing the faces of those returning veterans, he mentioned feeling embarrassed at having selfish feelings and was overwhelmed by the pride, the emotions and the camaraderie of veterans, families, and the general public. He actually apologized to me about his initial opinion and said he hoped we continue to send representatives to CWA for the return flights. I had to share that story, because I do not think you hear enough about the impact you and your organization make for the veterans, but for all those who participate in some fashion. Having participated as a Guardian (and thank you for allowing Teresa and I to do that) I have to remark that day is filled with one moving moment after another for all your group does for those who served. Jim, your team and you make a difference and we are all blessed for it.

So, I have an ask or request, I would like to see the Sheriff's Office continue to send Honor Guard representatives to CWA for the return Honor Flights. If you can send me a reminder of those return flights, I can arrange it with our Honor Guard Team Leader. In addition, I am asking you include my Chief Deputy Chad Billeb into any messages too, so we are covered. Chad is my second in command and is seeking to fill my seat when my term ends on January 2, 2023. Vote Billeb for Sheriff! Tell your friends! (He is currently unopposed, so he should prevail.) I copied Chad into this message, but am leaving you his email too. Chad Billeb: chad.billeb@co.marathon.wi.us .

Thank you again Jim for the photo. I will be sharing it with the three Deputies, along with your comments. Looking forward to seeing you cruising around top down in your Corvette. Take care!

Scott

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